

## County Connection Advisory Committee Report to Board, April 2023

The purpose of the advisory committee is to facilitate and provide feedback to the County Connection Board reflecting the voices and needs of the communities, riders, and other stakeholders represented by our advisory committee members.

### March 2023 Advisory Committee Meeting

Our advisory committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2023. Since the Covid state of emergency has ended in California and public meetings can no longer be held remotely absent a specific legal exemption, the March advisory committee meeting was conducted in person at the County Connection offices. Prior to the meeting chair Marji McWee, representing the unincorporated county district, resigned from the advisory committee so the meeting was conducted by vice chair Ian McLaughlin acting as interim chair. There was not a quorum of members present for the meeting so the committee was not able to consider any action items, but our meeting agenda included the following items:

The CCCTA legal counsel's office (Dayna Louie from the Hanson Bridgett law firm) provided the committee and staff with training on the Brown Act, which has particular relevance now that all advisory committee meetings will be conducted in person going forward.

### Reports From Staff

At the March regular meeting the advisory committee also received several reports and updates from County Connection staff: staff member Melody Reeb provided a report on the regional fare transfer policy; staff member Pranjal Dixit provided a report on route 99x; and staff member Ryan Jones provided an update on the FY23-24 Marketing Plan. Committee members and staff in attendance received the reports and updates on these ongoing projects but no action is required at this time.

### Selection of Chair/Vice Chair

Due to the lack of a quorum, the advisory committee was unable to elect a new chair and vice chair, and those action items will be agendaized for the next advisory committee meeting where a quorum of committee members is present.

Committee Vacancies/Continuing Requests of the Board

With two recent resignations from the advisory committee, in order to have a fully functional advisory committee we respectfully request recruitment of advisory committee members from the following Districts: Danville, Clayton, unincorporated county, Martinez, Lafayette, San Ramon, Pleasant Hill, and Orinda.

When recruiting new members, please consider constituents who are local riders, closely connected with their communities, and who can bring diverse perspectives and viewpoints to the advisory committee, particularly viewpoints from underrepresented and marginalized populations.

Our next advisory committee meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Ian McLaughlin, Vice Chair