

To: Board of Directors

Date: 08/31/2023

From: Yvette Glenn, Director of Transportation

Reviewed by: *WC.*

SUBJECT: 2022-23 BART Bus Bridges Update

Background:

County Connection and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) have had a long-standing partnership for providing Bus Bridges on the C-Line that has existed for over 20 years. This partnership has been profoundly important in protecting the regional trips coming into and out of Contra Costa County. The following data includes information and updates on the current ridership for FY23 bus bridges. The data captured was used to provide information on our current ridership/passenger counts, labor used, hours of operation, and total mileage traveled for all bus bridges.

Post-pandemic County Connection, alongside other transit agencies, continues to face significant labor shortages, which has had an impact on our ability to provide bus bridges for BART. In previous years County Connection was able to provide up to 24 buses per day for bus bridges, however, with labor shortages at an all-time low, County Connection could only guarantee a maximum of 12 buses per day. As a result, the total number of passengers carried on Bus Bridges is down from previous years. Also, to carry the volume of passengers required on the planned Bus Bridge from Rockridge to Orinda both AC Transit and County Connection had to collaborate and work together to provide a sufficient number of buses.

Staff worked closely with BART to support and manage each Bus Bridge, providing field supervision as well to ensure a successful deployment. BART has since requested two additional bridges for October 14-15, 2023, and October 28 -29, 2023.

Scheduled BART Bus Bridge:

Scheduled Bus Bridges are agreed upon well in advance and are designed to give BART the opportunity to conduct critical track and equipment maintenance to maximize system reliability and safety.

Dates	Operator/ Coaches	BART Service Hours	Bus Bridge Location	Passenger Carried
October 15 – 16, 2022	24	All day Saturday and Sunday	Concord-Pleasant Hill	9,921
October 29-30, 2022	24	All day Saturday and Sunday	Concord-Pleasant Hill	9,362
November 12-13, 2022	25	All day Saturday and Sunday	Concord-Pleasant Hill	9,060
February 18-19,2023	22	All day Saturday and Sunday	Rockridge-Orinda	1,195
April 1-2 2023	17	All day Saturday and Sunday	Rockridge-Orinda	3,841
April 15-16, 2023	18	All day Saturday and Sunday	Rockridge-Orinda	4,797
May 13-14, 2023	18	All day Saturday and Sunday	Rockridge-Orinda	4,668
May 27-28-29, 2023	24	All day Saturday and Sunday	Rockridge-Orinda	6,895
June 10-11,2023	17	All day Saturday and Sunday	Rockridge-Orinda	4,392
Grand Total				54,131

Unscheduled BART Bus Bridge:

Unscheduled bus bridges result from a vast variety of emergency situations ranging from trees falling on the track, truck and or equipment failure, fires and even at times unauthorized individuals entering the track area. In these situations, staff are required to respond quickly to design and implement a solution. Generally, County Connection can respond within fifteen to twenty minutes with buses on the road mitigating the emergency.

Dates	Operator/ Coaches	BART Service Hours	Bus Bridge Location	Passengers Carried
February 21, 2022	4	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Lafayette-Pleasant Hill	0
May 19, 2022	12	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Concord-Pleasant Hill	238
June 9, 2022*	27	5:00 am - 7:00 am	All-BART Stations	73
June 21, 2023	15	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Concord-Pleasant Hill	2,635
July 14, 2022	1	3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Concord-Pleasant Hill	60
July 19, 2022	15	5:30 am - 10:00 am	Concord-Pleasant Hill	2,299
July 25, 2022	4	7:00 am - 8:30 am	Rockridge-Orinda	173
September 9, 2022	15	7:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Concord-Pleasant Hill	2,260
January 24, 2023	7	6;30 am - 10:30 am	Orinda-Walnut Creek	285
Grand Total				8,023

*Mutual Aid only

Financial Implications:

Per the agreement, BART covers all costs associated with any bus bridge.

Recommendation:

None, for information only

Action Requested:

None, for information only

Attachments:

None