

The County Connection

Inter Office Memo

To: Operations and Scheduling Committee

Date: August 26, 2010

From: Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning and Tech Services

Reviewed By: *Am*

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SUBJECT: New Route to CSU - RM2 Funded

SUMMARY OF ISSUES:

A proposal was discussed at the last O&S meeting whereby a new route would be developed to serve the Cal State University East Bay (CSU) campus using the service hours currently used on the 98X.

The most productive corridor for a new route to CSU is Clayton Road and routing along this corridor has the best chance of meeting the farebox recovery criteria for continued RM2 funding. Staff has developed a schedule for the new route that uses the same number of hours as the 98X. Details are shown below:

First trip departs BART Concord at 7:15am

Last trip departs CSU at 10:12pm

Headways: 30 minute in the peak and 60 minute mid-day and late night

A public hearing was held for a new route 10X in January when a plan was developed to replace the 98X with a new route, the 10X. Because the Board did not support elimination of the 98X, MTC didn't allow RM2 funds to be shifted. The public hearing solicited comment on a new route from Concord BART via Clayton Road to CSU. There was no negative public comment. We will have to conduct a public hearing to eliminate the 98X.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Committee support a plan to eliminate the 98X and replace it with a new route connecting BART Concord to CSU via Clayton Road. Staff recommends that the Committee support communication with MTC that this plan be the "fix" to enable RM2 funds to continue to flow. Staff also recommends that a public hearing be conducted on elimination of the 98X.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

RM2 Funding will be lost next year if a plan is not communicated to MTC in December.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve staff request
2. Decline to approve staff request
3. Other action as determined by the Committee