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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Dessayer called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth. Directors Andersen and Hoffmeister were absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Sherman, Barnes, Barrientos, Bowron, Casenave, Churchill, Dean, Gaston, George, Hill, Johnson, Mouton, Muzzini, Polee, Porter, Rettig, Robinson, and Vassallo

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Weir moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 23, 2014. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Andersen and Hoffmeister

REPORT OF CHAIR: None

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

County Connection Holiday Party

General Manager Rick Ramacier reminded the Board members that County Connection will be having a Holiday party on December 13, 2014 in Concord, CA. We are also hosting a Thanksgiving Feast today on County Connection's property for employees and Board Members to enjoy.

Recognition of Retiring Employee

General Manager Rick Ramacier introduced Manager of Safety and Training, Sharon Porter. She has been a great asset for 30 years. County Connection has a great safety and training record and its due in a large part to Ms. Porter's dedication and hard work.

Chair Dessayer added that Ms. Porter has always had a positive attitude towards the challenges of the job and her graduating students has always done a good job at the national rodeos. Her presence has made County Connection a wonderful place to work and we will forever be grateful to her

Sharon Porter thanked County Connection for always supporting her ideas, her visions, and her forward thinking.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

System-wide Title VI Standards and Policies

Director Schroder introduced the item and turned the floor over to Laramie Bowron, Manager of Planning. Every three years it is required that County Connection update its Title VI Standards and Policies to ensure that its services are provided in a nondiscriminatory manner. Laramie explained that the Title VI Standards and Policies are required by the Federal Transit Administration. The MP & L Committee recommended one change to the draft document prepared by staff: changing the goal of ensuring that 70% of the residents that County Connection serves lives within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, rather than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, of a bus stop. After a brief discussion, the Board postponed adoption of the Title VI Standards and Policies to the December Board meeting, in order to analyze local maps to understand how the change described above (70% of the residents that County Connection serves living within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a bus stop) would impact County Connection's customers.

MOTION: Director Hudson moved that the Board refer this item back to the MP & L Committee in order to review the local maps in question and bring it back to the Board next month. Director Worth seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Andersen and Hoffmeister

Mobility Manager Contract

Director Schroder reminded the Board that this time last year County Connection adopted the Mobility Management Plan, which encompassed the first two phases of a mobility management plan project. Now we have been granted a New Freedom Cycle 5 Grant, in order to complete the third phase of the project, encompassing the remaining tasks in the mobility management plan project.

MOTION: Director Schroder moved adoption of the Resolution No. 2015 – 15, awarding a contract to Senior Helpline Services in an amount up to \$245,000 to provide pilot mobility management services in support of the Mobility Management Plan. Director Hudson seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Andersen and Hoffmeister

Vision List for Undetermined Funding

Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning, explained that management felt that it would be beneficial to County Connection and its customers to develop a list of projects that would not typically be pursued due to a lack of funding, in light of the polling being done by Contra Costa Transportation Authority, regarding bus services and alternative modes of transportation. Staff created a “vision list” of some new projects, which will be provided to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority as examples of County Connection’s desired transportation improvement projects. A number of desired projects are included in the “vision list.” One desired project is the Transit Access Improvement project; it is a \$3.5 million project, which would improve the top fifty County Connection bus stops. Another desired project is Operation Facility Improvements. County Connection’s facility is thirty years old and it is likely to be in need of imminent improvements and/or replacements to its in ground fuel system, in ground hoists, parking lot, and bus wash reclamation system.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ralph Hoffman, a citizen of Contra Costa County, spoke on increasing service on the weekends. It can be difficult for seniors as well as others to get to church services, weekend hospital visits, etc. He would like County Connection to take these difficulties into account when they look at which services to add and/or cut.

Judy Barrientos, ATU President with County Connection, agrees that more services should be added, even in our out of service areas. We could get more passengers on the buses and less people in their cars, which will lead to less traffic.

After a constructive and lengthy discussion among the Directors, which, (1) conveyed agreement with County Connection’s plan to share the “vision list” with Contra Costa Transit Authority, (2) emphasized the importance of county-wide mobility management and regional connectivity, and (3) highlighted the importance of bus rapid transit and last mile connection projects, General Manager Rick Ramacier and staff will continue to analyze and develop the Vision List for Undetermined Funding and bring the subject back to the Board at a later date.

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Dessayer adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:48 a.m.

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Date