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MARKETING, PLANNING, & LEGISLATIVE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 3rd, 2015 8:30 a.m.

City of Pleasant Hill Community Room 100 Gregory Ln Pleasant Hill, CA

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Public Communication
- 3. Approval of Minutes of June 4th, 2015*
- 4. Legislation update on Extraordinary Session*
- 5. Clipper Marketing*
- 6. Lamorinda Transit Study Public Input on Options*
- 7. Marketing Reports:
 - a. Website User Report
 - b. Social Media Statistics
 - c. Community Events*
- 8. Next Meeting October 1, 2015
- 9. Adjournment

*Enclosure FY2014/2015 MP&L Committee Amy Worth – Orinda, Rob Schroder – Martinez, Sue Noack – Pleasant Hill

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Board of Directors:

Administration & Finance:

Advisory Committee:

Marketing, Planning & Legislative:

Operations & Scheduling:

Thursday, September 17, 9:00 a.m., County Connection Board Room

Wednesday, September 2, 9:00 a.m., 1676 N. California Blvd., S620, Walnut Creek

Tuesday, September 8, 2:00 p.m., County Connection Board Room

Thursday, September 3, 8:30 a.m., 100 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill

Tuesday, September 4, 8:00 a.m., 309 Diablo Rd, Danville

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Summary Minutes Marketing, Planning, and Legislative Committee

County Connection Administration Offices 2477 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord June 4, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

Directors: Directors Worth, Noack

Staff: Rick Ramacier, Anne Muzzini, Laramie Bowron Public: None

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Director Worth

1. Approval of Agenda Items: Agenda was approved.

2. Public Comment and/or Communication: None

Approval of MP&L Summary Minutes for May 7, 2015: Minutes were approved.

- **4. Title VI Analysis for Martinez Shuttle:** Mr. Bowron presented the Title VI analysis for the Martinez Shuttle. The analysis showed that there were no disparate impacts on minority or low income riders. The Committee recommended approval by the Board.
- 5. Performance Indicators Short Range Transit Plan: Mr. Bowron presented the chapter of the SRTP on performance and recommended that an adjustment be made to the standard for fixed route performance to better measure different types of routes and the fact that we measure 100% of the timepoints. The Committee discussed indicators related to cost and recommended increased the cost per passenger to \$8.50 per passenger and modifying the on time performance measurement in accordance with staff recommendation.
- **6. Marketing Reports** The Committee reviewed the marketing reports was happy to see an increase in the use of the mobile transit app in response to the recent marketing campaign.
- 7. Next Scheduled Meeting The next meeting was scheduled for July 2nd
- **8.** Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning & Marketing



To: MP&L Committee Date: August 25, 2015

From: Kristina Martinez Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Update on Board Approval for Support of Transit Bills in Extraordinary Session

Action Required:

The following update is for informational purposes only regarding the extraordinary session on transportation. No action is required by the MP&L Committee.

Background:

At the August County Connection Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved to support four transit bills which were introduced during the extraordinary session on transportation. This included ABX1 7 and SBX1 8 with regard to Cap and Trade funds, alongside ABX1 8 and SBX1 7 with regard to Sales and Use Tax.

Since its introduction to the extraordinary session in July 2015, no updates have been made available. Following the Board's approval, staff has forwarded letters of support regarding each of the four bills to local delegates. Staff will continue to update the MP&L committee as any changes or updates occur through the extraordinary session.



To: Marketing, Planning, & Legislative Committee Date: July 30, 2015

From: Anne Muzzini Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Clipper Marketing Update

Summary of Issues:

County Connection staff has been meeting with the MTC Clipper marketing team in anticipation of the launch of Clipper on the East Bay bus systems. Following is a description of the activities planned.

Soft Launch Activities/Materials: Revenue ready through mid-January 2016

<u>Outreach</u>

- MTC marketing teams will assist agency staff in outreach and education activities that include in-person presence at key transit stops and hub locations such as BART stations, Park 'n Ride lots, and transit centers to educate existing riders that Clipper is now available on their buses
- MTC will distribute regional news releases and PR stories
- Clipper launch will be promoted on social media by MTC and agencies
- Agency micro-sites on clippercard.com will go live, with links to each agency's website
- Each agency will be provided with 500 adult Clipper Cards for promotional use

Print Materials

- "Clipper in the East Bay" brochures provided to agencies for distribution
- "Getting Started with Clipper" take-ones provided to agencies for distribution
- Clipper card sleeves provided to agencies for distribution with promotional cards as well as cards sold through ticket offices

Signage

- Interior Bus Cards will be produced and provided to all agencies
- Decals for bus windows and ticket offices
- Transit Information Displays at BART stations will be updated to include participation of East Bay operators in the Clipper program

Hard Launch Activities/Materials: Mid-January through mid-March 2016

Paid Advertising

- Radio Campaign (broadcast and digital)
- Social Media Campaign Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

- Other channels to be determined
- BART Advertising number of ads is yet to be determined

Co-Op Advertising:

- Exterior Bus Advertising Projected available space on the four agency fleets committed by Lamar Transit Advertising include: 6 King ads, 21 Queen ads, and 12 tail ads. MTC will possibly supplement with paid advertising
- BART Advertising MTC will negotiate with BART to have some free station advertising in conjunction with a planned media contract. The numbers are yet to be determined.

Customer Service Training

MTC will conduct training sessions with each agency's customer service staff in two phases. The first phase will include basic training on the different Clipper cards, how they work, and account management. The second phase will include training for ticket sales staff to include how to properly register the cards, add value, check the status of account values, and when to refer cardholders or callers to the Clipper customer service staff.

Recommendation:

For information only

Financial Implications:

Most of the above costs will be covered by MTC. Any other activities that County Connection chooses to employ will be taken from the Promotions budget.



To: Marketing Planning and Legislative Committee Date: July 30, 2015

From: Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning & Marketing Reviewed by:

Subject: Lamorinda Transit Study

Nelson Nygaard has completed the public input phase of the Lamorinda Transit Study and has presented the feedback and recommended a selection of options to the LPMC TAC. They will be presenting public input and option selection at the next LPMC meeting. If the LPMC is OK with the recommendations, the consultant will move on to and implementation and finance plan.

Attached are the comments from the TAC on the document and the executive summary. The full draft is lengthy and is not a part of the packet. If you would like a copy please let me know and I will provide it to you.

There is no need for action at this time. Once the final report is complete, I will present it and move to get Board receipt and acceptance.



M E M O R A N D U M

To: Anne Muzzini, County Connection

From: Richard Weiner, Terra Curtis

Date: July 22, 2015

Subject: Lamorinda Service Alternatives Refinements – Executive Summary

BACKGROUND

This memo updates the Lamorinda Service Alternatives Executive Summary dated March 27, 2015 by summarizing public feedback received on the original service alternatives and providing initial thoughts of service refinements and recommendations.

The Lamorinda Service Plan is aimed at improving transit ridership, service quality, and cost effectiveness by developing alternative service options in the Lamorinda Area. While the focus of the plan is public transportation options, other alternatives have also been considered.

Based on initial conversations with the Lamorinda Program Management Committee Technical Advisory Committee (LPMC TAC), the LPMC, local transportation providers, and community members, key challenges for transit in the area include the following:

- Current transit service works for some, but is not a viable option for most residents within the Lamorinda area
- Vehicle access is limited due to parking constraints at both local BART stations and in downtown Lafayette

To initiate the process of finding transit service alternatives that address these challenges, three key transportation markets were identified: **commute trips**, **school trips**, and **midday trips** (with a focus on seniors). Preliminary alternatives were developed and the feasibility of each was determined based on discussion with TAC members. Several were carried forward for further development. This Executive Summary describes the public feedback received on prioritized alternatives and poses initial recommendations for refining those alternatives.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Between May 21 and June 12, 2015, several channels were used to gather public feedback on the draft service alternatives—a process used to refine the prioritized service alternatives described in the next section. Figure 1 summarizes the surveying methods, dates, and responses received.

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Figure 1 Alternatives Refinement Public Outreach Summary

Survey Method	Dates	Responses
Online survey of BART passengers, disseminated by handing out postcards at Lafayette and Orinda BART stations	Disseminated May 27 and 28 Survey open through June 12	500
Online survey of the general public disseminated through Nextdoor, the Lamorinda Weekly, and via flyers posted in the Lamorinda Spirit Van and several senior centers and housing facilities	May 25 - June 12	591
Online survey of parents of schoolchildren, disseminated through the Lafayette, Orinda, and Acalanes school districts' superintendants	May 21 - June 12	653
Textizen text-based survey advertised on County Connection buses	May 28 - June 12	39
Interviews with several individuals who work closely with Lamorinda's senior population	Early June	3

Like in the first round of outreach, the number of responses received indicates a high level of engagement with transportation issues in Lamorinda; unlike the first round, we saw a high level of engagement through channels other than Nextdoor. As seen in Figure 2, school bus expansion, a taxi subsidy program for seniors and people with disabilities, and BART shuttles garner the most support from respondents.

It should be noted that while respondents were not asked directly about their interest in using on-demand transit services—which could be thought of as a third version of the BART shuttle concept--many indicated support through free form comments and the vast majority (80.9%) support a model that prioritizes response time over service area (offered by many on-demand models).

Figure 2 Summary of Support for each Proposed Alternative

**Respondents were asked about each expansion proposal separately

Alternative	% of Respondents Interested in Using the Service	Total Responses		
BART Vanpools	32.3%	464		
BART Shuttles - Moraga Way - Mt. Diablo Boulevard - On-demand model	56.0%	430		
Taxi Scrip/Voucher program for seniors or people with disabilities	79.6%	103*		
Taxi Scrip/Voucher program for the general public	42.2%	102*		
School Bus Program Expansion	81.4% - 89.2%**	518		
*This question was added to the survey on June 1, 2015 after many responses had been received				

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One final overarching point is the relatively frequent suggestion by respondents to many of the surveys that bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements are needed, particularly to encourage and facilitate more walking and biking to school. Many people stressed these options as complements to existing and proposed transit service alternatives.

The following section describes the benefits and drawbacks of each service alternative, including feedback received in the second round of public outreach and initial recommendations. Prioritization of these recommendations is provided in a table at the conclusion of this Executive Summary.

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RECOMMENDED SERVICE REVISIONS

Figure 3 Summary of Alternative Benefits and Drawbacks

Service Alternative	Benefits	Drawbacks	Public Feedback	Initial Recommendations
Vanpool to BART	 Rideshare operation handled primarily by individuals; public entity does not have to be involved on a day-to-day basis BART and/or other public entities may be able to subsidize the service to reduce costs to participants Concept is simple; easy to communicate the operations to potential rideshare subscribers Designed specifically for commuters to points west of Lamorinda (Oakland and San Francisco) 	 Subscribers must commit to both morning and evening departure times Some subscribers must commit to be drivers Vehicle rental agreement holders (the driver and/or backup driver) may have to front all or part of the cost of the vehicle rental Requires a high number of subscribers to enable participants to be picked up from their homes Limited cost savings to users (but guaranteed access to BART) 	 Less than 25% of BART riders would use this option, but Moraga residents most likely Respondents report the most common reason they would support such an option is its link to guaranteed BART parking 	Given its relatively low level of support and other alternatives' ability to achieve similar outcomes, this alternative is not recommended at this time.

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Service Alternative	Benefits	Drawbacks	Public Feedback	Initial Recommendations
Moraga/ Orinda BART Shuttle	 Passengers pay only for their fare; no vehicle rental, fuel, insurance, or maintenance costs to split Highest level of flexibility for passengers; morning and evening trip times could be flexible due to shuttle frequency Supplements less frequent County Connection Route 6 service Expands transit service options to BART system 	 Limited service area (presuming that many would still drive to access transit) Service is geared to residents of Moraga and Orinda, though Lafayette may benefit from reduced traffic congestion Requires additional operational and capital funding Park-and-ride are conceptual and require further investigation 	 Supported by a majority of general public responses, 38% of surveyed BART riders Mostly looking for a more frequent option, potentially could be served by a new option or increased Route 6 frequency Lots of complaints about Route 6 headway (both for riders and non-riders) People think some kind of incentive/marketing campaign to get people using the shuttle will help Note: BART is very frequent in the 7 a.m. hour (every 5 minutes) and decreases to every 10-15 minutes closer to 9 a.m. 	 This service option is recommended to continue into the Implementation Plan. Route 6's existing low frequency has decreased the public's confidence in using County Connection for timely connections; as such, it may be best to develop this as a standalone service through branding and service characteristics, rather than simply increasing the frequency of Route 6. BART frequency at the time most people use it suggests this feeder service would not have to be incredibly reliable at arriving at BART at a particular time; rather, shuttle frequency is the most important factor.
Lafayette Shuttle	 Supports increased development along Mount Diablo Boulevard and existing businesses/employers Enables additional transit options for those living along Mount Diablo Boulevard (and near intersection with Pleasant Hill Road) Supplements less frequent County Connection service (Route 25) 	 Limited service area along Mount Diablo Boulevard Currently, only proposed to operate during peak commute hours (give focus of study) Shuttle access is still contingent on safe pedestrian access and connections across Mount Diablo Boulevard 	 Support for lunchtime shuttle along Mt. Diablo Blvd., but it does not solve an priority need for most respondents Desire to provide transportation for seniors along the corridor, but senior stakeholders indicate a taxi subsidy program would be more effective for their clientele 	This service alternative is recommended to continue into the Implementation Plan as a low priority.

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Service Alternative	Benefits	Drawbacks	Public Feedback	Initial Recommendations
Zone Service	 Provides basic level of access to the transit system across a wide service area Effectively serves as a community general public Dial-a-Ride (with specific time-points) Increases transit access to BART and other community services 	 Service quality (speed) is limited based on the wide service area and deviations Unlikely to be a productive (passengers per hour) service 	 Overall, preference to prioritize service response time over service area, but this is more common among younger respondents Respondents over age 55 prioritize doorto-door nature of flex services over response time Worried about the costs of such a service (\$5 on top of BART fare); may be more relevant for an occasional need (seniors) than recurring commute trips Lack of proximity to home of existing County Connection services doesn't 	Given preference for response time among commuters and senior stakeholders' preference for the taxi subsidy solution, zone service is not recommended at this time.
Deviated Fixed- Route	 Opportunity to provide transit service to residents north of CA-24 Likely to be more productive than zone services Increases transit access to BART and other community services 	 Service quality (speed) is limited based on deviations Unlikely to be a productive (passengers per hour) service, but more so than zone service alternatives 	seem to be the most concerning issue (among current riders)	Given preference for response time among commuters and senior stakeholders' preference for the taxi subsidy solution, zone service is not recommended at this time.

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Service Alternative	Benefits	Drawbacks	Public Feedback	Initial Recommendations
Taxi Subsidy Program	 New mobility option for seniors and people with disabilities Offers same-day transportation for people who otherwise have to schedule a day in advance Can offer lower cost per trip than ADA paratransit Opportunity to serve connecting trip to BART at discounted price for occasional need 	 Requires administration costs Opportunity for fraud through re-sale of vouchers Due to cost constraints, could only serve occasional-need trips for the general public 	 About 2/3 of respondents support program for seniors and people with disabilities; only 42% for the general public Lafayette residents most likely to support specialized program, but at least 50% of residents in Orinda and Moraga also support The older the respondent, the more likely to support (85% of people over age 65 support it) General public subsidy program gets most support from Moraga residents (54% of whom support it)—75% of respondents would use this type of program to get to/from BART Respondents hold a belief that such a program could attract new private transportation providers to Lamorinda. Strong level of support from key stakeholders; recommend to prioritize taxis over TNCs for the service. There is concern about finding continuous funding source. The demand for a general public subsidy program from residents of Moraga highlights the effect of BART parking constraints on residents' desire for additional mobility options. 	 This alternative is recommended to continue into the Implementation Plan. It is clear that there is public support for a taxi subsidy program to supplement trips currently provided by County Connection's LINK paratransit and Lamorinda Spirit Van services. Also, it supports the goals of this study in providing enhanced midday service to the community. Because this option would serve a similar market to some of the other alternatives—which also garner significant support—and due to the costliness of opening a subsidy program to the general public, it is recommended to treat a general public taxi subsidy program as a secondary priority to one focused on seniors and people with disabilities at this time.

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Service Alternative	Benefits	Drawbacks	Public Feedback	Initial Recommendations
School Transportation Services Expansion	 Increased school bus ridership Potential to reduce school trip-related congestion Addresses increasing school-aged population in Lamorinda Easy to implement from an operations standpoint through existing service provider 	Additional cost for expanded service	 High level of engagement with school transportation topic Widespread belief that school transportation plays a role in local traffic congestion, but some (~30% of respondents) lack confidence in school bus program's effectiveness at solving the issue About 66% of students that are currently dropped off by parents attend schools where new service is proposed (high potential for mode shift) High level of support for all the expansion options, but most support won for increasing existing capacity to Orinda Intermediate and Stanley Middle School Parents of Orinda Intermediate students also among the most likely to use new service New service (to Happy Valley, Del Rey, and Lafayette Elementary) is least supported, but parents of students at Happy Valley would be overwhelmingly likely to use it Parents of students at Lafayette are least likely to take advantage of the new option; most currently walk or bike to school 	 It is recommended that this service option continue into the Implementation Plan Prioritize expansion of capacity to Orinda Intermediate and Stanley Middle and new service to Happy Valley Elementary Initial considerations may include: Creating a ballot measure to fund the expansion Decreasing the cost of the program by creating more bulk pass options Charging for permits to access school drop-off/pick-up zones Charging for high school parking Incentivizing taking the bus through monthly drawings/prizes Supplementing investment with developing better biking and walking facilities and programs¹

¹ Recent research suggests that school districts can save money by improving bicycling and walking conditions to shift current bus users to those modes; such a shift opens up bus services to students that live farther from school than reasonable walking or bicycling distance. See UNC Center for Urban and Regional Studies, "Economic Benefits of Safe Routes to School." Available online at https://curs.unc.edu/files/2013/05/SRTS-McDonald-FINAL-6.23.15.pdf.

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Service Alternative	Benefits	Drawbacks	Public Feedback	Initial Recommendations
Increased School Transportation Program Coordination	 Increased awareness of program changes and offerings among program administrators and parents Coordination benefits—program changes can leverage other resources, outreach efforts, and strategically coordinate 	 Requires in-person meetings Additional administrative burden to organize and attend quarterly or bi-annual meetings 	 In free form comments, many respondents indicated an increased focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements and programs to encourage more biking, walking, and carpooling to school Incentives and marketing programs were suggested 	It is recommended that this service option continue into the Implementation Plan, given the potentially low costs of implementing coordination. Possible implementation steps include: O Coordinate/convene meetings between the Southwest Area Transportation Committee (SWAT), Lamorinda School District Superintendents, Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Oversight Committee, 511 Contra Costa/Safe Routes to School, and Sustainable Lafayette Green Schools Committee to facilitate conversation around bike/ped issues at schools.
Technology- based Transportation ²	 Offer supporting services that address the gaps unfilled by traditional transit New services range from providing ondemand, point-to-point options (also known as "transportation network companies" or "ridesourcing" apps) to private fixed-route services that rely on 15-passenger vans or buses 	 Companies launching new businesses could choose not to respond in particular markets for factors outside the public entity's control Using public funds for private operational support is unlikely, due both to the public sector's need to tie funding to requirements for serving the public at large and private companies' need for operational flexibility 	 Almost 81% of respondents indicated that the primary focus of an on-demand type service should be faster response times with smaller service areas, rather than larger service areas at the expense of longer response times. Desire for the more frequent and convenient service that TNCs could provide, but caution that price makes the private solutions inaccessible for more than just occasional trips. 	It is recommended that this service concept continue to the Implementation Plan as a concept only; the Implementation Plan will further specify strategies for public options to incorporate elements of new private techenabled transportation models and policy implications.

² Note: to date, this topic has not been described as a standalone option. A full description of the challenges and opportunities are described in the following section.

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INITIAL PRIORITIZATION

Figure 4 Summary of Alternatives

Alternatives	Service Approach	Market Focus	Initial Priority*
	Vanpool to BART	Commuters	
BART Feeder Services	Moraga/Orinda BART Shuttle	Commuters	1
Scivices	Downtown Lafayette BART Shuttle	Commuters	2
	Zone Service	Commuters, Senior Mobility	3
Flexible Transit	Deviated Fixed Route Service	Commuters, Senior Mobility	3
Services	Taxi Subsidy Program	Senior Mobility, Commuters	1
	Technology-based Transportation Solutions	Commuters, Senior Mobility, School Trips	2
Cobool	Expansion of School Bus Program	School Trips	1
School Services	Increased School Transportation Program Coordination	School Trips	1
* 1 = next year	; 2 = next 2-3 years; 3 = reconsider at a lat	er date	



LPMCTAC FEEDBACK ON ALTERNATIVES MEMO

To: Anne Muzzini (CCCTA), Charles Swanson (City of Orinda), Ellen Clark (City of

Moraga), Tony Coe (City of Lafayette)

From: Richard Weiner and Terra Curtis

Date: July 27, 2015

Subject: Feedback from LPMC Technical Advisory Committee on Lamorinda Service

Alternatives Memo

On Wednesday July 22nd, the Project Team presented the revised version of the Lamorinda Service Alternatives Memo. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the feedback received from a range of public outreach efforts, and the refinements that were made to the proposed strategies based on this feedback.

While the committee agreed in principal with most of the alternatives described in the memorandum, there were a number of items that the committee indicated should be changed in the version that is presented to the LPMC. Following are the key changes that were agreed upon in the meeting and that will be incorporated in the Implementation Plan and Final Report, pending feedback from the LPMC:

- Explore the option of increasing Route 6 frequency by reducing headways to 15 or 20 minutes (as an alternative to a BART Shuttle)
- Provide greater clarification of the pros and cons of a taxi voucher (prepay) versus taxi reimbursement (post trip) program for seniors and people with disabilities
- Clarify the "Increased school transportation program coordination" option by specifying: increased coordination between County Connection and Lamorinda School Bus Program service planners; increased communication between schools and Country Connection to improve service for altered school schedules and promotion of the student ticket program
- Clarify the alternative prioritization scheme by indicating that "Priority 2"
 projects should serve as backups to higher priority options if they prove
 infeasible or ineffective in implementation, and are not simply based on
 years to implement



To: Marketing, Planning, & Legislative Committee Date: August 26, 2015

From: Mary Burdick Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Community Events

Summary of Issues:

County Connection participates in select community and business events, and coordinates Class Pass field trips for schools with service along fixed-routes.

School & Community Events:

August 7 – International Education Center at DVC, Pleasant Hill, 33 students/3 adults August 18 – Play and Learn School – Pleasant Hill, 40 students/6 adults Thurs., August 27 – Saint Mary's College – New student move-in/orientation Thurs., September 17 – San Ramon Chamber/East Bay Expo Sunday, September 19 – Senior Resource Fair – St. Bonaventure

Recommendation:

For information only

Financial Implications:

Any costs associated with events are included in the Promotions budget.