

Agenda Item # 8.a.1

To: Board of Directors

Date: 03/07/2016

From: Ruby Horta, Manager of Planning

Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Short Range Transit Plan (2016-2025) – Final

Background:

The Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) is CCCTA's operations and financial planning document. It is required by MTC to be updated annually to comply with funding requirements. It is used to support the allocation of federal funds for bus replacement, and it documents the impact of different budget scenarios. Each chapter has been reviewed by the MP&L Committee and a legal notice was published more than 30 days in advance of the Public Hearing.

The plan focuses on service evaluation, future planning efforts, and projecting operating and capital cost and revenues. Service has been measured against performance standards, which changed to reflect 100% data collection. Service is evaluated at the route and system-level. Anticipated changes in demand are documented and major development plans that will require service adjustments are identified.

A detailed capital program is included that identifies our current revenue and non-revenue fleet replacements as well as other capital projects. The capital plan is a key component of the document as it serves to qualify CCCTA for participation in the regional Transportation Capital Improvement Program and thus federal funding.

The final chapter provides a list of projects County Connection could complete if additional sources of funding became available.

County Connection has received four comments addressing the SRTP. Three of the four comments requested additional service in the San Ramon/Dublin area. County Connection is currently not in a position to expand service; however, as funding becomes available, the requests may be reconsidered. One comment requested shuttle service to County Connection's public meetings. This service is already available. All of the comments have been addressed in the attached document.

Recommendation:

The Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee has reviewed the plan and recommends the Board approve the FY16-25 Short Range Transit Plan – Resolution 2016-018.

Financial Implications:

None.

Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) 2016-2025
Public Comments Received

Date: 2/20/2016

Route: 36

Name: Jeff Li

Comment:

Please consider re-routing bus 36.

1. Please have the end of the line stop the new West Dublin/Pleasanton Bart station.
2. Please consider running the bus down Broadmoor between Montevideo and Pine Valley road and stop at Cal High

Response:

Route 36 provides weekday service between San Ramon Transit Center and the Bart station in Dublin/Pleasanton. The current end point provides more connections to other transit agencies, including Modesto MAX, San Joaquin RTD and Amtrak. Route 36 used to travel along Broadmoor Dr., however, due to local opposition, County Connection re-routed along Tareyton Ave.

Date: 2/25/2016

Route: 35, 36, 321

Name: Jim

Comment:

Re: the above, I would ask the Planners be aware of the following 2 service changes LAVTA (Wheels) agency has proposed implementing next January 2017:

1. Their "Rapid" route on that part of Dublin Blvd. which overlaps with the 36 will be terminating on the Dublin side of the W. Dublin Bart station instead of at the Stoneridge Mall. It will continue running every 15 minutes weekday daytime, so there will be improved connectivity opportunity at W. Dublin Bart and a small time & fuel mileage savings if the 36 were to terminate there.
2. The North Dublin half of their route 3 will be eliminated, so this may increase ridership on both the 35 & the 36. Since the route 3 runs on Saturdays, there would be no Saturday service at all in North Dublin. Whenever funding improves, this could be an opportunity to extend the route 321 southward. Please reconsider. Thanks.

Response:

As stated in the previous response, the current end point at the Dublin/Pleasanton Bart station on Route 36 provides more connecting opportunities. LAVTA anticipates changing service on Route 3;

however, County Connection is currently not in a position to expand service. As funding becomes available, we will revisit this request.

Date: 3/02/2016

Route: Shuttle to County Connection public meetings

Name: Ralph Hoffman

Comment:

Mr. Hoffman requested that County Connection provide a shuttle service for passengers that cannot attend County Connection's public meetings on the fixed route.

Response:

County Connection does provide transportation from the nearest BART station to public meetings, as stated "General Information" section of meeting agendas.

"Shuttle Service: With 24-hour notice, a County Connection LINK shuttle can be available at the BART station nearest the meeting location for individuals who want to attend the meeting. To arrange for the shuttle service, please call Robert Greenwood – (925) 680-2072 no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting."

Date: 3/03/2016

Route: 35

Name: Suri Alapati

Comment:

In Jan 2015, we had already attended the public hearing and submitted out representation and they have heard us. And we are awaiting action to increase the no. of trips of Route No. 35 trips via east branch/windmere especially in forenoon....

Dear Sirs,

We, the Senior Citizens and residents of Windmere/East Branch area, while thanking you for extending the 'free-travel' facility from 10 am to 2 pm in Contra Costa area for all the senior citizens, would like to bring the following to your kind notice and kind consideration.

At present, Route No. 35 is being operated by CCCTA from Dublin/Pleasanton Bart to SanRamon Transit Centre with 6 trips from 11 to 5 pm from SRTC to Bart and 5 trips from 10.45 to 4 pm from Bart to SRTC, for the convenience of residents living in Windmere/East Branch area. It is only a diversion/extension of the existing route No. 35 in the above timings.

We all would like to bring to your notice that the above services are very meagre and not able to cater to the needs of majority of the people in this area. Excepting the above duration(11 am to 4 pm), we are required to go to Bollinger Canyon/East Branch or Bollinger Canyon/Windmere to alight the bus by walking for 30 mts and return uphill road for 30 mts. Especially for senior citizens, this is causing lot of strain.

For those seniors/residents who would like to go to shopping, Doctor/Labs appointments, to attend any meetings, those who want to go out by Bart and return for any work at far off distances from our area, for office goers, college and school students, and those who would like to go regularly to Livermore or other religious places, are facing lot of inconvenience in the light of limited hours/trips of operation of Route No. 35.

In view of the above, We all would request you to kindly consider the possibility of operating a separate route bus independently on a regular basis from 6 to 9 pm. Or alternatively to atleast increase the number of trips of existing Route No. 35 from 9 am to 6 pm to East Branch/Windmere, as a temporary measure, where 300-400 house are located and sizable population is living in this area, for which we all shall be grateful to you.

At the same, we would like to very much appreciate CCCTA's 'service motto' rather than 'Profit motto' in operating the bus services to all the people in general.

Thanking you, Yours sincerely,
for and on behalf of Senior Citizens and residents of East Branch and Windmere area,

Suryanarayana Alapati
1008 Hoskins Lane, San Ramon
CA 94582

Response:

Mr. Alapati has submitted this request in the past and it has been addressed by County Connection staff, see below.

Email sent on 07/08/2015 by Anne Muzzini, cc: Lisa Bobadilla

Hello Suryanayana alapati,

I was forwarded your comment by Lisa Bobadilla and have gave her this response.

You are welcome to attend the meeting this evening, but you can be assured that I have heard your request. Adding all day service on the East Branch - Windemere loop all day long would take service away from other passengers.

I understand that some residents would like to see the route #35 travel on the E.Branch/ Windemere section all day long. If we were to do this there would be two major impacts:

- 1) The stops on Bollinger between E. Branch and Windemere would not be served. The stops eliminated would include those used by passengers to access DVC and the Library. Based on ridership data there are 38 boardings (ons) and alightings (offs) at these stops on an average weekday.
- 2) Passengers using the Route #35 to travel to and from Bishop Ranch would have a longer and less direct trip because of the new routing which takes 8 minutes longer. There are 33 passengers (on an average weekday) that get off at Dublin BART in the pm peak period. We can assume these are work trips originating at the Transit Center.

In reviewing the data there are a total of 26 boardings and 45 alightings (offs) at stops on the E.Branch/ Windemere loop per average weekday. The loop is being utilized.

I would not recommend making the change as it would negatively impact current commute riders and DVC students.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-018

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**APPROVES THE SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2025 FOR SUBMISSION
TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)
AND APPROVES SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING
FOR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES TO MTC**

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa and the Cities of Clayton, Concord, Lafayette, Martinez, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek, and the Towns of Danville and Moraga (hereinafter “member jurisdictions”), have formed the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA), a joint exercise of powers agency created under California Government Code Sections 6500, *et seq.*, to provide coordinated and integrated public transportation services within the area of such member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, CCCTA staff has prepared a Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for fiscal years 2016-2025 (Transit Plan) setting forth CCCTA’s goals, objectives and standards, service charges, and financial and capital plans; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Plan is intended to provide documentation as required by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and is a general planning document based upon available information that is subject to ongoing review, evaluation, and modification as circumstances warrant; and

WHEREAS, after legal notice published more than thirty (30) days in advance, the CCCTA conducted a public hearing to receive public comments respecting the Transit Plan on March 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Plan has been reviewed by the Marketing, Planning and Legislative Committee, which recommends that it be presented for consideration by the Board; and

WHEREAS, CCCTA must submit documentation to MTC on an annual basis to allow for the application of federal funding to support the Capital Plan within this SRTP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority that the Short-Range Transit Plan for fiscal years 2016-2025 is approved and the General Manager, or his designee, is authorized to submit said plan to MTC with the understanding that it is a general planning document, which is based upon available information and is subject to evaluation and modification as circumstances warrant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution authorizes the General Manager, or his designee, to submit to MTC funding applications and additional documentation as may be required to support CCCTA's funding requests for its transit operations and capital projects described in the Short-Range Transit Plan.

Regularly passed and adopted this 17th day of March 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Robert Storer, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board