

# County Connection

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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

## CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2016

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

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

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Cerda, Cheung, Churchill, Clark, Hill, Horta, Martinez, McCarthy, Mitchell, Muzzini and Rettig

#### PUBLIC HEARING: Short Range Transit Plan, FY2016-2025

At 9:03 a.m. Vice Chair Hoffmeister opened the public hearing regarding the Short Range Transit Plan for FY2015-16 through FY2024-25. The Short Range Transit Plan or SRTP is a planning document that a) defines performance standards, b) evaluates current service, c) describes the capital improvement program, and d) projects the operating budget for a ten year period. Vice Chair Hoffmeister asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the Short Range Transit Plan for FY2015-16 through FY2024-25. No comments were received and the public hearing closed at 9:04 a.m.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Director Schroder moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 18, 2016; (b) County Connection Investment Policy-Quarterly Reporting Requirement; (c) Resolution No. 2016-017, Approving and Establishing the 2016 Contribution Rate for the Cafeteria Plan for Non Represented Administrative Employees. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

**Aye:** Directors Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons and Tatzin

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Directors Andersen, Noack, Storer and Worth

**REPORT OF CHAIR:** None

**REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:**

General Manager Rick Ramacier updated the Board on the current plan for running a bus bridge to BART, as BART is not running some of its service between North Concord and Bay Point. Staff explained that County Connection, TriDelta and AC Transit are all running extra services during commute hours in the a.m. and p.m. Although this is short term, BART does not exactly know when the tracks will be fixed and safe to operate. County Connection will be reimbursed for all extra costs incurred during this time. Director Worth who arrived during the discussion, commented that MTC was available to support the bus bridge with resources, if necessary.

#### Recognition of Employees of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2015

Carol Simon-Maintenance  
Joyce Clark-Transportation  
Juan Ruiz-Transportation  
Gerardo Cerda-Administration

Director Hoffmeister thanked the employees for their longevity of service and commitment to County Connection.

Update and Report on the Draft Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) It was reported that the development of the Transportation Expenditure Plan continues, with substantial input from the regional transportation planning committees and cities. The Board discussed the perspectives of the geographic regions within the county, and the importance of funding public transit needs as a major priority. The Board expressed general support for how the staff is engaged in the process and supports staff to continuing to be engaged in this manner.

The General Manager and Director Dessayer reported on the APTA Legislative Conference in D.C. March 13-15. Productive meetings were held with Congressional representatives and FTA staff concerning the recently enacted FAST Act, development of the transportation appropriations bill, and County Connection's electric trolley project. Director Dessayer complimented Rick Ramacier and Bill Churchill on their presentations, which were all very well received.

#### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee**

##### Short Range Transit Plan

Director Schroder introduced the item, noting that a duly noticed public hearing was held earlier in the meeting, and that the MP&L reviewed the draft SRTP in January and February. He stated that the Short Range Transit Plan has been updated in light of the comments received. Vice Chair Hoffmeister opened the floor to public comment.

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

S. Alapati, a citizen from the City of San Ramon spoke to the Board about his concern with Route 35. He would like Route 35 service to be increased to help those that are out early and those that are traveling late. Vice Chair Hoffmeister thanked the speakers for coming and advised that staff will look into the possibilities to improve Route 35 service.

**MOTION:** Director Schroder moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 2016-018, Approve FY2016-2025 Short Range Transit Plan for Submission to MTC and Submittal of Applications for

Federal Funding for Projects and Activities. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Directors Andersen, Noack and Storer

**BOARD COMMUNICATION: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Hoffmeister adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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