

County Connection

Advisory Committee

Summary Minutes

Meeting of March 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Members present were: David Loyd, David Libby, Cary Kennerly, Randy Pedersoli, and Hayden Padgett.

Staff present: Mary Burdick, Ruby Horta, and Tim McGowan (LINK)

Guests: None

Committee Chair Rotation

David Libby will assume the role of Committee Chair, and Randy Pedersoli will serve as Vice Chair for the next two years.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes of Jan., 2016

The minutes were approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2016 – 2025 Draft Short Range Transit Plan

Rudy Horta presented the final draft document that serves as County Connection's operations and financial planning blueprint. This is updated and submitted to MTC every other year. Based on revenue and ridership projections, the operations budget assumes current service levels allowing for minor changes designed to improve efficiency. The capital plan assumes the continued ability to main the existing replacement cycle of both revenue and non-revenue vehicles. It is projected that County Connection is able to maintain a balanced budget throughout the 10-year period.

Ms. Horta pointed out that the document also includes a section describing potential services and improvements to consider if funds become available through an increase in local sales tax revenue, BART parking fund, a change in how Cap and Trade funds are used, or through private and new development traffic mitigation agreements.

The Public Hearing is scheduled to take place at the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Mobility Management Project Update

Elaine Welsh with Mobility Matters provided an update on the work being done in Contra Costa County to provide mobility management services for seniors and persons with disabilities. Recent accomplishments include:

- Assisted six non-profit organizations submit grant applications
- Completed an inventory of service providers for seniors and persons with disabilities
- Updated the “Way To Go Contra Costa” transportation guide booklet (soon to be on the new website)
- Began work on developing a county wide travel training program
- Brokered donation of 7 retired County Connection LINK vans to non-profits that provide transportation service to persons with disabilities
- Completed a survey of Community Based Organizations to determine interest in shared maintenance

They will continue to participate and advocate with organizations and committees whose focus is mobility and community education on matters involving transportation for seniors and the disabled, as well as assistance to those providing these services.

ADA Monthly Reports

- A. ADA Certification and Recertification reports for January and February 2016 were reviewed with no comments.
- B. LINK monthly operating reports for December 2015 and January 2016 were reviewed without comment.

Fixed-Route Staff Reports

- A. Fixed-route Ridership Report – The monthly reports for December 2015, and January 2016 were reviewed. There has been a slight year over year increase in overall ridership. Ms. Burdick reported that Clipper use trends are now being tracked, and will be included with future reports.
- B. Driver Appreciation Winners – The January Winner is Jeff Marquez, and the February winner is Ronilio Salvador.
- C. CCCTA Website User Information - Staff provided website user statistics for January and February 2016.
- D. Customer Service Reports – Staff provided the number of rider complaints reported for January and February 2016, as well as the number of telephone calls coming to the Information Center.

Member Communication

None. Ms. Burdick reminded committee members that the final draft budget would be on the May agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Minutes prepared by Mary Burdick on February 29, 2016.