

To: Board of Directors

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From: Rick Ramacier, General Manager

SUBJECT: Joint CCCTA-LAVTA Board Committee

Background

Over the years, County Connection and the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) have put together joint board committees. The last time such a committee met was in 2006. At that time there was strong interest by both boards to have the two agencies work closely together on a number of initiatives. As a result of this, an agreement was signed by both agencies in which County Connection was going to take responsibility for merging the two agency's IT departments under its own. And, we were going to pursue a joint facility project within the Tri-Valley area.

However, within months of this last joint agency committee forming, staff discussions over the potential projects broke down, the agreement was formally dissolved, and the committee stopped meeting.

Recently, LAVTA expressed strong interest in forming a new joint board committee. This is being spurred on by LAVTA's autonomous shuttle project that is to debut in Dublin later this year. We have been providing informal in-kind staff support for this project. A review of the project has occurred at both the O&S Committee and the A&F Committee. The A&F Committee went so far as to state general support for creating a joint board committee. The A&F Committee also was ready to forward to the full board, a resolution adopting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between County Connection and LAVTA formalizing our role through in-kind staff support to the LAVTA autonomous vehicle demonstration project in Dublin. That MOU was held at the A&F Committee at staff request.

The rationale for County Connection supporting the LAVTA project includes:

- We have staff expertise that LAVTA does not.
- LAVTA hiring the expertise would be a significant cost.
- We can learn from the LAVTA project valuable knowledge about the potential for using autonomous shuttle within our own service area at some point.
- MTC is a highly supportive and encouraging of this project approach.

New Joint County Connection-LAVTA Board Committee

The purpose of a joint committee would be to meet to (likely quarterly, or more often if deemed appropriate and purposeful):

- Review the progress of LAVTA autonomous shuttle demonstration project.
- Discuss future service ideas and improvements for common corridors.
- Explore potential joint procurements.
- Explore other avenues of sharing resources.

Action Requested

The General Manager respectfully requests the Chair of the County Connection Board to appoint two board members to a joint County Connection-LAVTA board committee. The two appointed board members should be asked to periodically report back to the board on discussions taken at the joint committee. The Chair may wish to make the appointments good for the length of the Chair's term as board chair. This would imply that the next Chair will make their own appointments.