

To: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: LCTOP Grant – Route Proposal

Background:

In January, staff informed the committee the LCTOP funding criteria changed the requirements for LCTOP bus routes to run through a Disadvantaged Community (DAC). Since Route 3 does not fulfil this requirement, the funds are proposed to be reallocated to a new route that directly serves the DAC, which is roughly bounded by Pacheco Blvd./Howe Rd. and Pacheco Blvd./Arthur Rd. in Martinez.

Route 99X – Martinez Amtrak to BART:

Staff has proposed a new express route that goes directly through the DAC (see attached map). This route would connect Capitol Corridor Amtrak trains to North Concord BART, via the Pacheco Transit Hub near the Highway 4/680 interchange on Pacheco Blvd., and serves only limited stops along the route.

The route would meet peak Capitol Corridor trains arriving from Solano, Yolo, and Sacramento counties. The route would then meet the afternoon trains returning, with no weekend or midday service. Service would be bi-directional, meaning that the buses would run service to and from Amtrak. County Connection currently has an agreement with Capitol Corridor that provides that Amtrak pays for two free transfers to a County Connection bus for each train passenger who requests one from the conductor.

This route would also open up an Eastern Contra Costa market from North Concord/Martinez BART to the City of Martinez, which has several county offices. This new route would follow the opening of e-BART to Antioch (expected in May 2018), which creates a much larger incentive to ride BART to North Concord.

The third market is a commute option for people living in the medium density multifamily housing along Morello Ave. and Arnold Dr.

New Route 316 Trips:

Three additional Route 316 trips are proposed to be funded with LCTOP, to increase its service span, or hours of operation, with one trip earlier and two trips after current service ends. The route goes directly through the DAC currently. As identified in the Weekend Route

Comprehensive Operations Analysis, Route 316 is a combination of segments of five weekday local routes, and it currently runs only from 8:30am to 8pm. Some of its weekday counterparts such as Route 16 run from 5am to 10pm.

Recommendation:

The O&S Committee recommends that the Board approve the proposed LCTOP route and authorize a joint Title VI analysis report (which will include a public hearing) for the elimination of Route 3 and the implementation of the new proposed Route 99X. This public comment period is expected to take several months. The route is expected to be in service for the Fall 2018 bid.

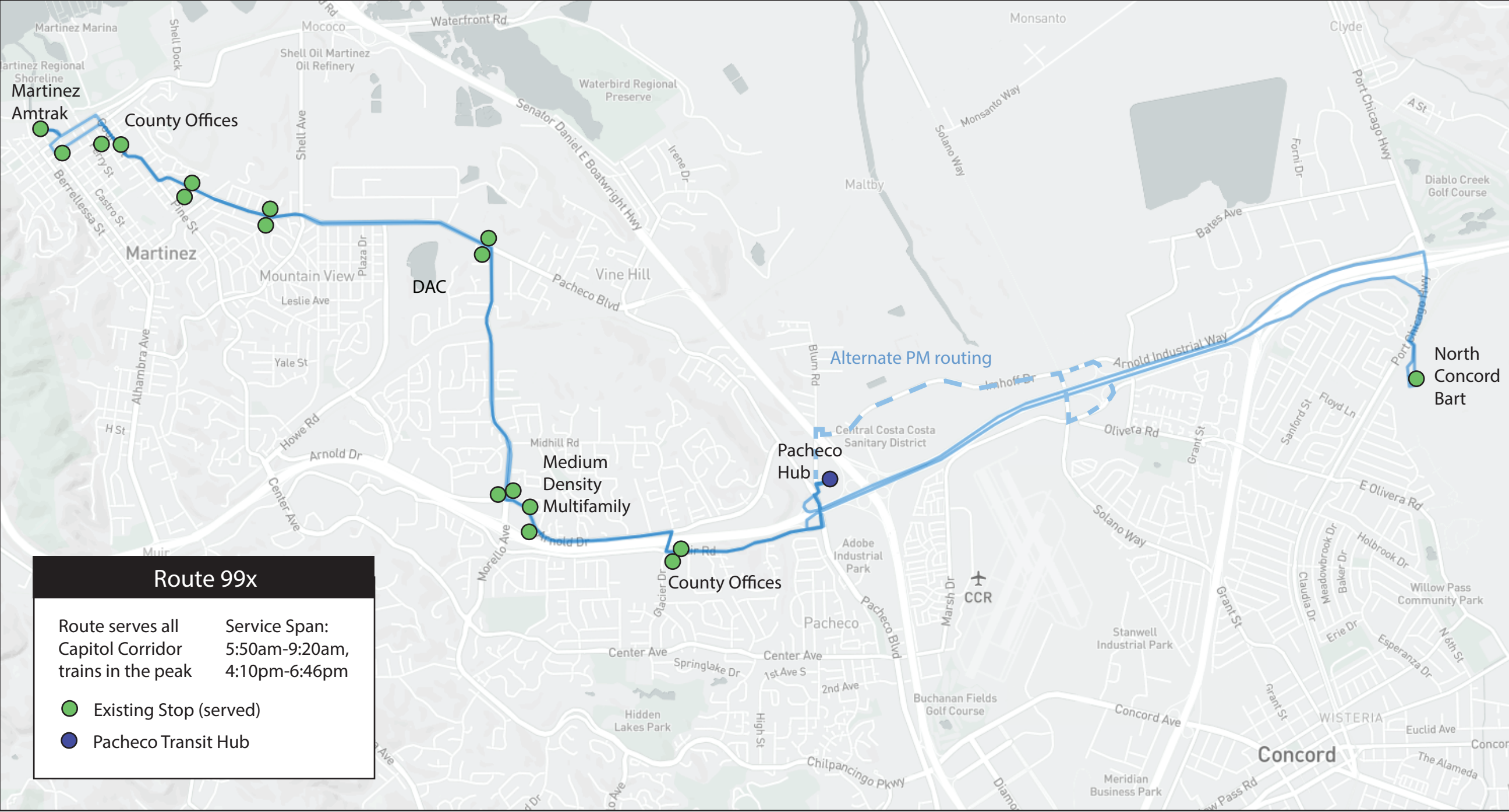
Financial Implications:

This proposal would be funded with LCTOP funds; 50% of the LCTOP allocation must be spent within the DAC.

Attachment:

Proposed route map.

Draft Route 99x Martinez Amtrak to North Concord BART via Pacheco Transit Hub



Route 99x

Route serves all Capitol Corridor trains in the peak

Service Span: 5:50am-9:20am, 4:10pm-6:46pm

- Existing Stop (served)
- Pacheco Transit Hub