

**To:** Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

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**From:** Ruby Horta, Director of Planning & Marketing

**Reviewed by:** R.R.

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**SUBJECT: County Connection Response to the Potential Repeal of SB1**

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**Background:**

Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was signed into law on April 28, 2017. This legislative package invests \$54 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and puts more dollars toward transit and safety. Most jurisdictions in County Connection's service area have been granted funding for local streets and roads and/or active transportation projects. Additionally, County Connection has received State of Good Repair (SGR) funding and is expected to receive additional STA funds. A complete list of projects is available at: [www.rebuildingca.ca.gov](http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov)

**Defending SB1:**

At the June MP&L meeting, Committee members suggested County Connection should promote the benefits of SB1, as it relates to transit. Although educational information is legally defensible, staff recommends that the full Board be informed of the type of initiatives County Connection plans to undertake to ensure a consistent message amongst our Board of Directors. Given the upcoming proposition to repeal SB1, staff has reached out to legal counsel to ensure any promotional activity will meet all legal requirements. Upon receipt of our legal counsel's opinion, staff will evaluate options and the level of involvement appropriate for the agency in the defense of SB1. In the meantime, staff must ensure that the Board is aware of the potential impacts should SB1 be repealed.

**Service reductions, if SB1 is repealed:**

Over the last several months staff developed the current service restructure and fare modification proposals in an effort to increase overall productivity and reduce costs. These two proposals were developed under the assumption that SB1 would continue to fund transportation. Given recent developments, and the potential of a repeal, staff has developed another scenario, solely focused on cutting costs. The proposal described in this item would be pursued, and further refined, if the SB1 is repealed in November. Unlike the current service restructure proposal, a scenario without SB1 does not offer the opportunity to shift revenue hours from our least productive to more productive service.

Continuing with the theme of protecting our most productive service, staff would have to consider eliminating the following routes and not adding any additional service:

## Weekdays

Route #	Description
1/1M	Rossmoor/Shadelands via Walnut Creek BART & John Muir Medical Center
91X	Concord Commuter via Concord BART, Airport Plaza & UFCW
19	Amtrak/Concord BART via Pacheco Blvd & Sun Valley Mall
28	Amtrak/North Concord BART via Veteran's Clinic & DVC
36	San Ramon Transit Center/Dublin BART via San Ramon Valley
25	Lafayette BART/Walnut Creek BART via Mt. Diablo Blvd.
2	Trotter/Walnut Creek BART via Trotter Way

(Routes listed in order of least to most productive)

## Weekends

Route #	Description
301	Rossmoor/Ygnacio Valley via Walnut Creek BART
315	Concord BART/Landana via Treat Blvd.
321	Walnut Creek BART/San Ramon Transit Center via Danville Blvd.

Routes 2, 25 and 36 are already proposed to be eliminated, but in their place staff is considering mobility options with a lower cost per passenger. As for the elimination of Route 36, staff is currently proposing to shift those revenue hours to a more productive route in San Ramon, Route 35. If SB1 is repealed these proposed enhancements would not be financially viable. County Connection would have to cut approximately \$3 million, and likely plan for another service reduction in 2-3 years, depending on revenue projections.

This proposal is an initial draft and would need to be further refined, but it demonstrates the impact SB1 can have for transit in Central Contra Costa County.

### **Financial Implications:**

Should the Board of Directors authorize a promotional effort to educate the public about the benefits of SB1, the marketing plan would have to be adjusted to absorb these additional costs. Furthermore, if SB1 is repealed in November by proposition, County Connection will need to cut approximately \$3 million of service in order to remain consistent with the financial forecast included in the FY 19 budget.

### **Action Requested:**

Staff requests the MP&L Committee to forward this item to the full Board for discussion at the July Board meeting.