

**Summary Minutes
Operations & Scheduling Committee
Supervisor Andersen Office
3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, CA
Friday, May 3, 2019, 8:15 a.m.**

Directors: Dave Hudson, Robert Storer, Keith Haydon

Staff: Rick Ramacier, Bill Churchill, Ruby Horta, Rashida Kamara, Sean Hedgpeth

Public: None

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Director Storer.

1. Approval of Agenda Items: Agenda was approved.

2. Public Comment and/or Communication:

None.

3. Approval of O&S Summary Minutes for April 5, 2019: Minutes were approved.

4. Restructure Ridership Update

Mr. Hedgpeth updated the committee on preliminary March ridership data, which showed a small 2.8% drop for an average weekday. Mr. Hedgpeth explained that while some of that drop is attributable to fare elasticity after the fare changes were implemented, this drop represents a slowing of some of the other ridership losses from previous months which had 4%, 7%, and 4% drops. He concluded saying that several of the new trips need time for people to adjust to, as many people continue to take their usual trips and new trips in between are just beginning to attract passengers. Director Haydon thanked staff for the update, then asked about drops on Route 310. Mr. Hedgpeth replied that Route 310 ridership likely went down due to the fare changes, which eliminated a paper only three hour transfer on weekends. The new Route 310 extension to Clayton was doing well with over 20 passengers a day with service every two hours.

5. Bishop Ranch Restructure

Ms. Horta informed the committee that the original Bishop Ranch service plan schedule will be modified, due to rider feedback. The planned changes to 96X and 97X will be delayed until the winter bid, while the weekend Route 335 from Dublin BART to San Ramon will move forward with the fall bid. Director Hudson asked how much feedback we received. Ms. Horta replied that it was almost as much as the original restructure, and it was mostly negative about the 97X to Dublin changes, but some of the feedback was misinformed about the implications for Danville with the removal of the 95X, which in fact will be replaced and trips will be added to Danville Park and Ride.

6. GoDublin Partnership

Mr. Hedgpeth informed the committee that County Connection plans to partner with LAVTA with their TNC partnership with Uber, Lyft and DeSoto Cab, for a one year pilot to subsidize on-demand rides. The boundary roughly follows area formerly served by Route 36, which currently does not have all day bus service. Mr. Hedgpeth then said staff will update the committee about the next steps after meeting with the City of San Ramon and LAVTA.

7. Silveride Demonstration Project

Ms. Kamara updated the committee on a new demonstration project that will supplement LINK rides for a select group of people who are a part of a Mt. Diablo Rahab program in Pleasant Hill, with a goal of greatly shortening their travel times to the facility. The project will retain the services of Silver Ride, a SF company that uses a modified TNC model. This model includes assisting passengers in their homes and extra vetting like deeper background checks, training for working with seniors, and drug testing. The program will be administered by local group Choice in Aging. Directors Hudson, Storer, and Haydon were interested in the concept and asked staff to provide updates once the program is up and running.

8. Monthly Reports

Staff reported on the fixed route statistics.

9. Committee Comments

Director Hudson urged staff to explore grant funding opportunities with the BAAQMD to build a small bus storage facility near the City of San Ramon offices. Director Storer asked if we should include a member from the Tri-Valley on the County Connection board. Mr. Ramacier replied that as a joint powers agency in a different county, that would require new legislation. Mr. Ramacier then said that he would support some kind of subcommittee that included LAVTA, especially with the new projects in the area such as the San Joaquin Tri-Valley Regional Rail Authority project.

10. Future Agenda Items

Director Haydon said he would like to see more ridership updates on the restructure in the future and Director Storer said he would like to hear more about how County Connection plans to build more charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting – June 10, 2019 at 8:15am, at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Sean Hedgpeth, Manager of Planning