

County Connection

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CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Candace Andersen called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Dessayer, Diaz, Hudson, Noack, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth. Directors Haydon, Hoffmeister and Schroder were absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Glenn, Cheung, Churchill, Glenn, Hill, Kamara, Martinez, McCarthy, Mitchell, Pevahouse and Rettig

Public Comment: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Noack moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 19, 2019; (b) CCCTA Investment Policy-Quarterly Requirement; (c) Uncashed Check Policy and Resolution No. 2020-013; (d) Independent Accountant's Report on Federal Funding Allocation Data for Federal Transit Administration. Director Storer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Diaz, Hudson, Noack, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Directors Haydon, Hoffmeister and Schroder

REPORT OF CHAIR:

Director Andersen welcomed Jim Diaz, Alternate representing The City of Clayton.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

Recognition of Retired Employee

Scott Pevahouse-Maintenance Department

Status report on FASTER Bay Area Effort

General Manager Rick Ramacier informed the Board that there is a group led by the Bay Area Council, SPUR, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Facebook and Genentech, that is considering sponsoring a November 2020 ballot measure (known as FASTER Bay Area) to raise \$100B for major public transportation projects that will benefit transit. The measure will cross nine counties and benefit a number of different transit agencies, and some potential projects include a second BART tube, a second Bay crossing and rail on the Dumbarton Bridge. In addition, another bill has

been drafted authored by Assemblyman David Chiu, and sponsored by the non profit organization Seamless Bay Area, to address housing and transportation needs. Rick will keep the Board informed on these proposals as they proceed.

Report on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) I-680 Summit

General Manager, Rick Ramacier noted there are six different express bus studies currently about the I-680 corridor. The express bus service should be one unified approach to serve the corridor. State funding for the project will likely require one unified brand, with no transfers required ("one seat"), in order for the project to be competitive. Director Worth thanked Rick Ramacier for being a voice for us at the table and keeping our concerns on the list. He will continue to update the Board on any new developments.

Report on the County Connection BART bus bridge conducted on January 8, 2020

County Connection has operated bus bridges on behalf of BART for many years. Traditionally, bus bridges occur in case of emergencies when BART service is interrupted for an extended period. Rick Ramacier reported that on January 8, 2020 a man got on the BART tracks near Pleasant Hill Bart station and the trains were stopped. We had 29 buses and 29 operators that were able to transport 3700 passengers over a six-hour period. Although it was stressful and busy, our staff handled themselves with professionalism and great customer service. It is anticipated that CCCTA will be reimbursed by BART for the costs of operating the bus bridge.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance Committee

PERS Actuarial Valuation for June 30, 2018; Rate for FY2021; Pension Funding Policy

Director Dessayer informed the Board that County Connection has a clean audit for FY2019 with no issues or weaknesses. He credits the CFO Erick Cheung and the rest of the Finance Department with all of their due diligence and hard work.

MOTION: Director Dessayer moved acceptance of the FY2019 Audit report prepared by Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation. Director Tatzin seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye:	Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Diaz, Hudson, Noack, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Directors Haydon, Hoffmeister and Schroder

Operating & Scheduling Committee

Ridership Update

Bill Churchill gave a brief background stating that staff prepared a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), which was completed in January 2018. The COA provided staff with the foundation for a data-driven planning effort to restructure County Connection's service focused on increased ridership. Since January 2018, the Board approved a major service change which was implemented in March 2019. The service change included cuts, adjustments and enhancements throughout the service area. Subsequently, a minor service change was implemented in Fall 2019, to routes serving Bishop Ranch.

Service changes typically require a couple of years to realize the full effects, whether positive or negative. Staff anticipated a reduction in ridership given the reduction in overall service hours. Although service was increased along

certain routes, potential new riders require various levels of persuasion try the new service. However, over the last several months, routes with increased service have gained additional ridership.

The three LCTOP-sponsored routes include routes 11, 14 and 16. They have been offering free trips since July 2019. Year-over-year, combined ridership (for the months of July through November) on these three routes has increased from approximately 1,500 in 2018 to 2,300 in 2019. That's more than 50 percent increase, over a 5-month period. This was an informational item only.

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

Closed Session:

The Board of Directors entered the Closed Session at 9:49 a.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)) – Keith Polee v. Central Contra Costa Transit Authority; U.S. District Court, Northern District of California Civil Case No. 4:18-cv-05405-DMR

Open Session:

Report of Action(s) Taken During the Closed Session

The Board of Directors returned to open session at 10:26 a.m. Chair Andersen stated that the Board reviewed the status of existing litigation. No reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Andersen adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date