

**To:** Operations & Scheduling Committee

**Date:** 11/25/2020

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

**Reviewed by:** 

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**SUBJECT: Spring Bid Update**

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**Background:**

Over the last several months, staff has been providing regular fixed-route and paratransit updates to the Board related to COVID-19. Our typical bid schedules have been altered since the Summer due to fluctuations in demand and the uncertainty around schools reopening. When staff developed the calendar of service changes for 2021, we shifted the Spring bid from our typical March date to early February in an effort to better coordinate with BART. However, in November 2020, BART shifted their Spring bid to March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

As a result, County Connection reconvened with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) leadership to revise the Spring bid dates.

**Spring Bid:**

The current Winter bid will extend through March 20<sup>th</sup> with a new Spring bid beginning on March 21<sup>st</sup>. This will allow County Connection schedules to continue to be coordinated with BART. The 600 series is currently not incorporated into the Winter bid and staff will continue to monitor school district actions, as they relate to reopening, to determine whether or not and how much service should be scheduled for the 600 series. Staff plans to maintain most of the current service levels while retaining as much flexibility as possible to be able to respond to any changes in demand.

Staff will also be updating the weekend schedules for the Spring bid to coordinate with BART's new weekend schedule.

**Financial Implications:**

None. The current FY 2021 budget assumes service levels consistent with the Spring bid.

**Recommendation:**

None, for information only.

**Action Requested:**

None, for information only.