

**Summary Minutes
Advisory Committee
County Connection
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday January 12, 2021**

Members: James Donnelly, Marjorie McWee, Mathew Horne, Wayne Mortensen, Adrian Byram, Rich Eber

Staff: Rashida Kamara, Bill Churchill, Ruby Horta,

Public: None

1. **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 1:02pm

2. **Roll Call**

(See Attendance sheet)

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved. Mr. Donnelly mentioned that he was leaving the Committee as chair.

4. **Approval of minutes of November 10, 2020:**

The minutes were approved as presented. Moved by Adrian Byram and Second by Marjorie McWee

5. **Public Comment:**

None

6. **Consent Calendar:**

None

7. **Review of Conditional Eligibility letter:**

Ms. Kamara apologized to the group for sending the wrong draft to them. The correct draft was later shared through zoom share and verbal edits were given by Mathew Horne, Adrian Byram and Marji McWee.

8. **One Seat Ride Update:**

Ms. Kamara gave an update on the one seat pilot. Including how the participating agencies agreed to a new fare structure allowing more passengers to participate. Ms. Kamara also informed the group that East Bay Paratransit had inquired about the program. They are not included in the pilot. Ms. McWee wanted to know how regular passengers are made aware of the One Seat Pilot. Ms. Kamara responded, that when

passengers call in to book trips out of the service area, they are educated on Regional transfer process, the same thing happens when they call now, they are directed to the one seat reservations line.

9. 2021 Service Plan Webinar Feedback:

Ms. Horta gave a report on the ongoing Service reduction plan, which included, the December 2020 webinar and 4 public hearings held the week of January 4th, 2021. Each hearing was 1 hour long, and no public comments were submitted. Comments received to date are going to the board in February. A draft proposal of \$3M, \$5M and \$7M service cut will be brought back in March for final recommendation. Mr. Mortensen wanted to know whether we knew of any additional transit funds will be coming under the new Administration. Ms. Horta mentioned that \$7M was allotted in the new stimulus but for the Bay Area but 3 out of the 27 agencies were not eligible. There are no funds from the state currently. Ms. McWee said it would be nice for people to know that there will be no more rounds of funding, so we do not waste what we have.

10. Fixed Route Monthly Report:

Ms. Horta gave an update on the fixed route reports. September and October higher relative to other months. We have been charging fare since November. Mr. Eber wanted to know how school closures affect ridership. Ms. Horta said 10-15% of service are students and 25-30% are express service. Now mostly we perform essential rides since schools are closed.

11. Paratransit Monthly Report:

Ms. Kamara gave an update on the monthly reports. Ridership was the highest since COVID in October, which is consistent with being the highest month pre-COVID. Fares resumed November 1 along with Fixed route. Paratransit vans are still only transporting one ADA passenger at a time, although vans may transport up to 3 passengers and still maintain social distancing. We continue to provide other services like meals on wheels, COVID transports and school lunches. Mr. Eber stated many people take trips to non-essential locations; can those trips be restricted. Ms. Kamara explained that passengers that are eligible to take paratransit may use it to wherever the current fixed routes are also going.

12. Committee Member Communications:

Mr. Donnelly thanked the committee for allowing him to be the chair.

13. Adjournment-Next Meeting March 9, 2021:

Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM

Minutes prepared by Rashida Kamara January 12, 2021.