

Summary Minutes
Marketing, Planning, and Legislative Committee
Thursday, April 1, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, this meeting was conducted as a teleconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

Directors: Amy Worth, Candace Andersen, Kevin Wilk, Rob Schroder
Staff: Rick Ramacier, Bill Churchill, Ruby Horta, Melody Reeb, Julie Sherman
Public: Andy Smith

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Director Worth.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Committee approved the agenda.

2. Public Communication

None

3. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2021

The Committee approved the minutes.

4. State Legislative Update

Mr. Ramacier informed the Committee that the latest draft of AB629 (Chiu) currently only addresses regional fare integration, wayfinding and mapping, and schedule coordination, and does not yet address the concept of a transit network manager, which is waiting on the work of the Blue Ribbon Task Force. AB476 (Mullin) has been amended to facilitate bus-on-shoulder. CCTA has met with legislative staff and had staff who oversee Minnesota's bus-on-shoulder operations discuss their experience, including operator training and working with highway patrol. Director Wilk asked whether the current shoulders along I-680 can accommodate a bus. Mr. Ramacier responded that CCTA staff have already begun identifying segments of I-680 where bus-on-shoulder could work and will leverage existing auxiliary lanes.

5. Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Ramacier said that staff has been working with CCTA and LAVTA to submit projects for earmark funding requests. ACTC and LAVTA will be submitting a request to fund research on deploying hydrogen fuel cell buses on AC Transit, LAVTA, and County Connection. The second request will be from CCTA to improve the Bollinger park-and-ride lot, which has been identified in the LAVTA express bus study as needing significant improvements in order to facilitate express bus service along I-680. CCTA will also be submitting additional requests for mobility hub projects to support getting to and from

express bus service in the corridor. There could also be more significant amounts of funding available through the proposed American Jobs Act, which could be used for buying buses to operate an express service.

6. Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force

Mr. Ramacier informed the Committee that at the last meeting, the Blue Ribbon Task Force adopted the problem statement, and the next step will be discussing what a potential transit network manager should do. The goal is to reach consensus around a handful of options and determine how to institutionalize the network management function.

7. Committee Comments

None

8. Future Agenda Items

None

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for May 6th at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Melody Reeb, Manager of Planning