

**Summary Minutes
Operations & Scheduling Committee
Thursday, June 3, 4:00 p.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: Robert Storer, Dave Hudson

Staff: Rick Ramacier, Bill Churchill, Ruby Horta, Rashida Kamara, Melody Reeb, Erick Cheung

Public: None

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Director Storer.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Committee approved the agenda.

2. Public Communication

None

3. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2021

The Committee approved the minutes.

4. Status of Studies & Initiatives for Improved Public Transit in the I680 Corridor

Mr. Ramacier provided an update on transit planning efforts along the I-680 corridor. CCTA's Innovate 680 project includes components such as first/last-mile solutions, mobility hubs, and trunkline transit service. LAVTA has also been leading a study on potential express bus service along the corridor. The recommendation from that study will include a first phase that starts at Amtrak in Martinez and connects to Dublin BART, followed by a second phase extending down to Diridon Station in San Jose, and for LAVTA and County Connection to jointly operate the service. Staff have been coordinating with CCTA and LAVTA on identifying and pursuing funding opportunities.

5. Paratransit Update: Ridership Demand and Reopening

Ms. Kamara provided an update on paratransit ridership and operations as the state begins to fully reopen. Since February, paratransit demand has been steadily increasing, as vaccines have likely contributed to making riders feel more comfortable on transit. Staff have been in communication with social service agencies on their reopening plans and recertifying passengers with expired eligibility statuses. Staff also continues to work with the County on how the Beyond the Blueprint plan will be implemented, including social distancing and mask mandates.

6. Monthly Reports

Ms. Reeb reported that in April fixed-route ridership was over double compared to last April, which was the first full month of the shelter-in-place order. Ridership has also continued to increase month-over-month and was up another 10% compared to March.

Ms. Kamara reported that paratransit ridership has continued to increase and was up in April compared to last year when the pandemic started. On-time performance was 98%, and complaints increased slightly but are still at a manageable level.

7. Committee Comments

None

8. Future Agenda Items

None

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for July 2nd at 8:15 a.m. via teleconference.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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