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CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Amy Worth called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Andersen, Haydon, McCluer, Noack, Schroder, Storer, Tatzin and Wilk. Directors Hoffmeister and Hudson arrived after the meeting was convened.

Staff: Churchill, Sherman, Dixit, Duran, Glenn, Hill, Horta, Johnson, Kamara, McCarthy, Mitchell, Reeb and Rettig

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Tatzin moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 15, 2022; (b) Resolution No. 2023-014, Declaring that the Proclaimed State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic Continues to Impact the Ability for the Board and its Committees to Meet Safely in Person, and Directing that Virtual Board and Committee Meetings Continue. Director Noack seconded the motion, and it received the following vote of approval:

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

REPORT OF CHAIR: None

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

Report on the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) TRANSform Conference

General Manager Bill Churchill informed the Board that the APTA TRANSform Conference went very well and one of the main topics was labor shortage and the drop in ridership -- how can the transit industry bounce back and become the people's main choice in commuting to and from school and/or work? He explained that a lot of discussion and brainstorming was done by all.

Update on State Legislation

General Manager Bill Churchill informed the Board that AB2622, which is a bill that deals with an exemption on sales tax for zero emission transit buses has been extended until 2026. SB922, which involves funds for different transit projects is still in the works. As new information comes in, he will continue to inform the Board.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

Draft Short Range Transit Plan

General Manager Bill Churchill explained that the plan focuses on evaluating existing service and developing future service plans based on three scenarios of varying revenue recovery over the next 5 years. The operating budget assumed for each scenario is based on the level of federal stimulus available, recovery of revenue from other sources, and ridership recovery. The service plans are aimed to align resources available in each of the scenarios with ridership demand, as well as feedback received from the passenger survey conducted during September 2022.

The Robust Recovery scenario assumes there is adequate funding to return overall revenue to 100% of pre-pandemic levels, with escalation. Projected operating revenue over the five-year period is estimated to be roughly \$260M. Under this scenario, overall service levels would remain the same, but some resources would be shifted from commuter routes to provide additional service along the Monument Corridor and on weekends, where ridership recovery has been the strongest.

Director Hudson arrived at 9:15 a.m.

The Revenue Recovery, with Fewer Riders scenario assumes that federal relief funds are eventually exhausted and are replaced by subsequent recovery of other funds to pre-pandemic levels. The scenario also assumes that farebox recovery remains stagnant and below pre-pandemic levels for the next 5 years. Projected operating revenue over the five-year period is estimated to be roughly \$252M. Under this scenario, along with the reallocation of resources from the previous scenario, service levels would be reduced on routes serving Diablo Valley College during peak hours, where ridership growth has been lagging.

The Some Progress scenario assumes that federal relief funds are eventually exhausted, and total revenue available is 15% below pre-pandemic levels for the next 5 years. Projected operating revenue over the five-year period is estimated to be roughly \$221M. Under this scenario, service levels would need to be significantly reduced. The proposed service plan aims to preserve service coverage to essential destinations through reductions in service levels on some high-frequency corridors such as Clayton Road and downtown Walnut Creek and reductions in span of service.

MOTION: Director Tatzin moved for approval of the draft SRTP and authorize staff to proceed with the public hearing process. Director Wilk seconded the motion, and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Haydon, Hudson McCluer, Noack, Schroder, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Hoffmeister

Operations & Scheduling Committee

One-Seat Regional Ride Pilot Update and Extension

Director Hoffmeister arrived at 9:18 a.m.

General Manager Bill Churchill explained that the pilot was extended in April of 2021 after having been in operation for six months. The extension allowed partnering agencies to continue to offer a service with high customer satisfaction. It also allowed partnering agencies to continue to gather data and work on streamlining certain processes such as billing and data management, as well as incorporating another neighboring paratransit agency, East Bay Paratransit, to provide test trips for their passengers. The collaborative nature of this pilot with multiple transit agencies crossing various urbanized areas, as defined by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has presented reporting difficulties in the National Transit Database (NTD). County Connection staff is working with staff at the FTA, NTD and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to resolve these reporting issues.

The One Seat Ride partners are proposing to extend the program's pilot status for one more year by modifying the existing program to include a travel training component to better support users of the system. Additionally, Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority have expressed a strong interest to expand the program to include residents of Contra Costa County that reside outside the jurisdictions of the existing four partners. This would include residents of Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito, El Sobrante and Kensington. Staff has been working with both the County and CCTA to secure Measure X funding to allow for the expansion.

MOTION: Director Storer moved adoption of Resolution No. 2023-015, authorizing the approval of the one-year extension to the One-Seat Regional Ride Pilot program. Director Hudson seconded the motion, and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Haydon, Hoffmeister, Hudson, McCluer, Noack, Schroder, Storer, Tatzin, Wilk and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board of Directors went into closed session at 9:25 a.m.

Conference with Labor Negotiator (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Employee Organizations:

Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators

Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge No. 1173, Machinists

OPEN SESSION:

Report of Action(s) taken during the Closed Session

The Board of Directors came back from closed session at 10:20 a.m. There was no reportable action and the Board gave direction to its labor negotiator.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Worth adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:54 am.

Minutes prepared by:

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Date: November 9, 2022