

To: Marketing, Planning, & Legislative Committee

Date: 02/27/2023

From: Bill Churchill, General Manager

SUBJECT: Final Draft 2023 Federal Advocacy Program

Background:

Staff has incorporated comments from the Board of Directors at its February 16, 2023, meeting into a final draft Federal Advocacy Program brochure. As discussed by the Board, staff is bringing this item back to the MP&L Committee for a final review to ensure that it reflects the Board's feedback. The final brochure will be representative of County Connection's 2023 Federal Advocacy Program and will be used during meetings to be held with our federal delegation.

Financial Implications:

None.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Committee submit all final suggestions as staff will be finalizing the brochure which will be used during meetings to be held with our federal delegation. Hard copies of the draft brochure will be available at the upcoming MP&L meeting.

Action Requested:

Staff requests that the MP&L Committee review the final draft 2023 Federal Advocacy Program brochure.

ON THE ROAD TO COVID RECOVERY, WE CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.



LOCAL ECONOMY

Many of our riders are essential workers. Without them and an ability to travel to work, our economy suffers.



QUALITY OF LIFE

We give seniors and our disabled community freedom to safely travel throughout the region.



EDUCATION

Students are heading back to the classroom. We make sure there's an affordable transit option to get there!



SYSTEM SUPPORT

When our Bay Area transit partners have service interruptions, we provide a bus bridge connection to ensure riders can safely reach their destinations.



ENVIRONMENT

We keep roughly 3K vehicles off the road each day, which helps reduce daily carbon emissions in the region.



Transit Operator, Said Sadat (17 yrs of service)

LINK paratransit relocation efforts, COVID-19

REGIONAL TRANSIT BENEFITS THROUGH COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

PARATRANSIT ONE-SEAT REGIONAL PILOT

Area transit agencies handle cross-regional paratransit logistics so our customers don't have to.

JOINT CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF ADA PARATRANSIT SERVICES

A partnership with the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority to improve paratransit efficiencies.

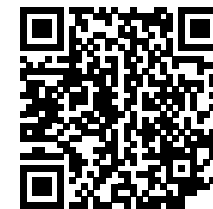
HYDROGEN CELL BUSES FOR COMMUTER SERVICE

A partnership with Contra Costa Transportation Authority and Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority will provide express service along the congested I-680 commuter corridor.

“ *The One-Seat pilot has given me back my life. I feel secure, safe--it's the next best thing to putting my key in the ignition and starting my own car.* - **Alana Pineda, paratransit passenger**

THANK YOU!

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2023

FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ★ CA



Serving Contra Costa County communities of
Clayton - Concord - Danville - Lafayette - Martinez - Moraga
Orinda - Pleasant Hill - San Ramon - Walnut Creek
and Unincorporated communities in Central Contra Costa County

OUR BUS SERVICE AT A GLANCE

County Connection provides vital local transit service for communities in Central Contra Costa County.

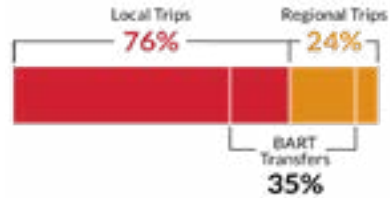
CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA COUNTY



OUR RIDERSHIP BASED ON 2019 SURVEY DATA

BY CATEGORY	COUNTY CONNECTION RIDERS	COUNTY RESIDENTS
No car	22%	5%
3+ worker household	26%	7%
<\$50k/yr	64%	21%
Ages 18-24	25%	9%

LOCAL AND REGIONAL TRIPS

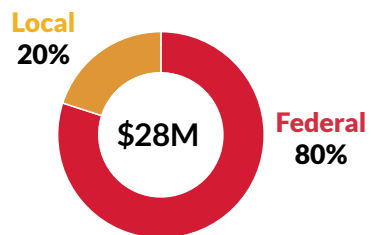


San Francisco Bay Area



2023 CAPITAL FUNDING

Federal funding accounts for an estimated 80% on an annualized basis.



PRIORITIES OF THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM



FY24 FEDERAL PUBLIC TRANSIT APPROPRIATIONS

County Connection relies on vital federal funds to support crucial programs such as capital projects, ADA paratransit, lifeline services, and safety in transportation.

A fully funded transit program will ensure County Connection can secure capital in its transition to an all Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) fleet.



RE-AUTHORIZATION OF FAST ACT

The INVEST in America Act is a good start to re-authorization as it increases the federal investment in public transit by 133% over FAST.

County Connection continues to hold the re-authorization of FAST as a top priority in order to provide cleaner, reliable buses.



LOOMING FISCAL CLIFF

As operators exhaust the federal stimulus funds, many will face a looming fiscal cliff. Collectively, Bay Area transit operators will experience a cumulative financial shortfall of \$2.5 - \$3.3 billion over the next five years. County Connection supports greater flexibility in future federal funds allowing them to be used for operational endeavors.



RESTORE THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY & MASS TRANSIT FUND

Without a reliable and sustainable trust fund, many transit projects will be at risk.



DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST

County Connection will make a directed spending request to enhance and move forward the Authority's efforts in electrification, including additional electric vehicle charging infrastructure, energy generation, and storage to the facilities.



Transit Operator, Annette Jones-Skidmore (9 yrs of service)



Walnut Creek BART with Mt. Diablo in background