

Summary Minutes
Operations & Scheduling Committee
Wednesday, June 5, 8:00 a.m.

Directors: Robert Storer, Jim Diaz, Dave Hudson

Staff: Bill Churchill, Ruby, Horta, Scott Mitchell, John Sanderson, Marcel Longmire, Pranjali Dixit, Rosa Noya, Laura Corona

Public: None

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Director Storer.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Committee approved the agenda.

2. Public Communication

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2024

The Committee approved the minutes.

4. Go San Ramon Update

Mr. Dixit provided an update on the Go San Ramon Program. He informed that with growing demand and limited funding availability, staff worked with City of San Ramon to readjust the boundaries for the next phase of the pilot. The boundaries have been changed to minimize overlap with new bus routes implemented by LAVTA in March 2024 along with reducing service south of I-580 where there is ample existing fixed route service provided by LAVTA. He informed that subsidies would continue to be paid by City of San Ramon through Measure J and TFCA funds for FY 25.

5. Bus Aid Update

Mr. Dixit informed that Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) launched the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program in 2023 to provide funding for quick-build solutions for areas with frequent delays, such as dedicated bus lanes, improved traffic signals for buses, and optimized bus stop locations. County Connection's proposal to enhance reliability and accessibility of bus stops on Monument Boulevard was awarded \$385,000 from OBAG 3 funding. County Connection will also contribute \$49,880 in local matching funds from TDA.

6. Electric Bus Update

Mr. Longmire provided an update on the battery electric fleet focusing on low vehicle availability in 2023. Low availability stemmed from parts shortages and persistent battery problems. Additionally, rising electricity rates pushed BEB operating costs from \$1.22 per mile in 2022 to \$2.01. Mr. Mitchell elaborated that parts for older, first-generation BEBs are becoming obsolete and difficult to replace, with vendors offering limited support for outdated battery sub-systems. Finally, Mr. Churchill addressed the critical role of public transit during emergencies, highlighting the challenges posed by BEV unreliability.

7. Monthly Ridership Reports

Mr. Dixit shared that the ridership in April was up about 15% compared to a year ago. He also noted that productivity was higher when compared to pre-pandemic levels and operator counts dipped

slightly. He informed that on time performance was flat however, service changes to improve were being implemented in June.

Ms. Noya shared that there was an increase in ridership in March compared to February. She highlighted that productivity fell slightly below the standard of 1.5 passengers per hour and on-time performance well above the standard of 92%. Furthermore, Ms. Noya reported that one accident was reported in February. Ms. Noya responded to Director Hudson's question about types of vehicles used by stating that while majority of trips are done via cutaways, the subcontractors also utilized a fleet of minivans and sedans to provide paratransit service.

8. Committee Comments

None

9. Future Agenda Items

None

10. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for July 3 at 8:00 a.m. at Supervisor Andersen Office located at 309 Diablo Rd, Danville, CA.

11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Pranjal Dixit, Manager of Planning