

Central Contra Costa Transit Authority Advisory Committee

Role and Function

Approved June 16, 2011
Amended September 19, 2019

Purpose

The primary purpose of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority Advisory Committee will be to review, analyze and advise the County Connection Board of Directors on issues and policies relating to fixed-route and paratransit service. The Advisory Committee will be asked to consider and make recommendations on finance and planning documents that include but are not limited to the following:

- CCCTA Ten Year Short Range Transit Plan
- Annual operating and capital budget
- Annual marketing plan
- Other issues such as operations, scheduling, administration, finance, and legislation.

Composition

The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of eleven (11) members from Central Contra Costa County. Each member jurisdiction will be requested to recommend one member from that jurisdiction for appointment by the CCCTA Board of Directors. Each member jurisdiction may also recommend an alternate member from that jurisdiction for appointment by the CCCTA Board of Directors. The following criteria should be considered:

- Representative should be active in community participation and involvement
- Representative should reside in the appointed community
- Representative should be a current or former user of fixed-route and/or paratransit service, or an advocate for transit users in their communities.

Term

- Members will be appointed for a two-year term, with no limit on the number of terms served.
- If during his/her term, a representative resigns, is removed, or unable to continue to serve, the recommending jurisdiction will be requested to appoint a successor, to be approved by the CCCTA Board of Directors to serve the balance of the term.
- If a member misses three or more consecutive meetings without cause, the Advisory Committee may request that member resign or be removed by the CCCTA Board after consultation with the affected jurisdiction.

Officers

- The Advisory Committee will elect officers who will serve one-year terms. Officers will include a chair and a vice chair.

Meetings

- The Advisory Committee will meet every other month. However, if the Committee wishes to have a special meeting, any member may request that the Chair ask the staff liaison to schedule such a meeting.
- A majority of those present shall be required to adopt an action.

Charge

The Advisory Committee is charged with the responsibility of acting as ADVISORS to the CCCTA Board of Directors, and of collecting and reporting service issues and concerns received from the jurisdictions. Members may volunteer, or be appointed by the Chair to attend scheduled CCCTA Committee meetings, participate in Advisory Committee subcommittees, or undertake other duties for the Advisory Committee.

Furthermore, the Committee is charged with the responsibility of acting as DISSEMINATORS of information in their community, and of assisting in the education of their jurisdictions regarding the fixed-route and accessible services that are available.

In fulfilling these responsibilities the Committee will:

- Make formal recommendations in the form of written communications and reports to the CCCTA Board of Directors, and where appropriate, supplement with oral comments
- Appoint a member to serve as the Committee liaison to the Contra Costa County Paratransit Coordinating Council
- Act as a forum for fixed-route, accessible services, and LINK paratransit users to express concerns or ideas about the services to the Authority.

In fulfilling this charge, individual members may be expected to:

- Network with other interested citizens and groups in the community.
- Maintain a working relationship with the Board representative from his/her jurisdiction
- Assist CCCTA staff at community or business events

Conflict of Interest Regulations

An Advisory Committee member shall not engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise for compensation which is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to his or her duties, functions or responsibilities on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Such member shall not perform any work, service, or counsel for compensation outside of his or her responsibilities where any part of his or her efforts will be reviewed by the CAC.

Members of the CAC shall comply with the provisions of the California Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 87100, *et seq.*) and doctrine of common law conflicts of interest. Each member shall file an Annual Statement of Economic Interest. Individual members shall disclose and disqualify themselves from participating in any decision in which they have a financial interest under the standards of the California Political Reform Act.

County Connection Advisory Committee
Proposed changes to Committee Bylaws
July 9, 2024

Composition/Membership → Currently one member and one alternate from each jurisdiction serving 2-year terms

Add At-large members – Suggested by Board of Directors

- Number: 3-5?
- Selection Process?

Member terms

- Extend to 3 years?
- Members continue (as acting) until resignation or replacement?
- Allow Board action to re-nominate/re-appoint, w/o action from City?
- Alternate automatically becomes primary when seat is vacated early?

Removal → currently no mechanism; requested by Board

- Code of conduct?
- Attendance? (currently Committee requests resignation or Board removes)

Meeting schedule → Currently Bi-monthly, mid-day (time not specified in Bylaws)

- Make meetings monthly?
- Move meetings to late afternoon/evening?
- Schedule full year in advance? Calendar year or Fiscal year?

Mandate/Purpose/Charge

Current Purpose = Consider & make recommendations regarding:

- 10-year SRTP,
- Annual Budget,
- Annual Marketing Plan
- “Other issues...”

Current Charge = “Advisors” & “Disseminators”

- Make recommendations (written & oral) to Board
- Appoint liaison to PCC (note: not reciprocal/recognized by PCC)
- Act as forum for users to express concerns or ideas

Proposed Changes

- Adopt new Mission & Vision statement?
- Consolidate “Purpose” & “Charge” sections?
- Review Board/Subcommittee agendas & Attend meetings?
- Consider & make recommendations re: legislation?
- Coordinate with other CACs?
- Consider “Over the horizon” issues? (i.e.: strategic, not operational)