

THERE'S MORE THAN PASSENGERS  
RIDING ON OUR BUSES!



#### LOCAL ECONOMY

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



#### LOCAL JOBS

Our buses are built locally by GILLIG, LLC and their 1,100+ team of American workers include over 600 unionized production workers.



#### QUALITY OF LIFE

We give seniors and our disabled community freedom to safely travel throughout the region through affordable transit programs.



#### SEAMLESS SUPPORT

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



#### EDUCATION

We offer the only public bus service for middle and high schools in Central Contra Costa, as well as provide service to two area colleges.



#### REDUCED TRAFFIC

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



## COUNTY CONNECTION BUSES ARE AMERICAN-MADE, ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.

Since 1890, GILLIG, LLC has been at the forefront of innovation in the bus manufacturing industry and is one of only two American factories left that build buses. County Connection proudly operates a fleet of GILLIG buses that exemplify our commitment to American craftsmanship.

\$1	50K	430K	\$10K
Every \$1 invested in public transit generates \$5 in economic return.	For every \$1 billion invested in transit, 50,000 American jobs are supported.	Nationally, 430,000 people work for public transportation agencies.	Households save an average of \$10,000 annually taking public transit.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT MAKES COUNTY CONNECTION STAND OUT!

- Fixed Route Onboard Survey 2023
- Operating and Capital Budget FY25
- One Seat Regional Ride promo video
- Title VI Program Report



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# 2025 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.

RIDERSHIP  
~2.75 M in 2024

POPULATION  
540,000

SERVICE AREA  
200 Sq Miles

LOCAL AND REGIONAL TRIPS

Local Trips  
76%

Regional Trips  
24%

BART Transfers  
35%

2024 CAPITAL FUNDING

Federal funding accounts for an estimated 31% on an annualized basis.

Local  
69%


\$8.4M  
Annually

Federal  
31%

OUR RIDERSHIP  
BASED ON 2023 SURVEY DATA

BY CATEGORY	COUNTY CONNECTION RIDERS	COUNTY RESIDENTS
No car	28%	5%
Minority Population	63%	39%
Household Income <\$50k/yr	59%	17%
Ages 19-34	37%	16%

San Francisco Bay Area



Contra Costa County

# PRIORITIES OF THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

1

## RESTORE THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY & MASS TRANSIT FUND

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

2

## ENACT APTA’S RECOMMENDATIONS ON MOBILITY & INNOVATION

County Connection supports innovative mobility solutions to increase public transportation use. Innovations should prepare the next generation of public transportation employees through workforce development.

3

## INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

County Connection depends on crucial federal funding to sustain essential programs like vehicle replacement, ADA paratransit, and lifeline services. With the IIJA set to expire in 2026, County Connection strongly advocates for a new surface transportation authorization that closely mirrors existing IIJA in both formula and discretionary funding levels, ensuring a robust funding platform that will support public transit.

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## COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENT STORAGE SYSTEM

This project focuses on establishing essential infrastructure for energy storage, which will not only facilitate the transition to more efficient-running buses but also generate a significant cost savings. By enhancing the resilience of County Connection’s infrastructure, we will provide a reliable backup power source for our fleet and create more local jobs in the future.



Passenger boarding a bus.



County Connection mechanic.



Family in San Ramon, California, on County Connection.