

To: Marketing, Planning, & Legislative Committee

Date: July 30, 2026

From: Kyle Boehm, Grants Administrator

Reviewed by: AMS

SUBJECT: CCTA Coordinated Call for Projects

Background: On June 23, 2026, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) released the Countywide Coordinated Call for Projects (CCFP). The CCFP combines the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's One Bay Area Regional Grant Cycle 4 (OBAG 4) and Community Action & Regional Empowerment (CARE) programs; the Bay Area Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Additional Bicycle Infrastructure Program; and CCTA's Measure J Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) and Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trail Facilities (PBTF) programs into a single call for projects. In response, County Connection is partnering as a joint applicant with the City of Pleasant Hill and the City of Walnut Creek to provide support to three projects within our service area:

Coggins Drive Active Transportation Enhancements Project – City of Pleasant Hill:

This project will construct Class II buffered bike lanes in both directions along Oak Park Boulevard from Pleasant Valley Drive to Buskirk Avenue, and a two-way Class IV separated bikeway on the north side of Coggins Drive from Buskirk Avenue to the Iron Horse Trail. Construction of these improvements will reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two and will include traffic calming features such as bulb-outs, bus boarding islands, and narrowed vehicular travel lanes. By closing a critical gap, the project will enhance connectivity, support mode shift, and expand active transportation options. As a key first- and last-mile investment, the project will improve bicycle access to the Pleasant Hill BART station and bus transit hub, helping residents and commuters more easily connect to regional destinations on transit. County Connection staff provided the City with a letter of support for this project, included as Attachment 1.

Contra Costa Boulevard Active Transportation Project – City of Pleasant Hill:

This project proposes a Class IV separated bikeway on Contra Costa Boulevard. This facility will provide a direct connection to the EBMUD Trail—a local trail corridor linking the Contra Costa Canal Trail, Pleasant Hill Middle School, the Pleasant Hill Library, and a large residential area with Downtown Pleasant Hill and the higher-density housing, shops and restaurants, employment centers, and transit stops contained therein. This project will also improve access from these communities to key destinations and regional infrastructure. Keeping in mind that almost every passenger on a County Connection bus starts and ends their trip as either a pedestrian or bicyclist, this project will also improve access to public transit. The project includes improvements to several existing bus stops along Contra Costa Boulevard and at cross-street intersections. By closing a critical gap, the project will enhance connectivity, support mode shift, and expand active transportation options. A letter of support for the project is included as Attachment 2.

Better Bus Stops 2 Project - City of Walnut Creek:

This project proposes a continuation of the City of Walnut Creek's Better Bus Stops Project. The project provides another set of access and safety improvements at bus stops throughout Walnut Creek by means of removal or replacement of existing non-compliant shelters with new accessible, solar-powered bus shelters, improvements to sidewalks and ADA access, increased site lighting, the addition of benches, and real-time arrival signage. Staff will provide a letter of support for this project as the City's grant application nears completion.

Financial Implications:

Apart from a limited amount of staff time providing feedback and reviewing the project plans as part of their normal course of duties, there will be no financial impact to County Connection.

Recommendation:

None, for information only.

Action Requested:

None, for information only.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Letter of Support for Coggins Drive Active Transportation Enhancements Project

Attachment 2: Letter of Support for Contra Costa Boulevard Active Transportation Project



July 17, 2026

Tim Haile, Executive Director
Contra Costa Transportation Authority
2999 Oak Road, Suite 100
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

RE: Letter of Support for the 2026 Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Coordinated Call for Projects (CCFP) Grant Application on the Coggins Drive Active Transportation Project

Dear Mr. Haile:

The Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (County Connection) would like to express our strong support for the City of Pleasant Hill's Coggins Drive Active Transportation Enhancement Project. County Connection provides fixed-route and paratransit bus service throughout the Contra Costa County community, including two weekday routes and one weekend route through the project area.

Through development of the SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, residents identified Oak Park Boulevard and Coggins Drive as priority corridors for improving safety and accessibility. Bicycle facilities do not exist along the project corridor which spans Oak Park Boulevard and Coggins Drive between Pleasant Valley Drive and the Iron Horse Trail, leading bicyclists to ride on sidewalks or choose to drive. This corridor is included in the MTC Active Transportation Network and the City of Pleasant Hill's Bicycle Priority Area, underscoring the need for targeted improvements.

Consisting of one continuous street with a name change at Buskirk Avenue, Oak Park Boulevard is a four-lane east/west arterial while Coggins Drive is a four-lane east/west collector. The corridor provides connections to the Iron Horse Trail, the Pleasant Hill BART station, Pleasant Hill Library, the EBMUD Trail, and Pleasant Hill Middle School. Across the project area, slip lanes and limited bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities constrain connectivity and access to key destinations.

This project will construct Class II buffered bike lanes in both directions along Oak Park Boulevard from Pleasant Valley Drive to Buskirk Avenue, and a two-way Class IV separated bikeway on the north side of Coggins Drive from Buskirk Avenue to the Iron Horse Trail. Construction of these improvements will reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two and will include traffic calming features such as bulb-outs, bus boarding islands, and narrowed vehicular travel lanes. By closing a critical gap, the project will enhance connectivity, support mode shift, and expand active transportation options. As a key first- and last-mile investment, the project will improve

bicycle access to the Pleasant Hill BART station and bus transit hub, helping residents and commuters more easily connect to regional destinations on transit.

County Connection strongly supports this project and believes that it will significantly benefit the quality of life of our passengers and the community as a whole and will improve access to the regional transit network. We look forward to the completion of this very impactful project.

Sincerely,

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Bill Churchill
General Manager



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RE: Letter of Support for the 2026 Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Coordinated Call for Projects (CCFP) Grant Application on the Contra Costa Boulevard Active Transportation Project

Dear Mr. Haile:

The Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (County Connection) would like to express our strong support for the City of Pleasant Hill's Contra Costa Boulevard Active Transportation Project. County Connection provides fixed-route and paratransit bus service throughout the Contra Costa County community, including three weekday routes and two weekend routes through the project area.

Through development of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, residents identified Contra Costa Boulevard as a priority corridor for improving safety and accessibility. Existing Class III bicycle facilities do not provide a comfortable experience for many users, leading bicyclists to ride on sidewalks or choose to drive, thereby impacting the safety and comfort of both bicyclists and pedestrians. Additionally, the corridor is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Active Transportation Network and the City of Pleasant Hill's High Injury Network, underscoring the need for targeted improvements.

Contra Costa Boulevard is a six-lane north/south regional arterial linking Walnut Creek to northern Contra Costa County that is frequently used as an alternative to I-680, and it contains numerous commercial access points, closely spaced intersections, and vehicle turning movements that impact the comfort and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Across the project area, limited facilities constrain connectivity and access to key destinations.

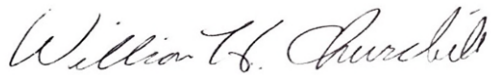
This application proposes a Class IV separated bikeway on Contra Costa Boulevard. This facility will also provide a direct connection to the EBMUD Trail—a local trail corridor linking the Contra Costa Canal Trail, Pleasant Hill Middle School, the Pleasant Hill Library, and a large residential area with Downtown Pleasant Hill and the higher-density housing, shops and restaurants, employment centers, and transit stops contained therein. This project will also improve access from these communities to key destinations and regional infrastructure.

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Keeping in mind that almost every passenger on a County Connection bus starts and ends their trip as either a pedestrian or bicyclist, this project will also improve access to public transit. Furthermore, the project includes improvements to several existing bus stops along Contra Costa Boulevard and at cross-street intersections. By closing a critical gap, the project will enhance connectivity, support mode shift, and expand active transportation options.

County Connection strongly supports this project and believes that it will significantly benefit the quality of life of our passengers and the community as a whole and will improve their ability to move throughout the region. We look forward to the completion of this critically important project.

Sincerely,

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General Manager