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CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Robert Storer called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Andersen, Diaz, Farley, Hoffmeister, Noack, Wilk and Worth. Directors Hillis and Rubio arrived after the meeting convened. Director Tatzin was absent.

Staff: Churchill, Sherman, Boehm, Dixit, Glenn, Hill, Horta, Jones, Johnson, Longmire, Martinez, Sanderson and Smith

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Judy Barrientos, ATU Union President spoke about the importance of giving drivers meal breaks.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Noack moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 18, 2026; (b) OPEB Actuarial Valuation and GASB 75 Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026; (c) Swiftly Contract Renewal and Resolution No. 2027-01. Director Diaz seconded the motion, and it received the following roll call vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Diaz, Farley, Hoffmeister, Noack, Storer, Wilk and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Directors Hillis, Rubio and Tatzin

REPORT OF CHAIR:

Appointment of Nominating Committee for Election of CCCTA Officers

Chair Storer informed the Board that as is customary, the Nominating Committee, consisting of himself (the current Chair), and the last two Board Chairs, Director Tatzin and Director Wilk, will meet and nominate the officers for the next year as follows: Laura Hoffmeister as Chair, Tim Farley as Vice Chair and Sue Noack as Secretary. In accordance with the Authority's Bylaws, nominations will remain open until the September meeting of the Board at which time nominations will close and the Board will elect its officers.

Community Project Funding Grant

Director Rubio arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Chair Storer informed the Board that Congressman DeSaulnier delivered a check to County Connection in the amount of \$2 million in order to fund our solar project.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

APTA Transform and Expo-October 4-6, 2026

General Manager Bill Churchill informed the Board that the upcoming APTA Transform & Expo will be in Chicago from October 4-6. Chair Storer asked if there were any Directors who were interested, since some are already going with their jurisdictions. It was determined that Kevin Wilk and Marisol Rubio would be attending on behalf of County Connection.

Status of the New Fuel Tanks

Bill Churchill stated that the replacement of our underground diesel fuel tanks is one of the largest capital projects we have undertaken in the past few years outside of bus purchases. We are going to show a few slides of the tanks to provide a perspective of the scope for the Board. The project is almost complete, the tanks are installed, tested, permitted and ready to go. We discovered a leak in the old piping infrastructure under the fuel bay where buses are actually fueled that we had to repair. Those repairs have been completed, and we are in the process of preparing to pour cement to complete the project. We anticipate completion in the next few weeks.

This project is not just important to County Connection as our method to hedge fuel costs, this project provides 50k gallons of fuel, combined with another 20k gallons still underground for a total of 70k gallons allowing us to purchase when prices are low and wait out most of the market price spikes, but this is the largest fuel storage facility outside of the refineries that is a designated backup for emergency fuel for fire and heavy equipment in the wake a major natural disaster. I think it's also important to remind the Board that we do not use diesel, rather we use what is called "renewable diesel" really a misnomer as it is not a petroleum product, it is made up of animal renderings and vegetable matter resulting in a much lower emissions profile.

California State Budget Negotiations

Bill Churchill explained that the state funding programs don't completely solve the long-term operating problem facing Bay Area transit agencies. That's why the Bay Area has been pursuing a separate regional revenue measure.

SB 63 authorized a 2026 ballot measure covering Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. The proposed measure is intended to generate roughly \$1 billion annually for transit and related transportation needs.

The measure has now qualified for the November 3, 2026 ballot. MTC says the initiative received enough valid signatures to qualify.

SB 125 created a large, one-time transit funding program. The Bay Area received approximately \$1.1 billion of the statewide funding.

However, MTC's most recent long-term financial plan says that all \$776 million in SB 125 and regional operating funding has been disbursed as of 2026. The remaining approximately \$725 million in SB 125 funding is being directed toward major capital projects, including BART Core Capacity and BART Silicon Valley Phase II. Director Hillis arrived at 9:29 a.m.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance Committee

Clever Devices/Hitachi Rail Contracts*

Resolution No. 2027-02*

Amber Johnson, CFO, explained that County Connection has used Clever Devices' Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) for more than 20 years. The system supports critical operations including CAD/AVL, vehicle tracking, dispatch, automated announcements, passenger counting, real-time passenger information, onboard communications, and performance reporting. Clever Devices was acquired by Hitachi Rail on July 1, 2026.

The current annual maintenance and support agreement expired June 30, 2026, making renewal necessary to maintain manufacturer-supported operation of the ITS system. The proposed one-year Hitachi Rail maintenance agreement is \$245,487 and includes software maintenance, database and hosted services support, updates, technical assistance, and six annual on-site technician visits. \$156,627 will be funded with State of Good Repair (SGR) funds, with the remaining \$88,860 funded through the FY 2026-27 operating budget.

In addition, the IVN3 onboard equipment has reached the end of manufacturer support. Staff proposes upgrading the 13 buses in the 2017 fleet to the newer IVN5 platform, which has been used in newer buses since 2023. The \$260,034 upgrade includes equipment replacement, installation, configuration, testing, project management, and three spare IVN5 controllers. The removed operational IVN3 equipment will be retained as spare parts for older buses, helping reduce obsolescence risk and improve reliability.

The IVN5 project will be funded through FY 2026-27 TDA Capital funds and is included in the approved budget.

MOTION: Director Noack moved adoption of Resolution No. 2027-02, authorizing the General Manager or designee to execute agreements and related procurement documents with Hitachi Rail for annual software maintenance, database services, on-site support, and the IVN5 fleet upgrade project in an amount not to exceed \$505,521. Director Worth seconded the motion, and it received the following roll call vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Diaz, Farley, Hoffmeister, Noack, Rubio, Storer, Wilk and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Directors Hillis and Tatzin

Release of Request for Proposal for County Connection and LAVTA Joint Paratransit Procurement

John Sanderson, Director of ADA informed the Board that County Connection and LAVTA currently jointly contract with Transdev Services, Inc. for ADA paratransit and related services, with County Connection serving as the lead agency. The current contract was extended through June 30, 2027, and no additional extensions are available.

The two agencies are therefore preparing a new joint procurement for a successor contract beginning July 1, 2027. The County Connection/LAVTA Paratransit Ad-Hoc Committee has been meeting since September 2025 to help develop the future partnership and procurement.

The agencies plan to continue the joint contracting model under a new MOU, with County Connection remaining the lead agency. Fixed costs will be shared based on each agency's percentage of total revenue hours. Continuing the combined approach is expected to preserve economies of scale by sharing management, dispatch, scheduling, and other resources.

The new contract will continue services including:

County Connection LINK
LAVTA Wheels Dial-A-Ride

BART ADA paratransit
One-Seat Regional Ride
Alamo Creek flex-route shuttle
Emergency response/mutual aid
Other special transportation services

The new Scope of Work will also be reorganized to make the contract easier to administer and oversee, with more consistent service standards, greater subcontractor accountability, and a more unified service model. This was an information item only.

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

Youth Ride Free Update

Ryan Jones, Manager of Marketing & Communications, explained that building on last year's online engagement strategy, County Connection promoted Youth Ride Free (YRF) through ads on buses and through targeted social media ads based on location, age, and spoken language. The primary audience for social media engagement was youth, ages 13-16, who are beginning to gain independence and are more likely to be receptive to programs like YRF that allow them to travel on their own. For this age group, many do not yet have driver's licenses or are seeking alternatives to relying on others for rides. Our secondary audience are parents and guardians of children ages 6–12, who are key decision-makers and typically manage their children's activities and schedules.

Messaging around YRF began in May and was focused on awareness of the program and driving youth ages 13-18 to join the Leaderboard at youthridefree.com. The Leaderboard is an engagement tool that allows participants to log their rides and compete for weekly prizes.

This year, the online YRF campaign saw about 1,200,000 views of English-language ads and about 400,000 views of Spanish-language ads. The ads built awareness of the YRF program drove traffic to the website, which brought in about 15,000 visitors between May 20 and July 22, 2026.

Web traffic to youthridefree.com was a shared marketing effort by County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, WestCAT, and CCTA, which combined social media advertising as well as printed assets such as flyers and posters with QR codes to the site.

CCTA is currently conducting an online survey of youth who have participated in YRF and their parents. The survey is open through September 4, 2026 and is being promoted by CCTA, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, and WestCAT. Once the survey concludes, staff will work with CCTA to share the survey's findings. This was an information item only.

Operating & Scheduling Committee

Authorization to Purchase Seven 40-foot Low-Floor Diesel Buses from the Gillig Corporation Resolution No. 2027-03

Marcel Longmire, Director of Maintenance explained that County Connection needs to replace seven 2014 low-floor transit buses that have reached the end of their useful service life. The replacement buses will be 40-foot low-floor vehicles manufactured by Gillig Corporation.

The total cost for the seven buses is \$5,329,001, funded through a combination of federal, state, and local sources. Procurement of these buses has been budgeted within the regular replacement cycle.

MOTION: Director Farley moved adoption of Resolution No. 2027-03, authorizing the General Manager to release a purchase order and letter to proceed to the Gillig corporation to build 7 (seven) 40-foot low-floor transit buses using pricing from RFP # 2025-MA-02. Total cost of the vehicles, tax, and delivery not to exceed \$5,329,001. Director Rubio seconded the motion, and it received the following roll call vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Diaz, Farley, Hillis, Hoffmeister, Noack, Rubio, Storer, Wilk and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Tatzin

Report From Advisory Committee

Re-Appointment of Subhang Mall as an At-Large Representative to the Advisory Committee

MOTION: Director Storer moved approval of the Re-Appointment of Subhang Mall as an At-Large Representative to the Advisory Committee. Director Rubio seconded the motion, and it received the following roll call vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Diaz, Farley, Hillis, Hoffmeister, Noack, Rubio, Storer, Wilk and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Tatzin

BOARD COMMUNICATION:

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Storer adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

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Asst to the General Manager/Clerk to the Board of Directors

Date: September 9, 2026