



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

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Meeting Body:	Board of Directors - Regular Meeting 07/26/2023	Final Action:	07/26/2023

Sponsors:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att.1. Presentation, Att.2. Existing Conditions Executive Summary, Att.3. Service Profile, Att.4. Market Analysis, Att.5. Origin-Destination Analysis Memo, Att.6. Ridership Summary Memo, Att.7. Individual Route Profiles - Fall 2019, Att.8. Individual Route Profiles - Fall 2022, Att.9. Survey Results Technical Memo, Att.10. Outreach and Engagement Summary, Att.11. Guiding Principles Memo

Agenda Title:

Consider receiving an overview of existing conditions findings and associated draft guiding principles as part of Realign - the District's system-wide service planning effort.

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Legislative Action & Summary

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	07/26/2023	Received	Pass

Action Text:

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to receive an overview of existing conditions findings and associated draft guiding principles as part of Realign - the District's system-wide service planning effort. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 President YOUNG, Vice President SHAW, Director WALSH, Director SYED, Director McCALLEY, Director PEEPLES

Absent: 1 Director BECKLES

Notes:

[Written comment received prior to the meeting is incorporated into the file by reference.]

Transportation Planner David Berman and External Affairs Representatives Diann Castleberry gave the presentation. In addition, the following consultants were present:

Laurence Lewis, Principal Planner serving as Project Manager, Kittelson and Associates
 Ron Kilcoyne, Senior Manager, Transportation Management and Design, Inc.
 Frank Ponciano, Associate Director, Winter Consulting

Public Comment:

Stephen Cooper hoped the realignment would serve as a comprehensive redesign for the present but also as a baseline for future service adjustments.

Bruce DeBenedictis advised that the section regarding Direct Lines that you must walk farther from was confusing and felt the best transbay service that was ever provided was when BART was down and busses went from downtown Oakland directly to San Francisco.

Meryl Siegel expressed concern about empty buses on Line 52 and requested a smaller bus that would leave less of a carbon footprint. It was further requested that operators turn off the stop announcements at the bus stops that are in front of homes.

John Minot, East Bay Transit Riders Union, urged AC Transit to exercise leadership and figure out how to take opportunities to do more with what they have and not to just be meeting out a certain number of hours (submitted written comment).

George Spies Traffic Violence Rapid Response, suggested that AC Transit make Safety a guiding principle, saying that while speed may enhance performance, it often comes at the expense of safety.

Gerald Cauthen, Bay Area Transportation Working Group, was happy the study is underway and gave suggestions for speeding up the service and improving reliability. Cauthen further advocated for simpler bus lines.

Dave Sorrell encouraged the Board and Service Planning Department to look a little deeper into connectivity as a guiding principle as well as an equity strategy saying that Line 51 should utilize Brooklyn Basin and University Village in Albany.

Adina Levin supported free transfers coming forward regionally.

Bob Finebaum urged AC Transit to work with the City of Oakland to develop a way finding system that would allow people to easily transfer between busses.

Andy Katz requested additional interactive opportunities to share input directly with the Board in a workshop setting again and encouraged ways of making data sets available to the public to allow feedback on potential scenarios.

Carter Lavin, Transbay Coalition, was excited for Transit month in September and understood the difficulties AC Transit faces as being woefully under funded.

Joshua Saunders is concerned about accessibility on AC Transits webpage and APP and wanted to ensure people with disabilities have access to that information.

Taylor is concerned that the some of the bus lines only operate on the weekdays, specifically Line 65 and requested a new bus line to go to the Oakland Zoo and the Space and Science Center.

Bryan Culbertson requested that the realignment of service also include what could happen with more funding for service.

Jane Kramer requested that AC Transit listen to the public in regard to the timing/arrival bus times.