



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

Report ID:	23-123	Status:	Approved
Type:	Regular - Planning		
Meeting Body:	Board of Directors - Regular Meeting 03/08/2023	Final Action:	03/08/2023

Sponsors:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att.1. Alternatives Memo, Att.2 - Service Priorities Memo, Att.3 Ashby Trip Generators Map, Att.4. Map Submitted by Director Walsh, Red Folder City of Berkeley Line 80 letter, Red Folder Line 80 Restoration Letter CM Humbert

Agenda Title:

Consider receiving a report on potential options for providing service on the Ashby Avenue segment of Line 80. [Requested by Director Beckles - 1/11/23]

Staff Contact:

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Legislative Action & Summary

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	03/08/2023	Received and provided direction	Pass

Action Text:

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PEEPLES/MCCALLEY to receive the report, thank the staff, and direct staff to bring back a report on the two existing pilots, Line 60 and Line 78, and a modified pilot on the Ashby corridor with staff recommendation analyzing service reliability and the service restoration policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 President YOUNG, Vice President SHAW, Director BECKLES, Director WALSH, Director SYED, Director McCALLEY, Director PEEPLES

Notes:

[Written comment, including letters of support, received prior to the meeting are incorporated into the file by reference. In addition, a map provided by Director Walsh was presented to the Board and is incorporated into the file by reference.]

Service Planning Manager Michael Eshleman presented the staff report and advised that Exhibit 7 of Attachment 1 should reflect that the proposed cut to Line 12 is 23 minutes instead of 30 minutes.

Public Comment:

George Spies encouraged the Board to accept the report so that staff could evaluate service options and recommend one for consideration at a future date.

John Wong expressed support for the proposed E-Local option for Line 80 service restoration, but as a separate bus line. Wong asked the Board to review support letters provided by Councilmember Taplin and Vice Mayor Bartlett which noted the benefits of returning service to local riders on Line 80.

Eduardo Sanchez asked why there's a driver shortage and whether dropping the vaccine mandate would help the driver shortage.

Melrose asked for confirmation that service would be restored on Line 47.

Alfred Twu expressed support for bringing bus service back to Ashby Avenue and commented on the benefits to local transit riders.

Cheryl Davila expressed support for returning bus service to Ashby Avenue and commented on the benefits to local transit riders.

Hayden Miller expressed support for Ashby Avenue bus service with the E-Local option. Miller noted Councilmember Taplin's letter of support for service restoration and the benefit for all transit riders with the expansion across this east-west corridor.

Molly Crowther supported the restoration of Ashby Avenue bus service and commented that Alta Bates and John Muir hospitals are major destinations for bus service. Crowther added that automobile parking at Alta Bates is expensive and bus service would alleviate this problem.

Board Discussion of Motions:

MOTION: PEEPLES/YOUNG to accept the report, thank staff for their work on this corridor, and take no further action.

Members of the Board inquired about the Line 79 pilot and offered further comment on the staff report.

Discussion ensued concerning the effect of the bus operator shortage on service restoration, the impact of the established service priorities on previously approved service pilots, service reliability, and whether staff should have addressed the issue of implementing the Line 79 pilot (Ashby extension) sooner. An argument was made as to whether it was necessary to take action when the Board had previously taken action to implement the Line 79 pilot, subject to operator availability. It was also argued that the coverage in service on Ashby Avenue between Dwight Way and 40th Street was greater than what was prescribed in Board Policy 545 (Service Standard and Design Policy).

AMENDED MOTION: WALSH/BECKLES to accept the report, and direct staff to come back to the Board with a recommendation for a pilot to restore service on the Ashby corridor in time for the August 2023 signup, including information on any other requirements the District would need to comply with (public hearing, etc.) if needed.

President Young suggested an amendment to the amended motion which after further discussion was clarified.

General Manager Hursh recommended that the Line 79 pilot be implemented in line with the Board-approved service priorities when the District has the resources to do so. Concern was raised that the Board-approved priorities had not been consistently applied to other pilot projects. General Manager Hursh responded that while staff's focus was service reliability, staff could reevaluate the

other pilots against the established priorities, which could potentially eliminate existing pilot service.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDED MOTION: YOUNG/MCCALLEY to receive the report, thank the staff, and direct staff to bring back a report on the two existing pilots, Line 60 and Line 78, and a modified pilot on the Ashby corridor with staff recommendation analyzing service reliability and the service restoration policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: YOUNG, MCCALLEY, BECKLES, WALSH, SYED, PEEPLES, SHAW
