



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

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Meeting Body:	Board of Directors - Special Meeting 11/01/2023	Final Action:	11/01/2023

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Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att. 1 Draft Service Scenario Summary Presentation, Att. 2 Scenario Matrices, Att. 3 Equity Priority Communities

Related Files:

Agenda Title:

Consider receiving a report on the proposed draft service scenarios for Realign and associated public engagement.

Staff Contact:

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Legislative Action & Summary

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Result:
Board of Directors - Special Meeting	11/01/2023	Received	Pass

Action Text:

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to receive a report on the proposed draft service scenarios for Realign and associated public engagement. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Notes:

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

Service Planning Manager Michael Eshleman and External Affairs Representative Diann Castleberry presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

Kuan Butts, Transport Oakland, requested that AC Transit share the proposed GTF data of the proposed scenarios in order to perform a comparative analysis of previous service levels in years past.

Laurel Paget-Seekins, Public Advocates, advised a letter was sent to AC Transit asking for additional information on the proposal's metrics to compare pre-covid service and current service levels.

Sultana Adams, D3 Bus Operator, was concerned about the loss of Line 72R as well as the lack of

proposed changes in runtime and recovery in the proposals.

Michael Baker, Peoples Transit Alliance, voiced concern with the reliability and level of coverage contemplated in the different realigned proposals.

Dori Goldberg, Peoples Transit Alliance, urged the Board to ensure that data and metrics such as service hours, trips, miles, and other important metrics are included in each proposal as soon as possible.

Josie Aherns, Peoples Transit Alliance, was concerned that the proposals did not reflect updates to any of the run times to make routes and schedules more reliable.

Richard Marcantonio, Public Advocates, stated the scenarios do not take run and recovery times into account and the Board should give staff firm direction to come back with a realistic timetable and plan.

Bryan Culbertson requested that the District provide the sort of bus service that riders are going to use when they depart the BART station and believed the elimination of Flex Service Plan would provide enough left over money to run more frequent buses.

Anthony Nachor hoped the 72R would not be discontinued and that decent overnight service continues.

Anthony was excited for the Realign, saying it was an opportunity to efficiently provide the best service with the resources available and would like to focus on feeder service to BART.

Emily Wheeler would like to see more data and asked that a visionary proposal be developed with at least 90% service without cutting any service.

Andy Katz hoped the outreach process would extend into early next year and that the District would consider building in another phase where data could be shared as was suggested at the last workshop.

Darrel Owens believed that AC Transit should advocate for Capital Project funds for bus only lanes and to stop competing with BART.

Sweta requested consideration of the feedback offered by Operators to improve reliability, provide more breaks, and have more achievable schedules.

Mathew L, Peoples Transit Alliance, requested that the Realignment focus on improving reliability and frequency by ending the practice of unreasonable expectations from the drivers. **Dave Lyons**, 34-year Veteran Bus Driver supported the idea of extending the lines with longer recovery times and requested to improve conditions for transit workers, especially new drivers.

John Knox White seconded the comments of Andy Katz and Daryl Owens and hoped the District would reconsider cutting the B21 Alameda to Oakland Airport run as well as the Transbay OX . **Amala John**, Peoples Transit Alliance, advised that safety is a high priority for her and felt unsafe and uncertain for when a bus might or might not show up and thought the Realign proposal must address the transit worker shortage which is very much connected to the issue of reliability. **Brandy Donaldson**, D3 Bus Operator, requested that the Realignment provide the data to prove that the runtimes would be fixed before any changes were made to the service.
