



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

Master Minute Order

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Meeting Body: Board of Directors - Regular Meeting 12/13/2023 **Final Action:** 12/13/2023

Sponsors:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att. 1 Summary of Initial Phase 3 Engagement, Att. 2 Data Request Summary, Att. 3 Reliability Summary, Public Comment: Realign - City of El Cerrito, Public Comment: Realign - City of Alameda, Public Comment: UC Berkeley

Related Files:

Agenda Title:

Consider receiving a status update on Realign, including an overview of Phase 3 input received to date and next steps, and provide direction to staff as needed.

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Legislative Action & Summary

Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	12/13/2023	Received	Pass

Action Text:

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: SHAW/WALSH to receive the report without further direction to staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 President YOUNG, Vice President SHAW, Director WALSH, Director McCALLEY

Nays: 3 Director BECKLES, Director SYED, Director PEEPLES

Notes:

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

Public Comment:

Public speakers expressed their views and reasons to the Board why consideration toward staffing the "micro transit" pilot in the Realign plan should not utilize the option of outsourcing staffing to non-union labor over utilizing the District's own ATU membership. Additionally, public speakers expressed concerns about operator safety, inadequate break time, and other quality of life issues. These speakers included:

James Jackson, ATU 192 Assistant Business Transportation,

Jack Watkins, D4 bus operator,

Dori Goldberg, adding a comment that the 72R not be discontinued.

Arielle Hernandez, Peoples Transit Alliance, adding that any micro transit service be ADA-accessible and have booking accessibility and/or fare payment without need of a mobile device or credit card. Hernandez also urged the Board to keep the 72R bus line.

Laurel Paget-Seekins, adding that the visionary network should follow the revision of the service standards.

M. Lancaster, Bus Operator, adding emphasis to review of operator runtime.

Josi Aherns, Peoples Transit Alliance,

Lupin Miller, D2 Bus Operator,

Sara Ropati, D3 Bus Operator,

Dylan F., and the Board should adopt the Reliability improvements and hold approval until 2025.

Linda Mohammad, D4 Operator,

Rachel Ripoti, D4 Bus Operator.

Alfred Twu commented that service reliability needs to be the primary focus of the District and that schedules need to offer adequate break times for operators to promote lower burnout and operator safety. Twu opposed combining the 51-bus line and opposed non-ATU staffing of the micro transit project.

Sultana Adams, D3 Operator, commented that addressing inadequate runtime and breaktime problems, which are operating at the mandated minimums, must be addressed during the Realign process. Adams opposed non-ATU staffing of the micro transit project.

Lindsay Banacek commented on the benefits of supporting the merging of the 51-bus lines.

Bob Feinbaum referenced his submission of comments on three planned Realign proposals: Keep Line 21, Extend Line 6 to Oakland AMTRAK, and Terminate Line 40 at Eastmont Transit Center.

Anthony noted that Realign Survey is missing 'ridership by route, ridership by day, and ridership by route segment' data and explained why having this information in future reporting is essential to future planning, extending the Realign process if necessary.

Gerald Coughlin commented on what improvements are needed to the Realign plan, addressing Frequency, reliability, gradual route changing, and review of commonality of performance of your best 4 or 5 routes when developing your plans.

Pat Piras commented that analysis includes information from Paratransit.

Sheila Gunn commented similar riders like her will use paratransit often. Gunn expressed supports micro transit staffed by ATU workers.

Dave Lyons expressed agreement of the reunification of the 51-bus line and hoped management can address adjusting bus routes to prevent bunching.

Brian Culbertson commented that the public data has been inadequate to provide good analysis of the different realign scenarios and presented notes on essential data for the realign project.

Richard Marcantonio, Public Advocates, commented that on-time reliability issues be the primary issues addressed in this process. Marcantonio expressed support to staff recommendation addressing time extensions but noted a lack of discussion about the Flex pilot as related to the micro transit matter.

Dureal Brown, D6 bus Operator, commented the chaotic runtime scheduling presented to Bus

Operators.

Elijah Burckins presented bus service ideas associated with Realign and expressed support to ATU bus operators.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, commented that the Realign scheduling adjustments should precede fleshing out the Visionary Network standards. Levin added comments related to a joint agency letter sent to the District urging it to seek aide from the MTC if service levels on some lines cannot be met on certain bus lines.

George Spies commented on what the District needs to do toward reaching service goals and provide excellent service.

David Vartanoff commented on bus service on the 51 and 72R and the use of Line 6

David Sorrell, Transportation Demand Management Administrator, UC Berkeley, commented on many Realign service planning issues as it pertains to University of California students and staff.

Jane Kramer commented on the need for reliable data and on change agents.

Joe Berry, PTA, EB-DSA, rejects that idea that cutting service and/or staff is not the solution. Berry added his support for Union labor.

Michelle Rousey asked the board to keep the needs of disabled and senior passengers in mind with Realign.

Kass Bacon expressed opposition to the cancellation of the 72R line and offered support to the ATU workers.

Warren Cushman noted the special needs of riders with disabilities and for support for bus operators. Cushman added his opposition to any plan to cut service to unincorporated areas of Alameda County.

Jason expressed support for more consistent and more frequent service on San Pablo Ave corridor. Jason added additional comments regarding other bus lines reported in Realign and opposed any service cuts.

Wendy Caesar opposed bus service cutting because it will force other buses on the line to speed up in order to keep consistent scheduling.

MOTION: SYED/PEEPLES to receive report and support the alternative proposal to extend the timeline and direct staff to report back on revised milestones for implementation.
