



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

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Agenda
Section:

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ded Action: Consider adoption of Resolution No. 21-020 approving the FY 2021-22 Recommended Operating and Capital Budgets.

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Sponsors:

Enactment Date:

Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att 1 Resolution 21-020, Att 2 FY22
Recommended Operating Budget, Att 3 FY22
Recommended Capital Budget, Att 4 FY22
Recommended Budget Book, Att 5 ARP Spending
List, Att 6 Classification Changes Report

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Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	06/09/2021	Adopted				Pass
Action Text: MOTION: BECKLES/PEEPLS to adopt Resolution No. 21-020 approving the FY 2021-22 Recommended Operating and Capital Budgets, but come back to the Board as soon as the District receives the ARP funding from Metropolitan Transportation Commission to make further adjustments. The motion carried by the following vote:						
Notes: Chief Financial Officer Chris Andrichak presented the staff report.						
Public Comment:						
Katy Scott-Smith , PTA-EBDSA, commented that the ridership projections in the budget are too modest and that riders will return sooner than reported. Scott-Smith noted that a correlation between operating with low ridership expectations will have the effect of causing diminished ridership. Scott-Smith suggested that the District should prepare a contingency plan to increase bus and operator levels if ridership increases past projected levels.						
John Minot , East Bay Transit Riders Union (EBTRU), expressed hope that ridership expectations skew higher than reported and noted that discouraged transit riders						

may choose to use a car instead of the bus and never ride transit in the future. Minot suggested that use of available funds towards service improvements, such as Quick Build Projects, would be efficient toward assisting the return of strong transit ridership. Minot noted that ARP funds would assist the District in creating more targeted and creative spending opportunities toward this goal.

Andrea Lowe, PTA-EBDSA, noted that the estimated ridership reported by staff in the budget is too low and commented on the repercussions for under-estimating ridership. Lowe addressed her view that more and more people are returning to their offices for work in the coming weeks and there are repercussions to underestimating ridership that delays the service recovery.

Maddy Grace Webbon commented that staff needs to reassess its projected ridership estimates within the budget because, as the pandemic rules lessen, people who previously rode the bus before the pandemic will now return to riding the bus and ridership may rise quicker than estimated.

Board Discussion:

Vice President Young asked what was included in fringe benefits and what is included. Mr. Andrichak explained that it was many things including employee benefits, retiree benefits, various leave benefits and pension, which is accounted for separately.

Director Peeples noted that his calculations indicated the average bus operator had \$12 an hour in benefits and \$9 per hour in pension. He further inquired what it would take to get an analysis of the maximum practical service level that we can provide given the District's current facilities, fleet, hiring, etc. General Manager Hursh advised that staff can provide a follow-up report in the future with a professional analysis of a menu of choices and the associated costs that can be brought back to the Board. Director Peeples concurred saying that such a document would be helpful in advocating for more funding.

Director Beckles agreed with Director Peeples and felt that ridership and fare revenue were being underestimated in the budget. Mr. Andrichak advised that ridership and fare revenue were not easy to predict at this time and staff did the best to project future ridership based on the information available. He added that in the current fiscal year budget, staff overestimated fare revenue and did not want to make that miscalculation in the next budget.

Director Shaw was concerned about funding for supplemental service saying that she thought it would be an issue in the fall.

President Ortiz asked if there was money set aside for Oakland Unified School District. Mr. Andrichak advised that the money was spent this year and was fully expended as it was time- limited. He added that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission would allocate more funding.

Director Walsh inquired about additional staffing (headcount) and when that would

be considered. Mr. Andrichak advised that all of the pending position requests would be addressed during the mid-year budget revision. He also explained why some positions were recommended to be included in the budget and others were held in pending status.

Ayes: 7 President Ortiz, Vice President Young, Director Walsh, Director Beckles,
Director Williams, Director Shaw, Director Peeples
