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ded Action: Consider approving staff's methodology and priorities for Transbay service recovery across the next year. [Requested by Director Walsh - 5/12/21 and 7/28/21, and by the Board of Directors - 7/28/21]

Sponsors:

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Attachments: STAFF REPORT, Att.1 Transbay Service Recovery

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Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	09/08/2021	Approved				Pass
Action Text: MOTION: ORTIZ/WILLIAMS to approve staff's methodology and priorities for Transbay service recovery across the next year. The motion carried by the following vote:						
Notes: <i>[Written comment received prior to the meeting is incorporated into the file by reference.]</i>						

Director of Planning and Service Development Robert del Rosario presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin commented that the Transbay service in South Alameda County must be offered greater consideration against service rollbacks. Levin noted that Line M in particular may have reported lower ridership in the survey, but it is the only bus line servicing this essential bus route. Levin noted the availability of funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and suggested that San Mateo County's Measure W could support Transbay service.

Evan Adams commented that Line M provides needed service for those going to work in Foster City. Adams noted letters from Foster City groups to the Board express the need to restore and continue Line M to that area.

Jonathon Kass, Transportation Policy Manager for SPUR, commented on the evolving return-to-work situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its affects on Transbay service. Kass hoped that regular updated reporting could offer improvement to the reliability of Transbay service and would correspond with new ridership demands.

Katy Scott-Smith PTA-EBDSA, supported the current Transbay service review methodology and recommended no change to this current methodology.

Board Discussion:

Director Peeples asked what the data might suggest about when people will return to work and on which days of the week. Mr. del Rosario commented on data available through regional surveys and the possibility of partial and/or permanent work from home plans for large employers, noting that the current situation has made it difficult to plan service. Director Peeples suggested that staff also consider other destinations like hospitals and industries where work from home is not possible.

Vice President Young commented on the difficulty of trying to predict future Transbay service when travel patterns are so unpredictable. He added that it would be a critical issue going forward.

Director Walsh thanked staff for the report and their efforts to provide service. She further commented that she was surprised to learn that some lines were prioritized to spread service across multiple divisions to ensure that operators would have access to higher paying Transbay runs. Director Walsh questioned the use of this criteria to justify bringing some lines back instead of others rather than give fill consideration to the needs of riders.

Director Walsh also asked when staff would start using current data to plan service rather than pre-pandemic ridership data. Mr. del Rosario advised that staff is reviewing current ridership data and pointed out that pre-pandemic Transbay ridership was 15,500 riders a day versus 1,300 now. He believed that origin/destination data would have greater usefulness in uncovering trends in travel patterns. Director Walsh supported opportunities to attain current data, rather than use data from 2019.

Director Walsh was disappointed to learn that no additional operators would be available in December to provide service. Mr. del Rosario advised that there is new information on hiring since the staff report was written and there is some possibility of adding more local trips in December and perhaps some Transbay improvements as well.

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