



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

NEXT MEETING:

February 25, 2026 4:00 pm

Location:

**Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority Boardroom
801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

CITY OF ANTIOCH

Donald Freitas
Louie Rocha

CITY OF OAKLEY

Shannon Shaw
Anissa Williams

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Diane Burgis
Shanelle Scales-Preston

CITY OF BRENTWOOD

Susannah Meyer
Tony Oerlemans - Chair

CITY OF PITTSBURG

Dionne Adams - Vice Chair
Angelica Lopez

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Sue Higgins

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Tony Oerlemans
 - a. Roll Call

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

While public comments are encouraged and taken very seriously, State law prevents the Board of Directors from discussing items that are not on the meeting agenda. If appropriate, staff will follow up on public comments. Please see Public Comment Guidelines on the last page of this agenda.

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT** Chair Tony Oerlemans

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION ITEM):**

(see attachment: tab #1)

- a. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of December 10, 2025
- b. Financial Report
- c. Marketing and Customer Service Activities Report
- d. Legislative Report

Requested Action: Approve items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d

6. **CEO's REPORT:** Rashidi Barnes

(see attachment: tab #2)

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7. ACTION and DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. DISCUSSION ITEM: Student Cover Art Contest

(see attachment: tab #3)

Requested Action: This is a discussion item only, no action is needed at this time.

b. ACTION ITEM: Appoint a Bus Transit Operators' Ex-Officio "Alternate" Representative to the Authority Board (CCTA)

(see attachment: tab #4)

Requested Action: Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors to appoint an existing Board member to serve as the Bus Operator Ex-Officio Alternate on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Board effective February 1, 2026, for the second of two one-year terms.

c. DISCUSSION ITEM: Mobility HUB Study Report

(see attachment: tab #5)

Requested Action: This is a discussion item only; no action is needed at this time.

8. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Conference With Agency Designated Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6(a)

Agency designated representatives: Mark Wilson of Burke Williams & Sorensen, LLP, Labor Negotiator, Rashidi Barnes, Paul Rodriguez, Toan Tran, Joseph Chappelle, Eli Flushman.

Employee organization: Amalgamated Transit Union Local 198

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9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Under this item, Directors are limited to providing information, asking clarifying questions about matters not on the agenda, responding to public comment, referring matters to staff, or requesting a report be made at another meeting.

10. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: February 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509.

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- Persons requesting to address the ECCTA Board of Directors in person are requested to complete a Comment Request form and submit it to the clerk. If possible, please submit the form prior to the start of the meeting. At the appropriate time, the ECCTA chair will call on individuals to comment.
- During the public comment agenda item, the public is permitted to address the ECCTA Board of Directors on items that are on the consent calendar or items not on the agenda. Individuals may also make a request for future agenda items. No action or discussion may take place on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.
- If a person wishes to speak on a specific agenda item, the ECCTA chair will call on the individual when the agenda item is being discussed by the Board of Directors.
- Persons addressing the ECCTA Board of Directors are requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes unless an extension of time is granted by the chair, subject to approval of the ECCTA Board of Directors.

AGENDA, STAFF REPORT, AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:

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ANTICIPATED ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors may take action on any item on the agenda, which action may consist of the recommended action, no action or a related action.

TAB 1

Agenda Item #5

Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM): Minutes, Financial Report,
Marketing Activities Report, and Legislative Report

Board of Directors Meeting

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ECCTA Boardroom

801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509

EASTERN CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Antioch - Brentwood - Pittsburg - Oakley and Contra Costa County

MINUTES

December 10, 2025

The Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA) meeting was called to order in the ECCTA Board Room, 801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, California by Chair Oerlemans at 4:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL / CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Donald Freitas (Antioch); Sue Higgins (Member-At-Large); Angelica Lopez (Pittsburg)*; Susannah Meyer (Brentwood); Kevin Romick (County); Shannon Shaw (Oakley); Anissa Williams (Oakley); Tony Oerlemans (Brentwood)

ABSENT: Dionne Adams (Pittsburg); Shanelle Scales-Preston (County)

STAFF PRESENT: Rashidi Barnes, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Toan Tran, Chief Operations Officer (COO)
Eli Flushman, General Counsel
Rosanna Dominguez, Executive Assistant
Leeann Lorono, Manager of Customer Service and Marketing
Paul Rodrigues, Director of Finance and Accounting
Agustin Diaz, Manager of Planning and Grants
Maceo Wiggins, Compliance Manager
Megan Howell, Associate of Customer Service and Marketing
Will Omaque, Maintenance Supervisor

OTHERS

PRESENT: Benjamin Trejo, Transdev Safety Manager
Myeisha Williams, Transdev General Manager
Ashley Greene, Audit Partner at Brown Armstrong CPAs

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Oerlemans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by Director Freitas, seconded by Director Higgins, ECCTA Board members adopted the Consent Calendar below, which was carried by the following vote:

- A. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of October 22, 2025
- B. Marketing and Customer Service Activities Report
- C. Operations Report
- D. Legislative Report

AYES: Freitas, Higgins, Lopez, Meyer, Shaw, Williams, Oerlemans

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Romick

ABSENT: Adams, Scales-Preston

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- A. Operations Report

Chief Executive Officer Rashidi Barnes reported on SB63 updates. These included polling data for the current time, and the measure will go on the ballot on November 20, 2026. There is optimism towards this sales tax measure as it is above the majority line.

Mr. Barnes attended the CCTA Board Workshop, which included the County Transportation Plan and the Transportation Expenditure Plan. Mr. Barnes hopes that CCTA can attend the board meeting in the coming months to present a condensed version to the Tri Delta Transit Board. CTP (Countywide Transportation Plan) includes recommendations that are provided by Tri Delta Transit to the County regarding projects, programs, and policies that will feed into the Transportation Expenditure Plan that will be voted on by the County. Key takeaways from the workshop are that housing growth will be up to 34%, majority of that growth is in Oakley, Antioch and Pittsburg. In addition, the majority of the job growth is in Antioch and Pittsburg.

The Take Flight program was discussed, and the County's interest in expediting transit was expressed. There are federal funds to support these initiatives, which could potentially take funding away from local transportation agencies.

Mr. Barnes gave an update on Tri Delta Transit's participation in the Antioch Police Department's Toy Drive. Tri Delta Transit also supported the online toy drive for UCSF Children's Hospital. In addition to the toy drives, Tri Delta Transit attended the Assembly Woman Lori Wilson's Transportation Town Hall. Toan Tran, COO, presented Tri Delta Transit's services for seniors, veterans, and those with disabilities.

ACTION ITEM AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Draft Independent Auditors' Report

Ashley Greene, Audit Partner at Brown Armstrong CPAs, presented a summary of the audit reports for Tri Delta Transit. This report covers audited financial statements prepared in accordance with government auditing standards. Financial statements are fairly presented, and no modifications are needed. Internal controls and financial reporting were audited, and no noncompliance was reported. Any other audit findings or issues were reported; none were found. Recommendations provided by Brown Armstrong CPAs included a recommendation on capitalization policy.

On motion by Director Freitas, seconded by Director Williams, adopted Resolution #251210A accepting the Independent Auditor's Draft Final Report for the year ending June 30, 2025, which was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Freitas, Higgins, Lopez, Meyer, Romick, Shaw, Williams, Oerlemans
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Adams, Scales-Preston

B. Stroller Policy Update

Leeann Lorono, Manager of Customer Service and Marketing, presented the history of the first Stroller Policy. Ms. Lorono gave an update on our services provided with our paratransit service and our Tri MyRide service. Neither of these services is included in the current Stroller Policy, and this amendment is to ensure they are included going forward.

On motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Lopez, authorized staff to adopt Resolution #251210B approving the updates to the Stroller Policy, which was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Freitas, Higgins, Lopez, Meyer, Romick, Shaw, Williams, Oerlemans
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Adams, Scales-Preston

C. Clipper Next Generation Overview

Leeann Lorono, Manager of Customer Service and Marketing, provided an introduction to the new Clipper Next Generation. This new generation included contactless payment systems, allowing customers to use their own bank cards if needed, instead of just a Clipper Card. In addition, they have started accepting online applications for Youth and Senior Clipper cards.

There will also be new physical Clipper Cards issued, or the old Clipper Cards flipped to the new program, allowing instant value from when you load money on the website or app. They also have a new transfer policy that applies a discount when you switch from one transportation agency

to another. Available online is also a transfer balance if you need to transfer funds from one card to another, it was only available with Clipper over the phone. Multiple-account management is also available online if needed to manage an account for multiple people or cards.

Ms. Lorono presented the rollout of the program and the timeline for all old cards to be flipped to the Clipper Next Generation Overview.

This is a discussion item only, no action is needed at this time.

D. 2026 ECCTA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Rosanna Dominguez, Executive Assistant, presented the future dates of the Board of Directors for year 2026.

On motion by Director Williams, seconded by Director Meyer, the ECCTA Board of Directors approved the staff recommendation to combine the November and December 2026 board meetings and conduct that meeting on December 9, 2026. which was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Freitas, Higgins, Lopez, Meyer, Romick, Shaw, Williams, Oerlemans
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Adams, Scales-Preston

E. Boardroom Use Policy

Rosanna Dominguez, Executive Assistant, provided a history of the past boardroom use policy. Ms. Dominguez reviewed the changes and additional details that are now included in the revision of the Boardroom Use Policy. At the request of Director Freitas, the policy will include regional groups being allowed to use the Tri Delta Transit Boardroom.

On motion by Director Romick, seconded by Director Shaw, ECCTA Board adopted Resolution #251210E approving the revised Boardroom Use Policy, which was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Freitas, Higgins, Lopez, Meyer, Romick, Shaw, Williams, Oerlemans
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Adams, Scales-Preston

F. Mid-Term ECCTA Board Member-At-Large-Appointment

Rosanna Dominguez, Executive Assistant, informed the board that Member-At-Large Merl Craft submitted her resignation from her position on the board of directors. Ms. Dominguez reported the options that the Board of Directors have in appointing a new Member-At-Large.

The Board of Directors asked questions regarding nominations for the position. It was discussed the history of the position was discussed. It was the desire of the board to appoint Sue Higgins to the Member-At-Large position.

On motion by Director Williams, seconded by Director Freitas, appointed Sue Higgins as the Member-At-Large for the remainder of the current term, through December 31, 2026, which was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Freitas, Higgins, Lopez, Meyer, Romick, Shaw, Williams, Oerlemans
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Adams, Scales-Preston

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENT

Director Lopez
Director Romick
Director Williams
Director Higgins
Director Shaw
Director Meyer
Director Freitas

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until January 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the ECCTA Administrative Facility, 801 Wilbur Ave, Antioch, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanna Dominguez

Executive Assistant



Income Statement - Comparison to Annual Adopted Budget

< July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 >
(unaudited)

	FY 25 YTD Actual			FY26 Adopted Budget			YTD % of FY 25 Budget		
	ECCTA	FR	DR	ECCTA	FR	DR	ECCTA	FR	DR
OPERATING REVENUES									
Passenger Fares	\$ 891,256	\$ 488,040	\$ 403,216	\$ 2,153,356	\$ 1,098,211	\$ 1,055,144	41%	44%	38%
Other Income	\$ 110,915	\$ 110,915	-	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	-	111%	111%	38%
	\$ 1,002,171	\$ 598,955	\$ 403,216	\$ 2,253,356	\$ 1,198,211	\$ 1,055,144	44%	50%	38%
Total Operating Revenues:									
	\$ 1,021,735	\$ -	\$ 1,021,735	\$ 1,095,783	\$ -	\$ 1,095,783	93%		93%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES									
Federal Funds	\$ 6,874,712	\$ 6,058,228	\$ 816,485	\$ 26,387,095	\$ 19,629,635	\$ 6,757,460	26%	31%	12%
State Funds	\$ 1,284,441	\$ 445,392	\$ 839,049	\$ 3,342,533	\$ 1,277,605	\$ 2,064,928	38%	35%	41%
Local Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,608,847	\$ 2,608,847	\$ -	71%	73%	n/a
Inter-Operator Agreements (Bart Feeder)	\$ 54,621	\$ 45,032	\$ 9,589	\$ 76,745	\$ 61,396	\$ 15,349			62%
Interest & Other Misc Income	\$ 9,235,509	\$ 6,548,652	\$ 2,686,857	\$ 33,511,004	\$ 23,577,483	\$ 9,933,520	28%	28%	27%
Total Non-operating Revenues:									
	\$ 10,237,680	\$ 7,147,607	\$ 3,090,073	\$ 35,764,359	\$ 24,775,695	\$ 10,988,664	29%	29%	28%
Total Revenues:									
	\$ 10,681,080	\$ 6,422,736	\$ 4,258,343	\$ 21,904,858	\$ 13,856,003	\$ 8,048,855	49%	46%	53%
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Purchased Transportation	\$ 2,104,571	\$ 1,656,756	\$ 447,815	\$ 4,425,783	\$ 3,604,645	\$ 821,138	48%	46%	55%
Materials and Supplies	\$ 2,926,492	\$ 2,251,283	\$ 675,209	\$ 6,349,603	\$ 5,027,923	\$ 1,321,680	46%	45%	51%
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 631,196	\$ 442,446	\$ 188,750	\$ 1,499,535	\$ 1,100,245	\$ 399,290	42%	40%	47%
Services	\$ 215,390	\$ 176,812	\$ 38,578	\$ 484,630	\$ 401,310	\$ 83,320	44%	44%	46%
Casualty and liability insurance	\$ 143,318	\$ 111,778	\$ 31,540	\$ 389,500	\$ 313,488	\$ 76,012	37%	36%	41%
Utilities	\$ 84,433	\$ 66,313	\$ 18,120	\$ 710,450	\$ 472,082	\$ 238,368	12%	14%	8%
Other (Dues, Travel, Taxes, and Other)	\$ 16,786,480	\$ 11,128,125	\$ 5,658,355	\$ 35,764,359	\$ 24,775,695	\$ 10,988,664	47%	45%	51%
Total Operating Expenses:									
	\$ (6,548,801)	\$ (3,980,519)	\$ (2,568,282)	n/a	n/a	n/a			
EXCESS REV/(EXP)									

Total Operating Revenues:

NON-OPERATING REVENUES

Federal Funds
 State Funds
 Local Funds
 Inter-Operator Agreements (Bart Feeder)
 Interest & Other Misc Income
 Total Non-operating Revenues:
Total Revenues:

OPERATING EXPENSES

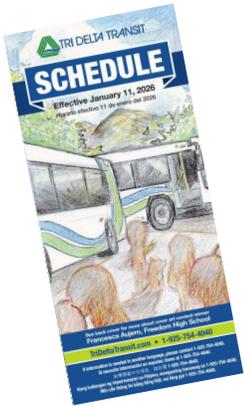
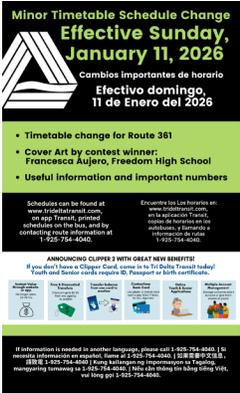
Purchased Transportation
 Materials and Supplies
 Salaries & Benefits
 Services
 Casualty and liability insurance
 Utilities
 Other (Dues, Travel, Taxes, and Other)
 Total Operating Expenses:

EXCESS REV/(EXP)

Staff Report to ECCTA Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Agenda Item: Marketing/Communications Activities – Agenda Item #5c
Lead Staff: Leeann Loroño, Manager of Customer Service and Marketing
Approved: Rashidi Barnes, Chief Executive Officer 

Tri Delta Transit strives to provide top-notch service to our customers and the community, as well as communicate the pivotal role Tri Delta Transit plays. Here are some projects Marketing has been working on.

 	<h2>January 11, 2026 Schedule Change</h2> <p>Tri Delta Transit had a schedule change on Sunday, January 11th, in coordination with BART and connecting transit agencies. Routes 361 and 373 had minor timetable adjustments. The schedule features the cover art winner, BART Bay signage, Clipper 2 information, and more. 20,000 copies will be distributed via buses, services, and community-based organizations.</p>
 	<h2>Celebrating and Spreading the Word</h2> <p>We were honored to highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Year's Day • Martin Luther King Jr. Day <p>Upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosa Parks Day Feb. 4th social media post • Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th social media post – why our riders love Tri Delta Transit • President's Day, Feb. 16th – Weekend/Holiday service

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Tri Delta Transit Out and About

Though the event season has wound down, our staff is not idle. We're planning for the upcoming 2026 events:

- Fan Day Feb 3rd – Wear jerseys on February 4th in support of the Super Bowl. Marketing will be out and about at BART, taking pictures of operators and riders in jerseys.

Ongoing Projects:



Transit Takes You Places

Riders are encouraged to take public transportation to get to and from events safely.

- Makers Boulevard, Brentwood
- Mercantile Market, Oakley



Collaboration

We're continuing to collaborate on:

- 511 Contra Costa Big Win rewards riders by entering them each time they ride in a contest for \$511 a month.
- Posted from events that we attended (next will be Fan Day)
- Posted request to complete the City of Antioch Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

<p>ON CLIPPER MACHINE - ACCEPTED ONBOARD:</p> <p>Clipper cards</p> <p>Contactless Bank Card</p> <p>Use plastic or mobile bank card to pay ADULT fares. for ALL Agencies</p> 	<h2>Clipper 2</h2> <p>Clipper is still transitioning to Clipper 2. Marketing and Customer Service stay vigilant in educating the public, riders, and operators on how the new system works and what the benefits of the program are.</p>
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SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS

Following please find a brief summary of metrics for the Tri Delta Transit social media accounts.

MAIN ACCOUNTS	MONTHS		
Followers	SEPTEMBER 2025	Through NOV. 19, 2025	Through JAN. 14, 2026
Facebook	1.4k	1.4k	1.4k
Instagram	1,124	1,130	1,135
LinkedIn	768	789	801
BlueSky	43	43	48

ALERT ACCOUNTS	MONTHS		
Followers	SEPTEMBER 2025	Through NOV. 19, 2025	Through JAN. 14, 2026
Facebook	105	108	108
Instagram	105!!	105	107

Please let us know if you have any questions or need further information about any of these materials.

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December 16, 2025

To: Rashidi Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority

From: Chris Lee, Partner, Politico Group

Re: December State Administration & Budget Updates

Politico Group is pleased to provide the following report to Tri Delta Transit on recent state executive branch and budget updates. The Legislature will return for the second year of its 2025-2026 legislative session on Monday, January 5 with the Senate under the new leadership of President pro Tempore Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), who officially took over the post on November 17. Governor Newsom’s proposed state budget is due to the Legislature by the constitutional deadline of January 10.

Administration Updates

CalSTA Releases Transit Transformation Taskforce Report

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) publicly released the Transit Transformation Task Force Report required by SB 125 (Committee on Budget, 2023) on December 9. Among other topics, the report was required to include recommendations on reforming the Transportation Development Act (TDA), the California law that determines how a large share of state funding is distributed to public transit operators. In addition to TDA reform, the report touches on broader funding needs as well as policy changes that could support transit operations and increase ridership.

Despite recognizing the “mounting fiscal pressures” on transit operators, the report stopped short of recommending increased funding through new revenues. Instead, the strategies focus on supporting regional efforts to raise revenue or shift funding from federal highway programs to transit, and promoting opportunities to capture value from roadway pricing, tax increment financing, and development on transit agency property.

The report also punted on TDA reform. While it recommends scrapping the current “unmet transit needs” process and eliminated the percentage of operating expenses covered by fares as the primary transit performance metric under the state law (i.e. “farebox recovery”), there were no specific recommendations on what performance metrics could replace it. Instead, the report recommends a further working group effort in addition to strategies to provide greater funding certainty, align incentives across state funding programs, and simplify reporting.

Other topical areas with suggested strategies in the report include:

- Infrastructure improvements to prioritize transit
- Improving first- and last-mile access to transit.
- Oversight and reporting
- Transit fleet and asset management
- Workforce Recruitment, retention, and development

- Safe and clean environment for passengers and operators
- Service and fare coordination or integration
- Accessible transportation and the transit needs of older adults and persons with disabilities
- Changes to Land Use, Housing, and Pricing Policies
- Permitting and approval process changes to expedite capital project delivery
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and value capture of property

Many of the report's subject areas have already been the subject of legislation approved or considered in the 2025-26 session, including safety, transit-oriented development, and permit streamlining. With the current COVID-era flexibilities in TDA law expiring at the end of June, however, there will be significant pressure to extend or modify the framework for transit funding as part of the FY 2026-27 budget process, despite the lack of specific recommendations in the CalSTA report.

State Budget Update

Legislative Analyst Forecasts Dreary State Budget Outlook

The LAO released its annual November [Fiscal Outlook](#), cautioning lawmakers that recent positive revenue news would be insufficient to mitigate the state's budget deficit, which the LAO now estimates at \$18 billion. The LAO's forecast indicates the same stronger than anticipated revenues; however, they suggest that any increased revenues will be dedicated primarily to constitutional obligations of Proposition 98 (K-14 school funding) and Proposition 2 (Rainy Day Fund), leaving little to address the state's budget shortfall. Further, costs have consistently exceeded budget estimates, which the LAO suggests will total around \$6 billion.

The LAO also notes that the "exuberance" about Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology is fueling much of the market's gains during 2025 and suggests that AI is responsible for an overheated market. Legislators, therefore, should not rely on these revenues on an ongoing basis.

Accordingly, the LAO recommends that state lawmakers make ongoing budget reductions and/or enact revenue increases to address the state's budget challenges. They note that, despite increasing state revenues, the state continues to face ongoing structural budget deficits. In addition, revenue estimates to date do not consider a potential economic recession nor do they consider the impacts of H.R. 1 on the state budget beyond the 2026-27 budget year. Finally, the LAO points out that the state has utilized most of its budget resiliency tools to address prior deficits and difficult decisions lay ahead.

While most transportation funding is constitutionally protected from being diverted to other uses, the projected budget shortfall could lead to the Legislature looking to special funds to make up for General Fund shortfalls, especially the Cap-and-Invest program's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. As discussed in the Transit Transformation Taskforce article above, the COVID-era flexibilities on farebox recovery and other standards under the Transportation Development Act expire at the end of the current fiscal year and are sure to be a topic of debate during the development of the FY 2026-27 budget.



January 9, 2026

To: Rashidi Barnes, Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority

From: Chris Lee, Partner, Politico Group

Re: January State Legislative & Budget Updates

Politico Group is pleased to provide the following report to Tri Delta Transit on recent legislative and budget updates. The Legislature returned for the second year of its 2025-2026 legislative session on Monday, January 5 with the Senate under the new leadership of President pro Tempore Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), who officially took over the post on November 17. Governor Newsom’s proposed state budget was presented to the Legislature on Friday, January 9.

Legislative Updates

The Legislature reconvened on January 5, 2026 for the start of the second year of the two-year session. Any two-year bills introduced in 2025 that are still in their first house (“house of origin”) must be heard in policy committees by January 16, 2026, and passed out of that house by January 31, 2026. For bills newly introduced in 2026, the last day to submit requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel to have a bill drafted is January 23, 2026, and the deadline for bill introductions is February 20, 2026.

President pro Tempore Limón Announces Senate Committee Assignments

On the Legislative front, Senate Pro Tem Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara) announced members of her leadership team and Senate committee chairs. Senator Limón officially assumed leadership of the California State Senate in November 2025, succeeding Senator Mike McGuire. Her announcement marks a significant leadership transition for the Senate, with certain roles taking effect immediately and others transitioning in February 2026. Senator Limón—the first woman of color to serve as Senate pro tempore—also named her longtime chief of staff, Mariana Sabeniano, to serve in the same role in her Pro Tem office.

Per the announcement, changes to leadership positions, Budget Committee chairs, and the Chair of Natural Resources & Water will all take effect immediately. The remaining committee chair transitions will take place on February 1, following the deadline for the two houses to pass bills introduced last year that are still in their house of origin.

Notable leadership and committee changes include:

- Sen. Angelique Ashby (D-Sacramento) – Majority Leader
- Sen. Sabrina Cervantes (D-Riverside) – Chair, Appropriations Committee
- Sen. John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) – Chair, Budget Committee
- Sen. Jesse Arreguín (D-Berkeley) – Chair, Housing Committee

Leadership for the key transportation committees in the Senate remain the same, with Sen. Dave Cortese (D-San Jose) chairing the policy committee and Senator Laura Richardson (D-San Pedro) chairing the relevant budget subcommittee.

Tri Delta's Senate representatives are serving in key leadership roles in 2026, with Senator Grayson serving as Pro Tem Limón's majority whip and will serve on the following standing committees:

Senator Tim Grayson (D-Concord)

Chair, Banking and Financial Institutions
Appropriations
Business, Professions & Economic Development
Housing
Revenue & Taxation
Transportation

Senator Christopher Cabaldon (D-Yolo)

Chair, Privacy, Digital Technologies & Consumer Protection (*new committee*)
Appropriations
Budget & Fiscal Review Committee
Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government
Education
Housing
Natural Resources & Water

State Budget Update

Governor's January Budget Presented to Legislature

Governor Newsom briefly previewed his proposed \$248.3 billion General Fund state budget during his January 8th State of the State Address, highlighting strong state tax revenues that are \$42.3 billion higher than forecasted last year. On January 9, the Department of Finance (DOF) presented the full January Budget proposal to the Legislature and the public. The Administration is characterizing the proposal as a "workload budget" with limited new spending and program reductions. The January Budget addresses what the Administration projects to be a \$2.9 billion shortfall, largely by suspending a requirement to "true-up" the State's Rainy Day fund through additional deposits.

The \$2.9 billion deficit estimate differs from the Legislative Analysts' Office (LAO) \$18 billion deficit estimate from November, largely due to differences in revenue estimates, including the LAO's assumption of a likely stock market correction. While the January Budget does not incorporate the impact of a potential stock market downturn, DOF notes that a correction of 20% could lead to a revenue hit to the state of approximately \$30 billion. The specific differences between the LAO Fiscal Outlook and the Governor's proposed budget include the following:

- Revenues: +\$31.5 billion (Governor's Budget higher)
- Non-K14 education program costs: -\$3.6 billion (Governor's Budget lower)
- Proposition 2 Rainy Day Fund: -\$2.6 billion
- State Fund for Economic Uncertainty (SFEU) reserves: -\$4.5 billion

- Prior year adjustments: +\$0.9 billion

Transportation

The 2026-27 January Budget largely maintains prior commitments and does not introduce major new proposals. The budget continues to rely on SB 1 and other dedicated transportation revenues to fund core state and local transportation programs, including highways, transit, active transportation, and goods movement.

Transportation Development Act

The CalSTA Transit Transformation Task Force Report released in early December highlighted fiscal strains on public transit operators but stopped short of recommending new revenues or proposing reforms to existing funding programs like the Transportation Development Act (TDA). The Governor's January Budget does not include a proposal to modify or extend the COVID-era TDA flexibilities for transit operators. These standards, including a waiver of farebox recovery requirements, are currently set to expire at the end of the fiscal year.

Bay Area Transit Loans

The January Budget seems to preview forthcoming trailer bill language regarding transit loans for Bay Area transit operators. Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding allocated to projects within the Metropolitan Transportation Commission region that do not require TIRCP funding for several years have been discussed as a potential source of loan funding.

Zero-Emission Vehicles

The January Budget proposes utilizing \$200 million in one-time special funds that the 2025 Budget Act appropriated to the Motor Vehicle Account (MVA) to offset projected deficits that will not materialize. The MVA is now projected to be solvent without the special fund transfers through FY 2026-27. The one-time special funds will support a new light-duty vehicle incentive program.

Cap-and-Invest

The Governor's 2026-27 January Budget reflects the new Cap-and-Invest reauthorization parameters including the allocation structure and expenditure agreements for the "legislative discretionary funding" made in the 2025 Budget Act.

Under SB 840 (McGuire and Limón, 2025), the new Cap-and-Invest allocation structure includes a three-tier waterfall with each tier funded in priority order. To fully fund all three tiers, Cap-and-Invest auction proceeds (deposited into the GGRF) need to generate approximately \$4.3 billion annually. As such, while some Cap-and-Invest allocation amounts are set by statute (e.g. \$1 billion for High-Speed Rail, \$1 billion for Legislative Discretionary Funding) other programs will receive varying amounts up to statutory maximums each year depending on overall auction proceeds (e.g. affordable housing, transit capital, and other tier-three programs).

Due to a projected shortfall in total GGRF in 2026-27, the Tier Three programs are anticipated to receive only 71% of the maximum statutory amounts they are eligible for under SB 840.

- **Cap-and-Invest Funding Structure as Modified by January Budget** (Proposed 2026-27 Funding Levels)
 - Tier One:
 - Manufacturing Tax Credit (\$159 million)
 - State Operations (\$120 million)
 - State Responsibility Area (SRA) Backfill (\$88 million)
 - Legislative Counsel Climate Bureau (\$3 million)
 - Tier Two:
 - High Speed Rail (\$1 billion)
 - Discretionary Funding (\$1 billion)
 - Tier Three:
 - Affordable Housing (\$396 million)
 - Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (\$283 million)
 - Community Air Protection (\$177 million)
 - Sustainable Communities and Agricultural Land Conservation (\$170 million)
 - Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (\$141 million)
 - Healthy and Resilient Forests (\$141 million)
 - Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Program (\$92 million)
 - Any remaining funding allocated through budget process (\$0 in 2026-27)

- **Discretionary Cap-and-Invest Funding.** The 2025 Budget Act included an agreement to support CAL FIRE operation costs with \$1.25 billion in GGRF in 2026-27, \$500 million in GGRF in 2027-28, and \$500 million in 2028-29. Moreover, the 2025 Budget Act allocated \$250 million in 2026-27 GGRF from the legislative discretionary funding pot for free and reduced-fare transit (\$125 million), climate research and technological innovation (\$110 million), and rebuilding Topanga Park (\$15 million).

The Governor’s January Budget proposes funding the CAL FIRE agreement and the existing 2026-27 discretionary appropriations from the \$1 billion discretionary pot, leaving no additional discretionary cap-and-invest funding in the budget year.

TAB 2

Agenda Item #6
DISCUSSION ITEM: CEO Report

Board of Directors Meeting

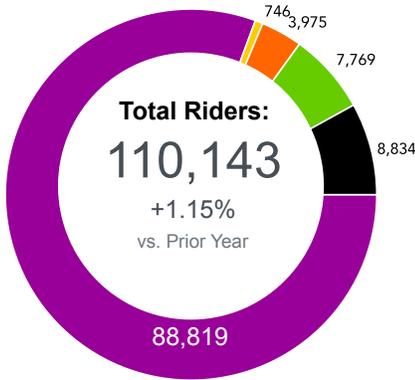
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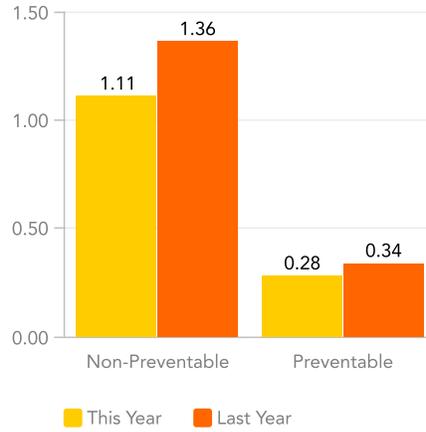
Performance Summary

Ridership

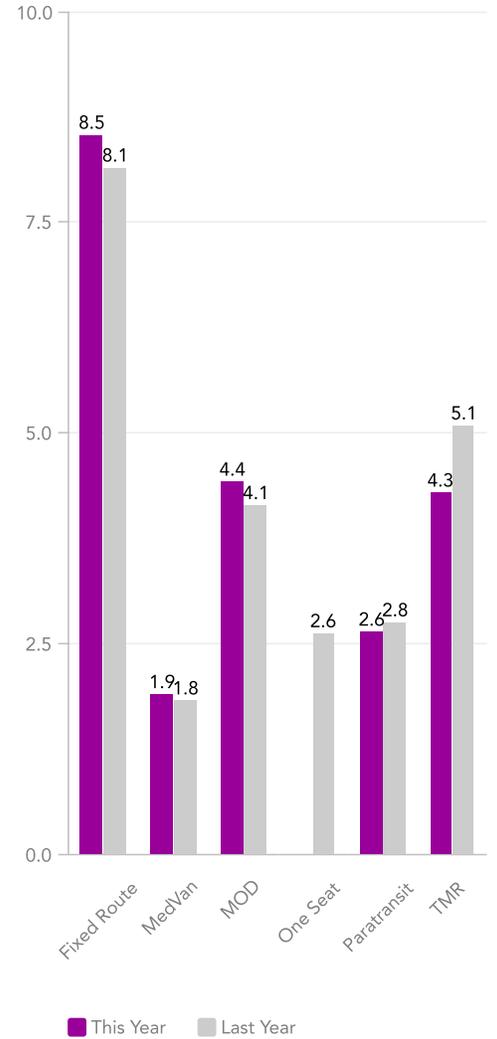


- Fixed Route
- MedVan
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- Paratransit
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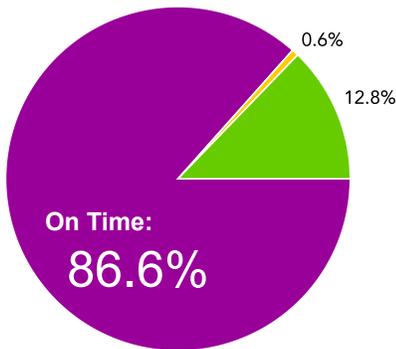
Accidents / 100K Miles



Passengers Per Revenue Hour



On Time Performance



- On Time
- Early
- Late

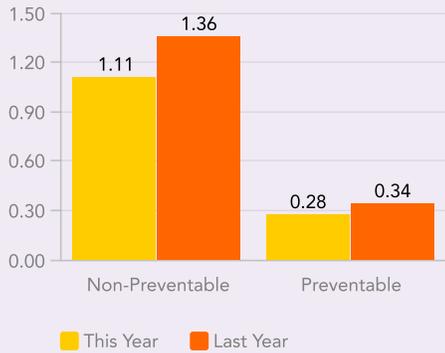
Preventable Accident Report

	Accidents	Per 100,000 Miles
Jun/FY2025	3	1.00
Jul/FY2026	2	0.68
Aug/FY2026	4	1.43
Sep/FY2026	5	1.82
Nov/FY2026	1	0.28
YTD 2025	1	0.34
YTD 2026	1	0.28
YTD Change		
Values	0	-17.65%

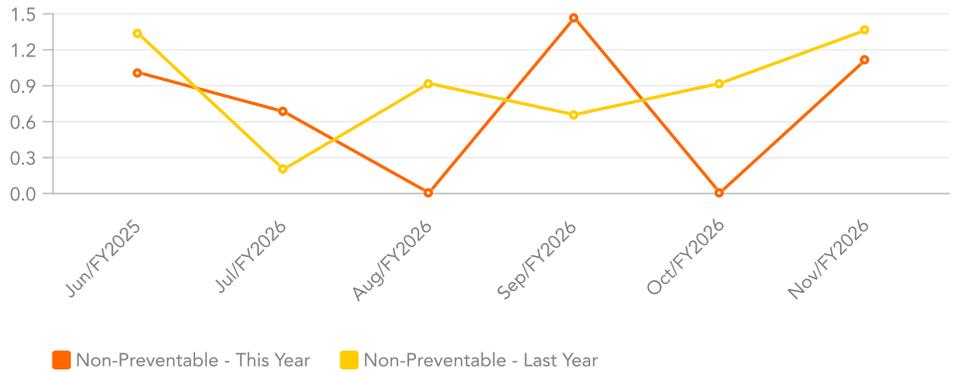
Preventable Accidents Per 100,000 Miles Last Six Months - System Wide



Year-over-Year - System Wide Accidents Per 100,000 Miles

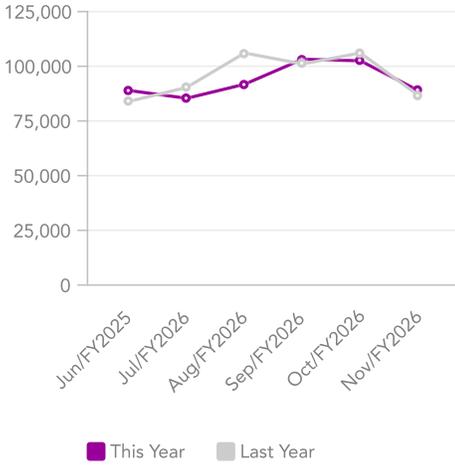


Non-Preventable Accidents Per 100,000 Miles Last Six Months - System Wide

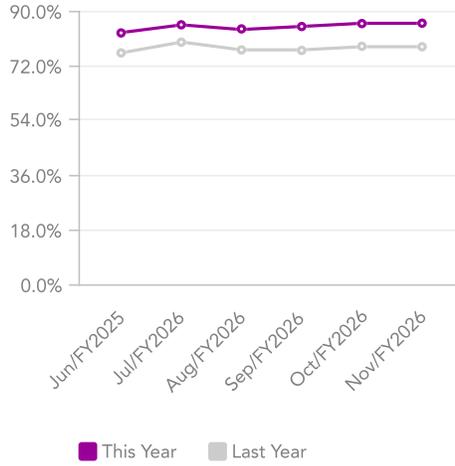


Fixed Route Performance

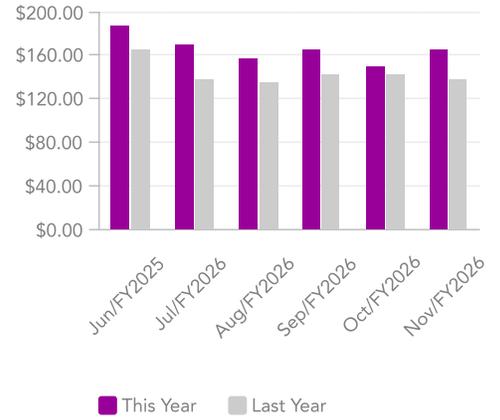
Total Ridership



On Time Performance



Operating Cost Per Revenue Hour



Year-over-Year Report - Fixed Route

Metric	This Year	Prior Year	% Change
Customer Service			
% of Trips On Time	85.91	85.79	+0.1%
Average Miles Between Roadca	63,139.98	24,252.00	+260.3%
Complaints Per 100k Riders	22.52	19.54	+15.3%
Ridership Per Rev. Hour	8.54	8.50	+0.5%
Financial			
Operating Costs Per Rev. Hour	165.33	149.67	+10.5%
Ridership			
Ridership	88,819.00	102,351.00	-13.2%

Passengers Per Revenue Hour



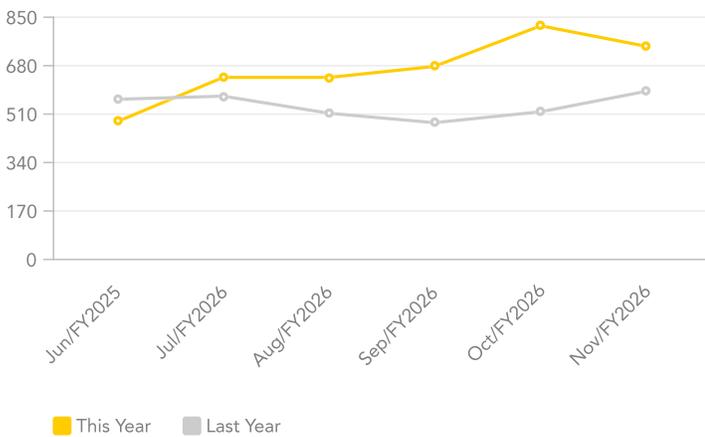
MedVan, Paratransit, and MOD Performance

Year-over-Year Report

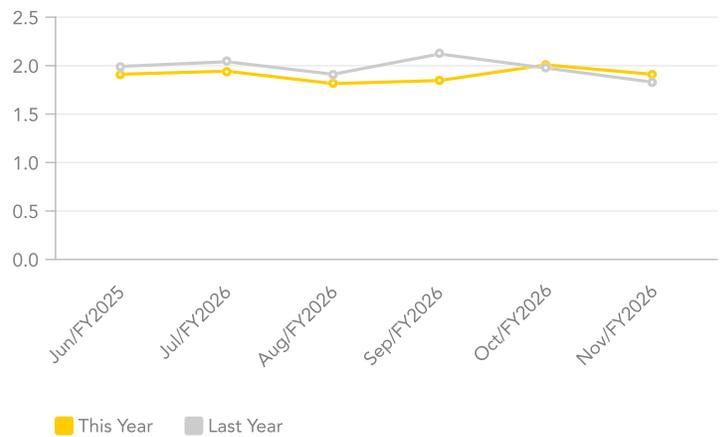
MedVan

	Metric	This Year	Prior Year	% Change
Customer Service	% of Trips On Time	93.68	96.51	-2.9%
	Complaints Per 100k Riders	0.00	169.78	-100.0%
	Ridership Per Rev. Hour	1.90	1.82	+4.4%
Financial	Operating Costs Per Rev. Hour	144.03	120.20	+19.8%
Ridership	Ridership	746.00	589.00	+26.7%

Total Ridership



Passengers Per Revenue Hour

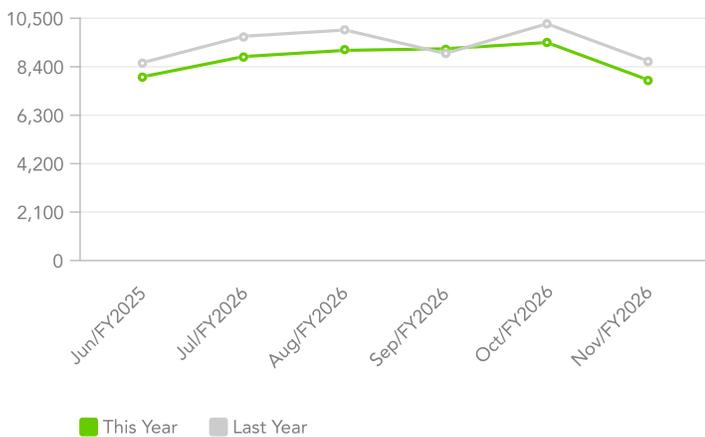


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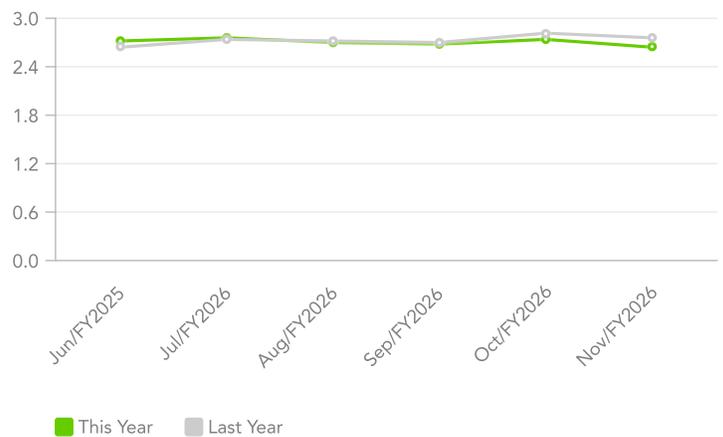
Paratransit

	Metric	This Year	Prior Year	% Change
Customer Service	% of Trips On Time	89.52	88.84	+0.8%
	Complaints Per 100k Riders	167.33	116.40	+43.8%
	Ridership Per Rev. Hour	2.64	2.75	-4.0%
Financial	Operating Costs Per Rev. Hour	144.03	120.20	+19.8%
Ridership	Ridership	7,769.00	8,591.00	-9.6%

Total Ridership



Passengers Per Revenue Hour

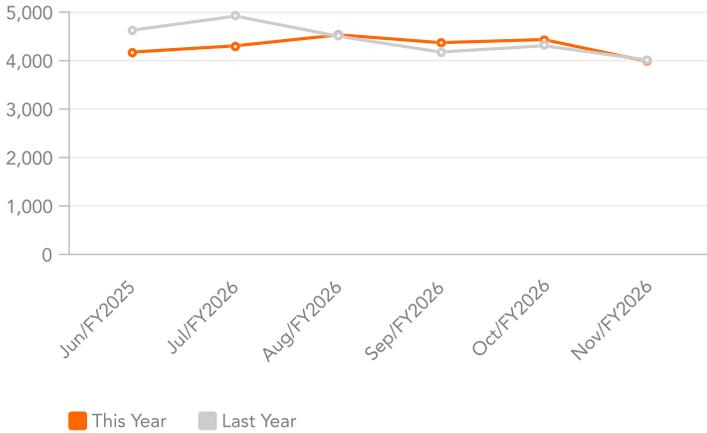


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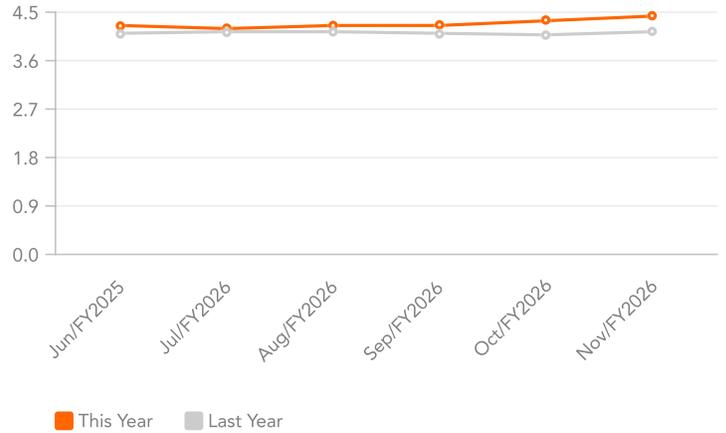
MOD

	Metric	This Year	Prior Year	% Change
Customer	Complaints Per 100k Riders	0.00	0.00	
Service	Ridership Per Rev. Hour	4.42	4.13	+7.0%
Financial	Operating Costs Per Rev. Hour	87.63	89.72	-2.3%
Ridership	Ridership	3,975.00	3,997.00	-0.6%

Total Ridership



Passengers Per Revenue Hour

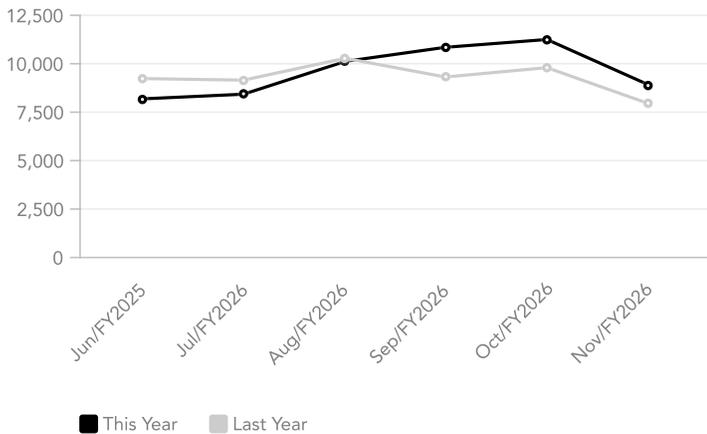


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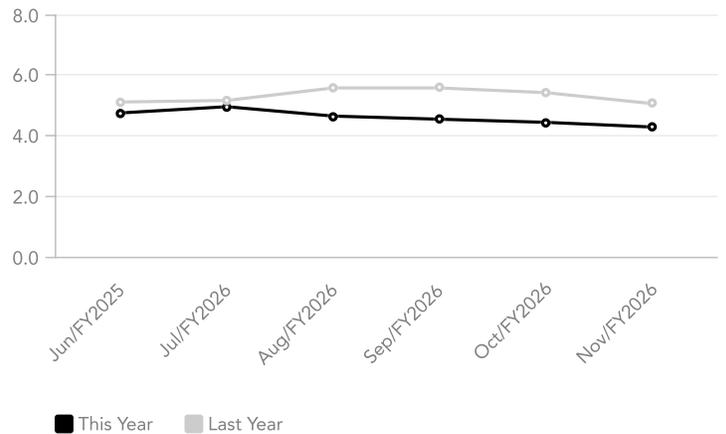
TMR

	Metric	This Year	Prior Year	% Change
Customer	Complaints Per 100k Riders	0.00	113.64	-100.0%
Service	Ridership Per Rev. Hour	4.29	5.08	-15.6%
Financial	Operating Costs Per Rev. Hour	144.03	120.20	+19.8%
Ridership	Ridership	8,834.00	7,920.00	+11.5%

Total Ridership



Passengers Per Revenue Hour



TAB 3

Agenda Item #7a

DISCUSSION ITEM: Student Cover Art Contest

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday January 28, 2026

ECCTA Boardroom

801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509

Staff Report to ECCTA Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
Agenda Item: Student Cover Art Contest - Agenda Item #7a
Lead Staff: Leeann Lorono, Manager of Customer Service and Marketing
Approved: Rashidi Barnes, Chief Executive Officer



Background

Tri Delta Transit has created a printed schedule for the public going way back. We proudly display them in our front cabinets from 1983 onward. Artwork and graphics are normally created in-house or by a graphic artist showing buses, passengers, and transit-related items.

With our 50-year anniversary upon us, Tri Delta Transit wanted to honor and involve the public and the riders that we serve. The Student Art Cover Contest was developed for the January 11, 2026, schedule cover.

Eligible artists included any student attending a school within our service area. Cover contest parameters and applications were widely distributed from elementary through adult education schools, at events, at the administration office front counter, and digitally through the Tri Delta Transit website and social media. Board members, city message boards, and community-based organizations also helped spread the word.

Discussion/Presentation

Tri Delta Transit was excited to award Francesca Aujero, a Freedom High School 10th grader, as the Student Cover Art Contest winner.

The printed schedule is in full color, with 20,000 copies distributed on fixed-route buses, supervisor vehicles, at events, and through community businesses and services. The artwork will be featured on social media and in the press.

Francesca is a passionate young creator who loves sketching and scribbling in her free time. She is a two-time winner of the Contra Costa County Library Bookmark Art Contest and was selected in the Contra Costa Water District's Water Awareness Youth Art Contest, where her piece was one of 14 featured in their 2026 wall calendar. Francesca is an entrepreneur too, taking on digital art commissions to earn a little pocket money.

We are honored to have Francesca Aujero and her family with us today, as well as the Principal of Freedom High School, Dr. Amaro.

Financial Impact

As part of the contest, along with her artwork featured on the cover, Francesca Aujero was also awarded a \$100 check plus a \$50 Youth Clipper card, so that she can continue to fall in love with transit.

Requested Action

This is a discussion item only; no action is needed at this time.

Attachment

Front and back of January 11, 2026 printed schedule featuring the art and winner.

STUDENT COVER ART CONTEST WINNER



**FRANCESCA
AUJERO**
FREEDOM
HIGH SCHOOL

Francesca Aujero is a 10th-grade student at Freedom High School in Oakley. A passionate young creator, she loves scribbling and sketching in her free time, both on paper and digitally. She also enjoys working with clay and experimenting with various handmade creations. She frequently challenges herself by participating in community art contests, where her work stands out for its simple, minimal style, with a focus on interpreting the theme of each contest and conveying the message behind her creations. Looking ahead, she hopes to study Computer Science in college where she can combine creativity and technology.

Francesca seeks out creative opportunities in her community and has earned recognition in several local competitions. She is a two-time winner of the Contra Costa County Library Bookmark Art Contest and was also selected in the Contra Costa Water District's Water Awareness Youth Art Contest, where her piece was one of 14 featured in the 2026 wall calendar highlighting the value of water in our community. She also takes on digital art commissions for fun, always delighted when her hobby earns her a little pocket money for game gift cards and milk tea.

Outside of art, Francesca excels academically and competes on Freedom High School's varsity tennis team. When she is not studying, drawing, or playing on the court, she enjoys traveling with her family and playing video games with her two younger siblings.

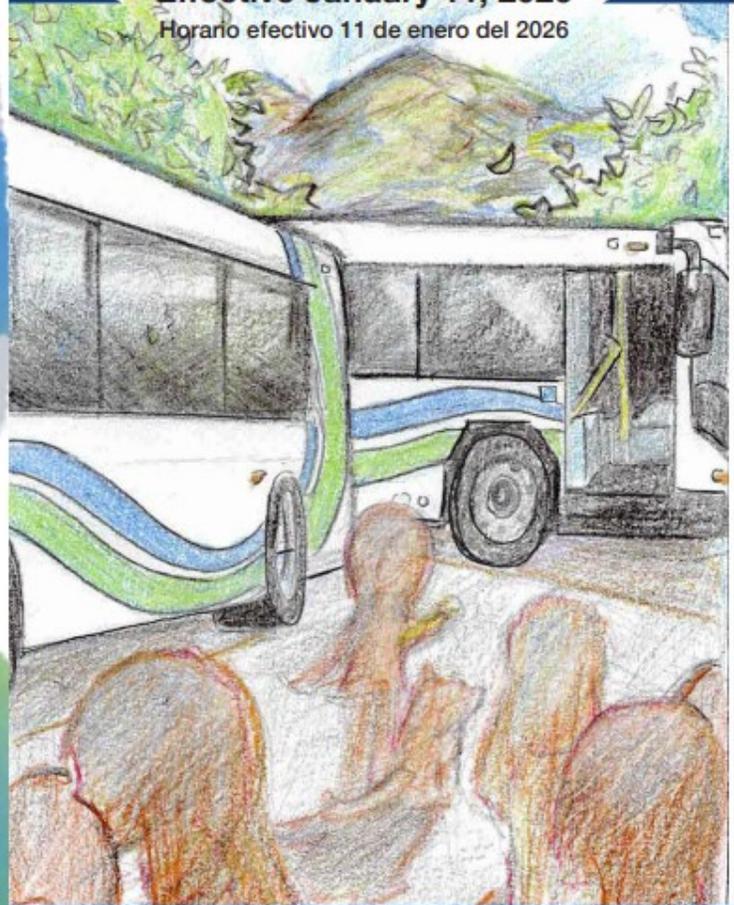
Francesca discovered the Tri Delta Transit Student Cover Art Contest flyer while helping senior relatives purchase Clipper cards at the Tri Delta Transit field office. That same day, Francesca began sketching her vision of Tri Delta Transit's role in the community. Even without having ridden it herself, she drew inspiration from her observations. After submitting her work, her curiosity grew, and she became eager to try the bus, train, ferry, and BART for the first time.



SCHEDULE

Effective January 11, 2026

Horario efectivo 11 de enero del 2026



See back cover for more about cover art contest winner
Francesca Aujero, Freedom High School

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Agenda Item #7a
*Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
January 28, 2026*

TAB 4

Agenda Item #7b

**ACTION ITEM: Appoint a Bus Transit Operators' Ex-Officio "Alternate"
Representative to the Authority Board (CCTA)**

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday January 28, 2026

**ECCTA Boardroom
801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509**

Staff Report to ECCTA Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

Agenda Item: Appoint a Bus Transit Operators' Ex-Officio "Alternate"
Representative to the Authority Board (CCTA) – Agenda Item #7b

Lead Staff: Rosanna Dominguez, Executive Assistant

Approved: Rashidi Barnes, Chief Executive Officer



Background

The four Contra Costa County bus operators (AC Transit, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, and WestCAT), share a non-voting seat on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Board of Directors. The seat rotates among the four operators in alphabetical order for two one-year terms. Prior to an agency holding the seat for a given term, that same agency holds the alternate seat for the previous two one-year terms.

Discussion

Tri Delta Transit is set to hold the Ex-Officio Alternate seat from February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, for the second of two one-year terms. After the Ex-Officio Alternate term for Tri Delta Transit is completed, the Tri Delta Transit seat will then rotate to Ex-Officio for two one-year terms. Completion of Tri Delta Transit's seat on the CCTA board in its entirety will be January 31, 2029.

CCTA bylaws require that all board members; including Ex-Officio members, otherwise be elected officials. The Ex-Officio member does not vote but attends the meetings of the full CCTA Board. The Ex-Officio does not sit on any of the CCTA board standing committees.

The Ex-Officio is to represent all four bus agencies on the CCTA Board.

Financial Impact

None.

Requested Action

Staff is requesting that the Board of Directors to appoint an existing Board member to serve as the Bus Operator Ex-Officio Alternate on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Board effective February 1, 2026, for the second of two one-year terms.

TAB 5

Agenda Item #7c
DISCUSSION ITEM: Mobility HUB Study
Report

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday January 28, 2026

ECCTA Boardroom
801 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch, CA 94509

Staff Report to ECCTA Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

Agenda Item: Mobility Hub Study Report – Agenda Item #7c

Lead Staff: Agustin Diaz, Manager of Planning and Grants

Approved: Rashidi Barnes, Chief Executive Officer

RB

Background

In July 2023, Tri Delta Transit was awarded a grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC) Regional Mobility Hub Program to conduct a feasibility study focused on identifying opportunities to enhance transportation options for residents in East Contra Costa County. Through technical assistance, MTC supports local agencies in planning for mobility hubs that respond to the unique needs of Equity Priority Communities while aligning with regional goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve multimodal access, and enhance quality of life.

Tri Delta Transit launched the East County Community Mobility Hub Study in the summer of 2024 with support from MTC and a team of consultants, including Fehr & Peers, Leshner Planning, Emergent Labs, and Tranzito. Guided by the framework of MTC’s Mobility Hub Implementation Playbook, the study included an evaluation of existing mobility conditions, developing concepts, evaluating potential sites, and identifying implementation strategies for a new mobility hub. Community and stakeholder engagement played an important role throughout the planning process to ensure that recommendations reflect the needs of East County residents.

Discussion

The project management team from Fehr & Peers will provide an overview of the project and the recommendations of the Tri Delta Transit Mobility Hub Study final report. The final report can be found on Tri Delta Transit’s website:

<https://trideltatransit.com/east-county-mobility-hubs-study/>

Financial Impact

None

Requested Action

This is a discussion item only; no action is needed at this time.