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down from the Town Council.

When I had the opportunity to was elected, Jeanette was able to look

at both sides of an issue and work with sides and come up with an appropriate the community to find a logical solu- answer to the problem. I look forward I was saddened to hear that tion. It is easy to be on a team with her to Jeanette having a speedy recovery Jeanette Frisky was stepping because of her high level of integrity. There are those who only complain with no solutions to the problem. And work with her before and after she then there are people like Jeanette Barry Behr who see something wrong, listen to all

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County Connection Transit Agency announces proposed fare and route changes

By John T. Miller



James Mason, a driver with the County Connection Transit Agency, steps out of the No. 6 bus to greet passengers at the Lafayette BART station.

Agency is proposing changes to routes and fares effective March

According to Ruby Horta, director of planning and marketing for the transportation system, budget estimates project that at the cur- Children under 6 years old will rent rate – without any changes to continue to ride free. the system – money will run out by 2023. "By making service adjustments that increase productivity and reduce costs, County Connection will be better positioned to address future financial constraints,"

nection began a Comprehensive will be no changes in the price of Operational Analysis to deal with the projected shortfall and came up with a proposal for a number of changes to the existing service, along with fare increases and an elimination of the midday free pass for seniors and disabled between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The transit company held meetings with various stakeholders and partner transit agencies, along with community meetings, public workshops, and a public hearing to receive input on the proposed chang-

According to Horta, "Opposi- the day. tion to the elimination of the midday fare was a constant theme be- to the Lamorinda area will be the

Program accounts for over 260,000 in peak service on Route 6, which

rides on an annual basis.

Photo John T. Miller he County Connection Transit would only impact passengers paying cash. These include a 50-cent raise for adults and youth on regu-

> express routes, bringing the total to \$2.50 per ride. Fares for seniors would be raised 25 cents to \$1.25. Paper passes, including paper transfers, will be eliminated; how-

ever, Clipper will continue to sup-

lar routes, and a 25-cent raise on

port transfers. "We've seen the trend of passengers going to Clipper since BART added the surcharge on pa-In July 2017, County Con- per tickets," says Horta. "There rides using Clipper."

> Clipper provides a Day Pass and Day Pass Accumulator. The Day Pass deducts regular and express bus fares, and discounted transfer fares from the stored cash value. Clipper cards can also save money by allowing unlimited rides on most County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, WestCat and Wheels routes. Once \$3.75 in fares is reached in a day (\$1.75 for senior and RTC customers) on any combination of participating transit services, rides are free for the rest of

The only restructure of routes hind the public comment process." elimination of Route 25 due to low Currently, the Midday Free ridership, and a potential increase runs from the Orinda BART station The proposed fare increases to Saint Mary's College and on to

returns via the same route. There are no changes planned for the 600 series that serves the local schools.

overhauled was in spring 2009. Horta acknowledge a number of changes since then, including hous-

the Lafayette BART station. It then ing developments, traffic patterns, demographic shifts, job centers and increased congestion.

Horta summed up the process, The last time the system was saying, "As transit planners, we would want more service to our customers, but the financial outlook is forcing us to make some

difficult decisions in order to create long-term financial viability."

While final adjustments may be made, the changes should be put in place early next spring, assuming the board approves the plans in November of this year.

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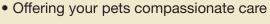


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