

Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee

MEETING AGENDA

July 18, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority
SCTA Large Conference Room
490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206
Santa Rosa, California 95401

ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Meeting Notes: May 16, 2017 - **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
3. Proposed Updates to Bylaws - **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
4. ADA access to transit stops – Discussion
5. Paratransit pick-up/drop-off at SMART – Discussion
6. Roundtable Updates
 - 6.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators
 - 6.2. Mobility Partners
7. Public Comment
8. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
9. Adjourn - **ACTION**

*Materials attached

**Materials to be handed out

The next **SCTA/RCPA** meeting will be held September 11, 2017

The next **TPCC** meeting will be held September 19, 2017

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TRANSIT PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of May 16, 2017

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Chair Dennis Battenberg.

Committee Members: Dennis Battenberg, Chair; Stan Gow, Vice-Chair; Paul George, Disability Legal Services; Steven Schmitz, Sonoma County Transit; Norine Doherty, Area Agency on Aging; Yuri Koslen, Santa Rosa CityBus; Jon Gaffney, Golden Gate Transit; Steve Birdlebough, Friends of SMART.

Guests: Bettina O’Brien, Santa Rosa MS Support

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes: March 21, 2017 -

DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Approved as submitted.

3. Round Table Updates*

3.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators

Santa Rosa CityBus:

Yuri Kolsen announced the Santa Rosa CityBus Reimagining system change to be implemented on May 21. All routes, numbers, and stops will be changing and outreach is forefront.

On June 6, a bus ride with the Santa Rosa Paratransit Users Group (PUG) members will be available to guide individuals on fixed route, with aims to familiarize individuals to the new system.

Golden Gate Transit:

Jon Gaffney talked about the fare increase for Golden Gate Transit on July 1. Mr. Gaffney stated that Sonoma County will not see an increase.

Sonoma County Transit:

Steven Schmitz talked about a recent 5311 grant awarded, which will be used to purchase more paratransit vans.

3.2. Mobility Partners

Norine Doherty, Area Agency on Aging, announced that funding for travel vouchers have been extended until December. Vintage House in Sonoma, Cloverdale Senior Center, and Sebastopol Area Senior Center have funds available.

SMART will be presenting to the Sonoma Access Coordinated Transportation Services (SACTS) Consortium on June 2nd at 1:00 pm.

4. Notice of Draft Proposed Updates to Bylaws – DISCUSSION

Dana Turrey, along with the TPCC executive committee, expressed an interest to discuss the committee bylaws. The last time they were updated was in 2007. A draft proposal is included in the agenda packet with changes aimed to clarify the function of the committee.

An official vote of the bylaws is expected in July.

5. Public Comment – Discussion

Bettina O’Brien talked about accessibility at the Westside Transfer Center and also wondered if transit providers would be interested in presenting information on their respective systems for the MS Support group. Topics would include how to utilize the system, bring awareness to resources available, and connectivity, specifically with SMART service expected to begin in the next month.

6. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

Dana Turrey distributed a handout of the 2017 Beyond ADA PCC Regional Conference minutes.

Additionally, Ms. Turrey distributed a pamphlet with information about open houses for 2040 Plan Bay Area.

Dennis Battenberg discussed challenging intersections in Santa Rosa.

Jon Gaffney asked about paratransit transfers in Sonoma County, expressing an interest to have this discussion before the launch of SMART.

7. Adjourn - **ACTION**

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Staff Report

To: Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee
From: Dana Turrey, Transportation Planner
Item: Proposed Updates to TPCC Bylaws
Date: July 18, 2017

Issue:

Shall the Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC) adopt the proposed updates to the TPCC bylaws?

Background:

The current TPCC bylaws were adopted in May 2007. While there have been no major changes to the Transportation Development Act regulations that guide the formation of the TPCC, there has been an interest in refreshing the language for clarity and alignment with current practices of the Committee. The attached proposed updates to the bylaws include minor additions marked by underlined text and deletions marked by ~~struck out~~ text. A notice of the proposed updates was brought to the TPCC on May 16, 2017 for review and comment. No comments on the draft proposed updates were received.

Requested Action:

The TPCC is requested to consider adoption of the attached proposed updates to the TPCC bylaws and vote at the July 18, 2017 meeting. A majority vote by the TPCC is required for adoption of changes to the bylaws.

DRAFT BYLAWS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TRANSIT PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TPCC)

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Sonoma County Transportation Authority Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC), hereinafter called the COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The COMMITTEE was established pursuant to SB498 (L. Greene), Chapter 673, amending the Public Utilities Code, the Revenue and Taxation Code, and the Vehicle Code, effective January 1, 1988. This act is codified in Section 99238 of the Transportation Development Act, which called ~~sed~~ for each transportation planning agency to provide for the establishment of a social services transportation advisory council. Initially, the COMMITTEE advised the Sonoma County Transportation Planning Council, which was established in 1989. By resolution, May 3, 1993, the COMMITTEE was recognized as an advisory body to the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) which had been established in 1990.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Pursuant to SB498, the COMMITTEE shall be composed of:

- a. one potential transit user of 60 years of age or over;
- b. one representative of potential transit users who is disabled;
- c. one representative of potential transit users who is Hispanic/Latino;
- d. two members representing local social service providers for the disabled, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists;
- e. two representatives of the local social service providers for seniors, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists;
- f. one member representing each fixed route public transit and paratransit operator within the county;
- g. one representative of a local social service provider for persons of limited means;

- h. one member representing each jurisdiction in Sonoma County;
- i. additional members at the discretion of the (SCTA);
- j. alternates in each category may be appointed.

3.2 Appointments to the COMMITTEE will be made by the SCTA based on recommendations made by the COMMITTEE, and where appropriate by city councils and the Board of Supervisors. Appointments should be broadly representative of social service and transit providers representing the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means, and should strive for geographic and minority representation.

3.3 Members of the COMMITTEE shall serve terms of three (3) years. ~~They may be reappointed for additional three (3) year terms~~ Memberships may be automatically renewed.

ARTICLE 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The COMMITTEE shall advise the SCTA, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Caltrans and other appropriate funding sources on their expenditures, with the aim of improving availability of transportation services for the special needs population groups, primarily the elderly, disabled and low-income communities. The COMMITTEE shall coordinate this effort with appropriate public, private, and nonprofit agencies, including transit and paratransit operators, within the County.

4.2 The COMMITTEE shall advise the SCTA Board on how to increase cooperation, coordination and effectiveness of specialized transportation services.

4.3 On referral by the SCTA Board, the COMMITTEE shall review proposals requesting Federal, State and/or local transit monies and make recommendations to the SCTA Board and other appropriate agencies.

4.4 The COMMITTEE shall provide a forum for discussion of common goals and recommended actions affecting paratransit between agencies, organizations and individuals who are members of the COMMITTEE. Opportunity for comment by members of the public shall also be provided at regular or special meetings.

4.5 The COMMITTEE shall annually review and comment on ~~the Sonoma County Five year Transportation Plan (i.e., Unmet Transit Needs Plan) for Elderly and Disabled Persons~~ any new pertinent transportation planning documents and assist with the process pursuant to SB 498 when necessary.

4.6 The COMMITTEE shall facilitate an annual public forum on transit issues pursuant to CA Public Util. Code Section 99238

- 4.7 The COMMITTEE may offer assistance to groups and/or agencies applying for funds for transit and/or paratransit services as appropriate; continue to be aware of potential funding sources; disseminate transportation information to as wide an audience as possible within the County; and at the same time seek to coordinate with other groups which have a regional interest in transportation.

ARTICLE 5. OFFICERS

The COMMITTEE shall nominate and elect annually a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. These officers shall comprise the Executive Subcommittee. Former Chairpersons may also be included in the Executive Subcommittee. Elections shall take place at the first regular meeting of the calendar year, nominations being made at the regular meeting preceding the elections. Nominations for Chairperson shall be limited to members having attended six (6) or more meetings in the preceding three (3) years.

- a. It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to preside over all meetings, to preside over the Executive Committee of the COMMITTEE and to appoint Subcommittees as necessary.
- b. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairperson to assist the Chairperson in the execution of that office, preside at meetings in the event of the absence of the Chairperson, and participate in the Executive Subcommittee.

ARTICLE 6. STAFF

The COMMITTEE shall be staffed by the Executive Director of the SCTA or his/her designee.

ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS

- 7.1 The COMMITTEE shall conduct open meetings in accordance with the Brown Act.
- a. The COMMITTEE shall regularly scheduled meetings bi-monthly or as needed.
 - b. Additional meetings may be called by the chairperson as required or requested by COMMITTEE voting members.
 - c. Executive Subcommittee meetings shall be scheduled prior to regular general membership meetings and as needed to deal with administrative issues.
 - d. Subcommittee meetings shall be called by the subcommittee chairperson as needed.
- 7.2 The TPCC Staff shall give written notice of each regular meeting of the COMMITTEE to each member at least one week prior to the meeting date. In the event that a special meeting is called, the Staff to TPCC shall attempt to notify all COMMITTEE members at least 72 hours in advance of the said meeting.

Whenever possible, the Staff to TPCC shall also provide for notice of the meeting to the public by posting agendas on the SCTA website.

7.3 Items for the agenda shall be submitted to the TPCC Staff two weeks prior to a meeting.

ARTICLE 8. VOTING

- 8.1 Each member of the COMMITTEE shall have one vote. An alternate shall assume that right to vote when acting on behalf of the member representative.
- 8.2 Six voting members excluding the Chair shall constitute a quorum authorized to transact any business duly presented at a meeting of the COMMITTEE.
- 8.3 Members of the COMMITTEE shall refrain from participating in any activities of the COMMITTEE in which the member has a material financial interest that would foreseeably be affected by COMMITTEE action. To that end, no member shall vote on any grant review issue or funding recommendation if that member represents any agency or group that is applying for funds or would be a contractor for such funding.

ARTICLE 9. SUBCOMMITTEES

- 9.1 Composition, length of term, and basic function of standing subcommittees shall be determined by a majority vote of the COMMITTEE. Standing subcommittees should be formed for:
- a. Executive Subcommittee works closely with staff in performing administrative functions of the TPCC including bylaw amendments, development of membership position papers, legislative issues, and preparation of agendas for general meetings and making recommendations to the full TPCC membership.
 - b. Operators Subcommittee will consist of agencies with vehicles to discuss issues of training, service delivery, coordination, dispatching, insurance, vehicle maintenance, et cetera.
- 9.2 Adhoc Committees may be formed and convened as needed for various purposes such as but not limited to the following. Recommendations will be brought forth to the full TPCC membership. Adhoc Committees may be convened as described below.
- a. Grant Review and Allocation Subcommittee is responsible for the review and formation of recommendations for all TPCC membership action on all grant applications, as requested by funding agencies or governmental entities. ~~The primary responsibility of this subcommittee is to review FTA Section 5310 applications.~~

- b. Community Education Subcommittee will provide recommendations for developing ways to educate the community on issues related to paratransit, such as informing legislators about paratransit issues, encourage legislator membership, promoting paratransit services through the utilization of media, and advocating and/or mediating for paratransit users, if needed.
- c. Accessibility/Unmet Transit Needs Subcommittee will provide recommendations on issues related to fixed route and paratransit accessibility including travel training, mobility devices, mediation, accessible vehicles and shelters, senior citizen mobility issues and advocating and/or mediating for paratransit users, if needed. In addition, the subcommittee will evaluate and monitor unmet transit needs in the county to verify that subcommittee findings identifying such needs are incorporated into the unmet transit needs process. SCTA Resolution 2001-008 recognized the increased need for paratransit services and continuing unmet transit needs, and determined that TDA funds would be dedicated to transit purposes.

ARTICLE 10. PARLIAMETARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in Roberts' "Rules of Order" shall govern the proceedings of the COMMITTEE to the extent they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE 11. AMENDMENTS, CORRECTIONS, OR CHANGES IN THE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended, replaced, or altered, in whole or in part, by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of this COMMITTEE, provided that a copy of any amendment proposed for consideration shall be mailed or emailed to the last recorded address of each member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.