



Sonoma County Transportation Authority
Regional Climate Protection Authority

Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee

MEETING AGENDA

July 16, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority,
Large Conference Room
411 King Street
Santa Rosa, California 95404

ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Meeting Notes: May 21, 2019 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
3. Roundtable Updates - Discussion
 - 3.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators
 - 3.2. Mobility Partners Reports
4. Section 5310 Formula Grants, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities - Call for Projects, July 1, 2019 - <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/rail-and-mass-transportation/enhanced-mobility-of-seniors-and-individuals-with-disabilities-program-fta-5310> – Information
5. TNC Access for All Act update – Information*
6. Public Comment
7. Items for Next Agenda – Discussion
8. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
9. Adjourn

*Materials attached.

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The next **TPCC** meeting will be held **September 17, 2019**

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TRANSIT PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of May 21, 2019

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:32 p.m. by

Committee Members: Dennis Battenberg, Chair; Stan Gow, Vice Chair; Patricia Kearns; Kathleen Cortez, AAA-HSD; Bob Cuneo; Yuri Koslen, Santa Rosa CityBus; Mohamed Ali, MV Transportation; April Pearson, Volunteer Wheels; Tim Webster, Earle Baum Center for the Blind; Steven Schmitz, Sonoma County Transit; Jon Gaffney, Golden Gate Transit; Sylvia Martinez-Palacios, Petaluma Transit.

Guests: Dorothy Fried, AAA Advisory Board; Steve Birdleough, Sonoma County Transportation and Land Use Coalition; Bettina O'Brien; Diane Deutch; Jay Macedo, Sonoma County Department of Health Services; Omar Daaboul, Sonoma County Airport (STS); Adam Borovkoff, Sonoma County Airport (STS).

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes: March 19, 2019 -

DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Approved as submitted.

3. Sonoma Access Website Update, Area Agency on Aging

Kathleen Cortez, Area Agency on Aging, presented to the committee the Sonoma Access webpage. Sonomasenioraccess.org

The webpage and the resources listed were each described and highlighted. This webpage provides information on partners to help individuals locate rides from both private and public operators.

Yuri Koslen suggested using links that are not too deep in the partner websites, should the source websites have any changes. This would avoid any links from breaking and being unable to open for the viewers.

Kathleen Cortez is the contact for any corrections to the Sonoma Access website.

4. Connected Communities Transportation Study, Area Agency on Aging

Kathleen Cortez provided an overview of the Transportation Resiliency, Accessibility and Climate Sustainability (TRACS) collaborative project between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the World Institute on Disability (WID). The project team will hold focus groups from April through July.

Ms. Cortez also described the Connected Communities Transportation Study, led by the Area Agency on Aging in coordination with the TRACS project. The Connected Communities Transportation Study will identify barriers to and opportunities for senior and accessible transportation in Sonoma County. The study will result in a plan and guiding tool for community and regional service providers.

5. Round Table Updates

5.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators

Dana Turrey introduced Omar Daaboul and Adam Borovkoff of the Sonoma County Airport (STS). Each briefly introduced themselves and their background. STS staff has expressed interest in connectivity with the local transit agencies and riders.

Santa Rosa CityBus:

Yuri Koslen reported on route changes to improve Route 1's on-time performance in the afternoon, the paratransit eligibility contract in conjunction with Petaluma Transit, and on the recent PUG meeting.

Additionally, four busses are currently on order funded by the 5310 grant.

Mohammed Ali added, in reference to the recent PUG meeting, the interest to extend an invitation to Volunteer Wheels and Whistlestop to join, so all the transportation agencies serving Santa Rosa are present.

Sonoma County Transit

April Pearson announced the start of notifications on ride time windows that will be sent to a rider's smartphone.

Additionally, the introduction of a passenger portal for online ride booking will begin next week and staff are seeking volunteers who are interested in participating during the testing phase.

Furthermore, six new paratransit busses have been ordered.

Steven Schmitz added that single-trip paratransit tickets will be available for purchase on the mobile app, Hopthru.

Petaluma Transit

Sylvia Martinez-Palacios announced the purchase of three paratransit vehicles.

Ms. Martinez-Palacios reported that paratransit tickets can now be purchased online. These tickets will be mailed to the purchaser after placing the order.

Golden Gate Transit

Jon Gaffney spoke on the order for 17 paratransit vehicles. In reference to the fixed route system, 50

busses are on order and riders in Sonoma County will see the new busses providing service between Santa Rosa and San Francisco. These busses will have a different level ramp closer to the ground.

Additionally, paratransit service will be launching an online notification and passenger portal.

5.2. Mobility Partners

Area Agency on Aging:

Kathleen Cortez spoke on a community needs assessment to look at the needs for residents aged 60 and over, and their caregivers.

Additionally, Ms. Cortez announced there will be an Intergenerational Conversation Series, "Together at the Table" at the Sonoma County Library in Downtown Santa Rosa on May 30th.

Sonoma County Airport:

Airport representatives, Omar Daaboul and Adam Borovkoff, reported that the Sonoma County Airport is currently one of the fastest growing in the nation.

Mr. Borovkoff discussed the issue of access at airports and announced that there is an ADA survey out currently.

Discussion continued concerning access to the airport, current and potential shuttle options.

6. Section 5310 Formula Grants, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities – Call for Projects July 1, 2019

Dana Turrey spoke on the 5310 formula grant that provides funding for transit capital and operating programs for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

This is an informational item for the committee's awareness and is open to public agencies and non-profits.

7. Articles of Interest – Information

7.1. Rides In Sight provides information about senior transportation options in local communities throughout the United States

This item was included for the committee's interest.

8. Public Comment

Bettina O'Brien expressed thanks to Santa Rosa CityBus paratransit for the ability to reschedule a ride home.

Bob Cuneo commented on the interest to have an end time on the agenda for scheduling rides home.

Patricia Kearns commented, as a user of paratransit and fixed route transit service, on the enforcement of codes regulating smoking/vaping at bus stops, citing the lack of signage at bus stops.

Ms. Kearns further commented the increase use of vaping by teenagers.

Ms. Kearns suggested the use of metal signs to be created and installed at any bus stop, library, park, and related areas to start since the sticker placards can easily be removed.

9. Items for next agenda

Dana Turrey welcomed any relevant topics to be discussed and to inform her prior to the next meeting.

10. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

Yuri Koslen announced the next PUG meeting will be held on June 25.

11. Adjourn – ACTION

2:42 p.m.



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TO: Transit Finance Working Group

DATE: June 5, 2019

FR: Drennen Shelton, Planner

RE: TNC Access for All Act

Background

In September 2018, the Governor signed into state law Senate Bill (SB) 1376: TNC Access for All Act (Hill, 2018). Under this Act, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is responsible for establishing a program focused on Transportation Network Company (TNC) ride accessibility for persons with disabilities, including wheelchair users who need a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV). The program will be funded through the establishment of the TNC Access for All Fund wherein, beginning July 1, 2019, all TNCs shall be required to pay into, on a quarterly basis equivalent to and at a minimum, \$0.05 for each TNC trip completed using the TNC's online-enabled application or platform that originates in one of the geographic areas selected by the CPUC for inclusion in the program. The CPUC has the authority to adjust the fee in each geographic area to different levels based on the cost of providing adequate WAV service within the geographic area. TNCs may be exempted from the payment of the fee in a geographic area if the TNC meets the level of WAV service designated by the CPUC for that geographic area, as specified, and would require the CPUC to reduce the amount of money a TNC is required to pay if it meets certain requirements.

Update

Between December 2018 and May 2019, the CPUC conducted several public workshops to discuss the topics related to the successful implementation of the TNC Access for All Act. These topics have been divided into three separate tracks and timelines. A number of Bay Area transit agencies (County Connection, Marin Transit, SMFTA, and SamTrans) have been actively participating in this process and have submitted comments to the CPUC. Please see the attached materials from the latest CPUC workshop to see a summary of the issues and CPUC staff recommendations. The CPUC filed a Proposed Decision on May 24, 2019 (see attached excerpt), which is anticipated for CPUC Commission action at the end of June 2019. A working group meeting is scheduled for June 12. MTC, as a member of the working group, will participate in the meeting and is interested in hearing feedback from you prior to the meeting.

Track Issues and Timelines

Topic	Timeline
Track 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Access Fund fee amount- TNC remittance schedule- Geographic areas	Recommendations: Filed May 24, 2019 Final Policies: Late June 2019
Track 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Establish TNC offsets- Exemptions- Evaluating TNC WAV service- Disbursement of Access Funds- Eligibility of Access Providers	Parties submit proposals to CPUC: August 30, 2019 Recommendations: Late 2019 Final Policies: Early 2020
Track 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reporting requirements- Establish Intervenor compensation- Additional TNC accessibility issues	Schedule is TBD; anticipated to be finalized in second quarter of 2020

MTC is considering submitting comments this month on the Track 1 proposal, and is interested in any feedback and in coordinating with operators.

Additional Information

Information on this can be found on the CPUC website: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/tncaccess/>

Attachment A: Excerpt of CPUC Proposed Decision Filing, May 24, 2019

Attachment B: CPUC Workshop Agenda and Presentation, May 2, 2019

Attachment C: SFMTA CPUC Workshop Presentation, May 2, 2019

For more information, contact Drennen Shelton at dshelton@bayareametro.gov / 415-778-5309.

Attachment A

Senate Bill 1376: TNC Access for All –

Summary of Proposed Decision on Track 1 Issues Filed on May 24, 2019 by California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

The CPUC has drafted a Proposed Decision based on feedback received. The Proposed Decision will be heard, at the earliest, at the CPUC June 27, 2019 Business Meeting, where CPUC Commissioners could vote to approve it. The June 27th agenda will be posed 10 days before the meeting. Parties of the record may file comments on the proposed decision.

Track 1: Transportation Network Companies (TNC) Trip Fee and Geographic Areas

Below is a summary of the Track 1 Proposed Decision Order items that will be considered by the CPUC in June 2019:

1. Each TNC shall charge customers the per-trip fee for TNC trips that originate in a designated geographic area.
2. Each TNC shall be required, beginning July 1, 2019, to pay on a quarterly basis to the Commission (CPUC) an amount equivalent to \$0.10 for each TNC trip completed using the TNC's online-enabled application or platform.
3. Each TNC shall present the per-trip fee to its customers in the same manner in which it currently presents similar surcharges. For a TNC that presents similar surcharges as line item fees to its customers, the per-trip fee shall be identified as the "Access for All Fee."
4. TNC shall submit its quarterly TNC Access for All Act Fund remittance to the Commission (CPUC) on the same schedule as the requirements for the Public Utilities Commission Transportation Reimbursement Account, as provided in Public Utilities Code Sections 423(b) and 405 (two months after the end of the quarter).
5. The designated geographic areas shall be each county in California. Each TNC shall submit its quarterly remittance with an accompanying Fee Statement.

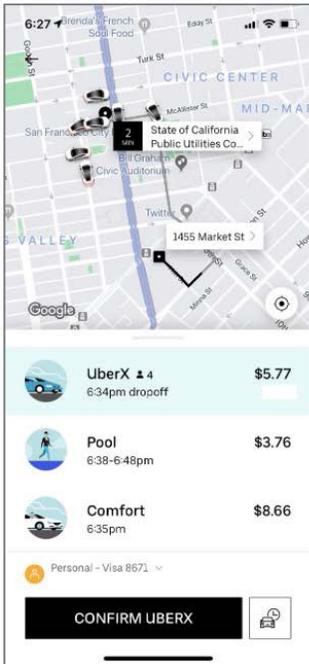
Accessing WAV in the Uber App

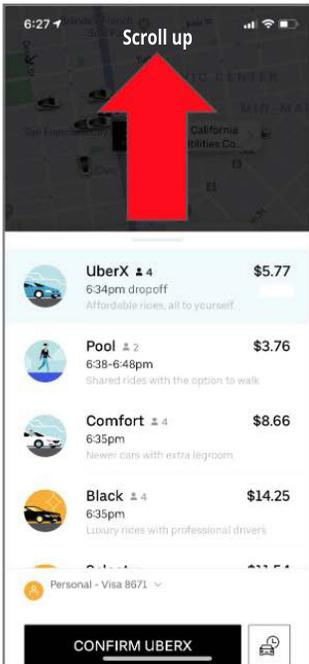
MV Transportation's wheelchair accessible vehicles are now available via the Uber app in Los Angeles County and the San Francisco Bay Area

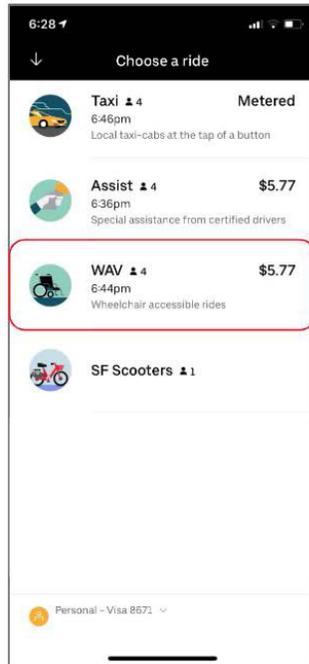
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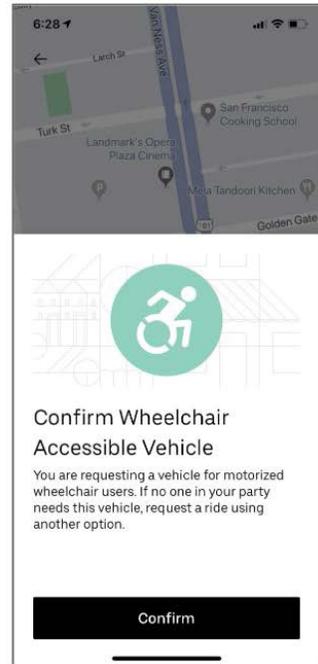
How to Ride with WAV

Step 1 → Download the Uber App **Step 2 → Request a WAV Step 2(i) - (iv)**

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Currently available for riders who use motorized wheelchairs and scooters in Los Angeles County and the San Francisco Bay Area—the counties of San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Marin, Sonoma, Solano, Napa, and Santa Cruz.

Affordable, On-Demand Rides in Wheelchair-Accessible Vehicles

Fast, flexible rides When and where WAV is available, rides are requested on demand and work around your life, not the other way around.	Trips that fit your budget WAV rides are priced the same as UberX rides.	Specialized drivers to assist you WAV drivers complete a certification course offered by a third party in safe wheelchair securement.
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A Letter from our CEO on Improving Accessible Service (<https://ubr.to/2wpc9W5>)