

## Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee

### MEETING AGENDA

*September 17, 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: July 16, 2019 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION\***
3. Roundtable Updates - Discussion
  - 3.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators
  - 3.2. Mobility Partners Reports
4. Transportation and Disability Workshop, October 7, 2019, 1–5PM, Berkeley, CA – Information\*
5. Public Comment
6. Items for Next Agenda – Discussion
7. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
8. Adjourn

\*Materials attached.

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The next **SCTA/RCPA** meeting will be held **October 14, 2019**

The next **TPCC** meeting will be held **November 19, 2019**

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**TRANSIT PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

**Meeting Notes of July 16, 2019**

**ITEM**

**1. Introductions**

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

Committee Members: Dennis Battenberg, Chair; Stan Gow, Vice Chair; Kathleen Cortez, AAA-HSD; Bob Cuneo; Tim Webster, Earle Baum Center for the Blind; Jodi Curtis, Sonoma County Transit; Jon Gaffney, Golden Gate Transit; Sylvia Martinez-Palacios, Petaluma Transit; Lake Kowell, Disability Services and Legal Center; Diane Deutsch.

Guests: Steve Birdlebough, Sonoma County Transportation and Land Use Coalition; Tobias Weare, State Council on DD; Ezra Pincusroth, Nelson Nygaard.

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols.

**2. Approval of Meeting Notes: May 21, 2019 -  
DISCUSSION / ACTION\***

Approved as submitted.

**3. Round Table Updates**

**3.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators**

*Sonoma County Transit*

Jodi Curtis spoke on the Hopthru app which now enables passengers to buy single ride tickets. Ms. Curtis also reported on bus purchases that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Ms. Curtis further announced the paratransit passenger portal is undergoing testing and aims to go live toward the end of August.

Lastly, Ms. Curtis briefly noted that the fare free shuttle service in Cloverdale is almost ready.

*Petaluma Transit*

Sylvia Martinez-Palacios noted that Petaluma is continuing another three year contract with CARE for paratransit eligibility evaluation services. Additionally, Petaluma Transit is offering free rides on fixed-route for the River Town Revival event.

*Golden Gate Transit*

Jon Gaffney announced an additional 17 paratransit vehicles to be ordered for a total of 60 new paratransit vehicles.

Golden Gate Transit is working on upgrades to the software for notifications and passenger portals.

Lastly, Golden Gate Transit has ordered 67 hybrid busses for the fixed route services. These busses are low floor busses and will allow for an easier boarding procedure.

*Friends of SMART:*

Steve Birdlebough commented on the challenges facing the agency regarding the recent suicides.

**3.2. Mobility Partners**

*Area Agency on Aging:*

Kathleen Cortez reported on the recent completion of the Community Needs Assessment. Over 4,000 surveys returned and the Needs Assessment included focus groups.

Regarding the 5310 program, this is the second year of the Volunteer Driver program and two new programs in Healdsburg and Santa Rosa have been added.

Ezra Pincusroth spoke on the Connected Community Transportation Study, which intends

to identify barriers to accessible transportation for seniors, people living with disabilities, and low-income individuals. The study will build off of related efforts through collaboration with partners such as MTC on their Transportation, Resilience, Accessibility and Climate Sustainability initiative and SCTA on the Transit Integration and Efficiency Study.

Outcomes to be seen is an increase in knowledge from stakeholders and riders, understanding best practices regarding transit models, identifying available resources, as well as barriers and facilitators.

4. Section 5310 Formula Grants, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with disabilities.

Dana Turrey referenced the link included to locate the Call for Projects for the 5310 Formula grant for enhanced mobility.

Kathleen Cortez announced the Area Agency on Aging will most likely will apply for enhanced projects.

5. TNC Access for All Act update

This is included as an informational item after discussions at a previous meeting.

6. Public Comment

Tobias Weare spoke on the topic of Section 8 vouchers. The existing list will be thrown out this month and those on the list have until July 31<sup>st</sup> to submit themselves on the waiting list – people with disabilities and elderly have priority. Lake Kowell added that the Disability Services and Legal Center is also providing assistance.

Tim Webster commented on a training session for public transit drivers on how to work with passengers with vision challenges. The drivers were happy for the training, and Mr. Webster expressed to the committee that this training can be done with the other operators.

Ms. Kowell announced the upcoming voter registration week.

Kathleen Cortez asked about back up generators for electrical vehicles during PG&E's planned power shut downs.

7. Items for next agenda

Please contact Dana Turrey should there be any items of interest to be added to the September agenda.

8. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

9. Adjourn – **ACTION**

2:19 p.m.

**From:** [Drennen Shelton](#)  
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**Subject:** You're Invited! Transportation & Disability Workshop 10/7  
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**EXTERNAL**

***TRACS Transportation & Disability Workshop***



**Monday, October 7, 1 PM-5 PM**

**Ed Roberts Campus – Osher Conference Room  
3075 Adeline St., Berkeley (above Ashby BART)**

**[RSVP Here](#)**

You are invited to a half-day workshop to improve transportation for seniors and people with disabilities in the Bay Area!

The **Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)** and the **World Institute on Disability (WID)** are hosting this workshop as part of Transportation Resilience, Accessibility and Climate Sustainability (TRACS). TRACS is an initiative to understand the transportation needs of seniors and people with disabilities in the Bay Area and develop strategies to improve our transportation systems and services. The initiative will produce research documents, policy recommendations, and other guidance for transportation and disability stakeholders across the Bay Area.

As part of our research, we are gathering input from transportation stakeholders in our region. This workshop will bring together transportation experts, system operators, accessibility staff and more to share best practices and brainstorm strategies for inclusive transportation. The event will feature an introduction to TRACS, full-group discussions, and breakout “brainstorming” sessions to address transportation and access needs. It will be a great opportunity to share your experiences, insights and recommendations and to transform the Bay Area for the better. We believe that you, as a valued transportation stakeholder, will provide useful information and insights throughout this workshop.

To RSVP, please [follow this link](#) – and for any questions, please contact Alex Ghenis ([alex@wid.org](mailto:alex@wid.org)) or Marsha Saxton ([marsax@wid.org](mailto:marsax@wid.org)).

We hope to see you there!

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Drennen Shelton