

## Transit – Technical Advisory Committee

### MEETING AGENDA

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***June 10, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.***

Sonoma County Transportation Authority  
Meeting location: Zoom, information provided above

#### ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Meeting Notes: May 13, 2020 – **ACTION\***
3. Transit Operator updates, including COVID-19 response – Discussion
4. Regional Funding updates, if available – Discussion
  - 4.1. Sales Tax Measure Reauthorization
  - 4.2. Regional Measure 3
  - 4.3. Transit Recovery Blue Ribbon Taskforce
5. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
6. Adjourn – **ACTION**

\*Materials attached

\*\*Materials to emailed out and posted ahead of meeting

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**TRANSIT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

**Meeting Notes of May 13, 2020**

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**ITEM**

**1. Introductions**

Meeting called to order by Dana Turr y at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members: Bryan Albee, Sonoma County Transit; Steven Schmitz, Sonoma County Transit; Sean Sosa, Santa Rosa CityBus; Rachel Ede, Santa Rosa CityBus; Joanne Parker, SMART; Jacob Brown, Golden Gate Transit; David Davenport, Golden Gate Transit.

Guests: Erik Bahnson, Sustainable Santa Rosas Junior College.

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols; SG; Suzanne Smith; Janet Spilman; Tanya Narath; Chris Barney.

**2. Approval of Meeting Notes: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – ACTION\***

Approved as submitted.

**3. Sonoma County 2018 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update**

Tanya Narath announced the 2018 GHG inventory update is currently being worked on and is poised to be published this summer. The RCPA has published two prior inventories in 2010 and in 2015 and this update will follow the same protocol, *lclei*, as the previous updates to allow for comparison purposes.

This update will also cover the same sectors. The only difference will be seen in transportation

sector and the inclusion of SMART emissions since the train is up and running.

**4. Measure M Project Presentation Status and Schedule for FY 20/21**

Seana Gause presented to the committee on the Measure M project presentations to the SCTA Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC).

The CAC is tasked with oversight of Measure M and each month a project that has received funding is presented to the committee.

Within the last few years, the CAC has expressed an interest in hearing from Sonoma County Transit, Santa Rosa CityBus, and Petaluma Transit, so they have been added to the schedule for September 28, 2020. This only applied to the operators who receive Measure M funding; SMART is given a separate presentation date.

**5. Regional Funding updates, if available – DISCUSSION**

**5.1. Tax Measure Reauthorization**

Dana Turrey briefly updated the committee that staff will be meeting with the Ad Hoc committee this coming Friday to discuss the language in more detail, and a special meeting will be schedule to finalize the expenditure plan.

Seana Gause referenced the language change on the first category to “Fix roads, fill potholes, improve *safety and usability for all.*”

The Board did not act on the expenditure plan on May 11, and will convene a special meeting to formally act on the expenditure plan on May 26.

### 5.2. Regional Measure 3

There is no change in the status.

### 5.3. CARES Act

Dana Turrey opened this as a discussion item.

Jared Hall asked about Tranche 2 and if the timeframe for the methodology on distribution has been announced.

Bryan Albee responded the application for 5307 funding for CARES and Caltrans were made and commented that both requests are in with an anticipation of approval within two weeks.

Rachel Ede added the MTC Programming and Allocations committee has set up a task force for COVID-19 recovery. The first task will be to delineate a proposed distribution framework for the second tranche.

Shawn Sosa added the task force will be put together by late May to early June, with the first meeting aimed for mid-June, and a method of distribution by July.

Ms. Ede commented that the task force process will be interesting and worth following. If you look at the charge of the task force, it goes well beyond the CARES Act. MTC is establishing a regional framework for COVID-19 recovery that will look at much broader issues facing transit's service delivery, coordination, and structural issues.

## 6. COVID-19 Coordination – Discussion

Roundtable updates on COVID-19 related items.

### *Sonoma County Transit:*

Bryan Albee announced there has not been much more activity since the last meeting. Sonoma County Transit is going forward in buying driver

protection barriers with the hope to have them installed in mid-July.

Mr. Albee further commented on fare collection timelines, noting a tentative date of fare collections is sought for July 12, but is not a definitive date.

### *Golden Gate Transit:*

David Davenport reported on the continuing bus to adjust service based on staffing levels. There is currently a low commute ridership. The basic bus service is seeing a rebound from last week with an increase of 300 passengers per day.

Vinyl driver barriers have been installed and fares are still being collected with single-door entry.

Golden Gate Transit is moving forward with the June service schedule and adjusting the schedule with even spaced service. The booklet will not be printed and will be available electronically.

### *Petaluma Transit:*

Jared Hall announced ridership has experienced a slight uptick of 15% for fixed route service and 30% for paratransit; ridership overall remains down 80%.

Petaluma Transit is also providing PPE to drivers and have sectioned off the front of the bus. Passengers are required to wear facial coverings and there has been general compliance so far with this requirement.

Mr. Hall further commented on the suspension of the tripper service and the next big question regarding service impacts will be what Petaluma City Schools will do for school in the fall.

### *Santa Rosa CityBus:*

Rachel Ede reported ridership remains flat and continues to review the long-term safety practices options, such as social distancing, driver barriers, and fare policies.

Santa Rosa City Council will be presented with a budget update next week and will for the first time discuss the projected deficit for FY 20/21 with CityBus.

Working on service restoration over the next year or longer based on certain milestones.

Shawn Sosa announced the application for CARES Act funding has been submitted.

*SMART*

Joanne Parker reported SMART is providing PPE to staff, trains are being cleaned twice a day, and on-board hand sanitizers have been installed.

Ridership is up a little over the last two weeks at around 30%.

**7. Transit Operators Updates**

Roundtable updates on items not related to COVID-19.

*Golden Gate Transit:*

David Davenport reported on fare changes set for July and the delay of implementation of the Clipper means-based fare program.

*Petaluma Transit:*

Jared Hall announced Petaluma Transit will be taking delivery of three new paratransit busses.

*Santa Rosa CityBus:*

Rachel Ede transport of homeless individuals from encampments to Finley Community Center.

*Sonoma County Transit:*

Bryan Albee announced there are no non-COVID-19 related items to report at this time.

*SMART:*

Joanne Parker reported a budget item was presented to the SMART Board of Directors for the first conversation about reducing one-time costs and non-service, non-staff related ongoing

operating costs. \$2.4 million in one-time costs and \$3 million in ongoing costs have been cut.

The big deliberation will be addressing ongoing costs that cannot be trimmed for operations, such as track maintenance, weed abatement, and integrity of the right-of-way.

Third bucket of items to address are the ongoing operating costs that are the scale of ongoing costs that need to be reduced; SMART is looking at \$6 million in cuts. This includes ideas such as reducing staff and cancelling weekend service

Public input was requested by SMART's Board of Directors on these ideas. A survey is available for the public to provide their comments.

The service cut that have to happen will be a bit of a process. Ms. Parker noted that the current service provided during the COVID-19 pandemic is less than the service reductions being proposed.

The Windsor extension is back under construction and moving forward. It is proceeding on track, but the ultimate issue of at what point RM3 funding comes free. At some point, this extension will be delayed in the fall if the courts remain closed.

*Marin Transit*

Robert Betts commented the practices and policies with Marin Transit are consistent with Golden Gate Transit.

Marin Transit have been running full service more or less. There have been changes on the supplemental school routes and the Muir Woods shuttle program is suspended.

Mr. Betts further commented Marin Transit has implemented capacities on different coaches to limit ridership.

Similar to Golden Gate Transit, Marin Transit also will not print a June rider guide and Mr. Betts spoke on service changes for the September that are being worked on.

The Board of Directors have approved an agreement with Uber for on-demand service. This program will be in conjunction with Transportation Authority of Marin's program to address first- and last mile connection.

**8. Other Business / Comments / Announcements**

N/A

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:58am.