

Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee

MEETING AGENDA

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July 21, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority

Meeting to be held remotely via Zoom. Information provided above.

ITEM

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Meeting Notes: May 19, 2020 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
3. Roundtable Updates - Discussion
 - 3.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators
 - 3.2. Mobility Partners
4. Public Comment
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7. Adjourn

*Materials attached.

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The next **TPCC** meeting will be held **September 15, 2020**

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TRANSIT PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of May 19, 2020

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ITEM

1. Introductions

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

Committee Members: Dennis Battenberg, Chair, via phone; April Pearson, Sonoma County Transit; Tim Webster, Earl Baum Center for the Blind; Steven Schmitz, Sonoma County Transit; Yuri Koslen, Santa Rosa CityBus; Silvia Martinez-Palacios, Petaluma Transit; Kathleen Cortez, Area Agency on Aging; Jon Gaffney, Golden Gate Transit.

Guests: Steve Birdlebough, Sonoma County Transportation and Land Use Coalition; Scotty Millay King, Sebastopol Senior Center; Lauren Garibaldi, Petaluma People Service Center.

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols; Kiara Ryan.

2. Administrative Items

- 2.1. Approval of Meeting Notes: January 21, 2020 - DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Approved as submitted.

- 2.2. Recommendation for TPCC member Appointments – ACTION

Dana Turrey updated the committee on current committee membership. Ms. Turrey introduced Scotty Millay King and Lauren Garibaldi as the recommended new members to the TPCC. Staff is requesting approval from the committee.

Tim Webster moved to approve the nominations presented.

The committee unanimously approved the nominations of Scotty Millay King and Lauren Garibaldi as members of the TPCC.

- 2.3. Appointment of TPCC representative to SCTA Citizen’s Advisory Committee - ACTION

Dana Turrey announced there is a seat for the TPCC on the SCTA Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) and staff is requesting a nomination to serve on the CAC.

It was announced that Lake Kowell had once expressed an interest to join the CAC as the TPCC representative.

Tim Webster offered to participate in the CAC in the event that Lake Kowell is unable.

Staff recommendation is to approve the nomination of Lake Kowell to serve on the CAC, contingent upon her approval.

Tim Webster moved to recommend Lake Kowell to serve on the CAC, contingent upon her approval, April Pearson seconded.

The committee unanimously approved the motion.

3. FY 2020-2021 Coordinated Claim for Transit Funding

Dana Turrey presented to the committee on the FY 2020-21 Coordinated Claim and revisions from the earlier version due to reductions in STA and TDA funding.

April Pearson spoke on the cuts that will be coming in the future given COVID-19.

Yuri Koslen commented that CityBus has reduced fixed route service hours, but has not reduced the paratransit hours.

CityBus is utilizing the paratransit operators to provide a dial-a-ride service for non-ADA trips for those doing essential trips that are inaccessible by the fixed route reduction.

Staff is looking for a recommendation of approval from the committee on the FY 2020-21 Coordinated Claim.

Yuri Koslen moved for approval; Tim Webster seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Sales Tax Measure Reauthorization – Discussion

Suzanne Smith presented to the committee the GoSonoma Act.

The new measure would be an extension for 20 years at a quarter-cent and would be in effect in 2025 after the expiration of Measure M.

Ms. Smith read to the committee the proposed ballot question and explained the four program categories that are included in the expenditure plan.

These categories are:

- Fix roads, fill potholes, improve traffic – 65%
 - o Smooth and maintained roads (38%)
 - o Move traffic and improve safety (27%)
- Improve alternatives to cars, fight climate change – 35%
 - o Increase bus service, affordability, first and last mile connections (23%)

- o Build bikeways and pathways (12%)

This also includes a carry forward of 10% currently provided to the transit operators from Measure M.

Ms. Smith further spoke on the process and schedule for the Expenditure Plan. SCTA will hold a special meeting on May 26 to approve the expenditure plan, and then will present to the cities in June, conduct a second poll in early July, and will be brought back to the SCTA Board of Directors for final action on July 13th to determine if November is the right time. This would be the only countywide measure on the ballot.

5. Round Table Updates

5.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators

Sonoma County Transit

Steven Schmitz reported ridership is still down and service hours might be trimmed in the morning and evening hours.

The bigger question is where SCT might not have service provided in the future and how that could affect paratransit in that Sonoma County Transit would not be required to provide service in areas without fixed route service.

April Pearson added the new paratransit busses have arrived, and Staff are working on social distancing policies including only allowing two clients on a bus at a time.

Petaluma Transit

Silvia Martinez-Palacios reported ridership system wide is down 80% down.

Service has not changed much, other than cancelation of school trippers, and Petaluma Transit has maintained full service to allow for essential trips; future ridership will be impacted by school openings.

Ms. Martinez-Palacios further reported on social distancing policies and mask requirements on

busses. Most passengers are adhering to these requirements.

Golden Gate Transit

Jon Gaffney announced ridership remains down and the Golden Gate Bridge tolls are extremely down.

For fixed-route service, Golden Gate Transit is limiting passengers to eight to ten per vehicle, depending on size, and one passenger per paratransit vehicle. There has not been a capacity problem experiences to date.

Santa Rosa CityBus

Yuri Koslen reported CityBus is operating on Sunday-level service. CityBus is anticipating to shift back to Saturday level service when things start reopening more, and then will build up more from there.

Ridership remains down 75% for fixed route service and 70% for paratransit.

In regards to the new dial-a-ride program from CityBus, there has been around 20 rides per day since starting.

5.2. Mobility Partner Reports

Friends of SMART

Steve Birdlebough announced SMART will be looking at adding freight service to their responsibility.

SMART is also experiencing the same reductions as the other agencies. Service has been cut substantially with no weekend service currently.

Petaluma People Service

Lauren Garibaldi updated the committee on facilitating meal deliveries, noting that the local nonprofits and organizations are extremely busy during this time.

Area Agency on Aging

Kathleen Cortez announced that the offices have been closed since March and now are gearing up

to open the Adult and Aging Services offices in June.

Ms. Cortez further spoke on the volunteer driver program and the update to driver protocols post-COVID-19.

Sebastopol Senior Center

Scotty Millay King introduced himself to the committee and announced that the Sebastopol Senior Center has shifted from providing volunteer rides to delivering around 600 meals per week so far.

6. Public Comment

N/A

7. Items for next agenda

Please contact Dana Turrey should there be any items of interest to be added to the July 21, 2020 agenda.

8. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

N/A

9. Adjourn – ACTION

The committee adjourned at 2:21 p.m.