

Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee

MEETING AGENDA

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September 15, 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: July 21, 2020 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
3. Roundtable Updates - Discussion
 - 3.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators
 - 3.2. Mobility Partners
4. Public Comment
5. Notice of Special Meeting on October 20, 2020 at 1:30p.m.
 - 5.1. Items for Next Agenda – Discussion
6. Other Business / Comments / Announcements
7. Adjourn

*Materials attached.

The next **SCTA/RCPA** meeting will be held **October 12, 2020**

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TRANSIT PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of July 21 2020

ITEM

1. Introductions

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

Committee Members: Dennis Battenberg, Chair, via phone; Stan Gow, Vice Chair; 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; Scotty Millay King, Sebastopol Senior Center; Lauren Garibaldi, Petaluma People Service Center; Lake Kowell, Disability Services and Legal Center; Diane Deutsch, Redwood Empire for the Blind.

Guests:

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols.

2. Administrative Items

2.1. Approval of Meeting Notes: May 19, 2020 - DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Approved as submitted.

3. Round Table Updates

3.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators

Sonoma County Transit

Steven Schmitz reported on ridership holding around of 25% of pre-COVID for both paratransit and fixed route service.

Mr. Schmitz further announced new routes now in service, and service remains with mostly weekend service for the intercity and local routes.

Petaluma Transit

Silvia Martinez-Palacios reported Petaluma Transit will be bringing ADA assessments/eligibility for

passengers in-house and any interested individuals would contact Petaluma Transit directly.

Upon receipt of the application, responses will be provided within 21 calendar days. In an effort to save time, the application is also available online at <https://transit.cityofpetaluma.net/petaluma-paratransit/>.

Santa Rosa CityBus

Yuri Koslen reported that Saturday level service has started for most of the system and ridership in July has been the highest (with approximately 2,021 passengers per day) since the shelter in place orders started in March.

As ridership has increased. CityBus staff has stationed several busses for when busses reach capacity to ensure social distancing practices. Staff continue to contemplate the next steps as increases in service and ridership continue.

There is a similar trajectory for paratransit. In April, CityBus started a call ahead program for on-demand service due to the reduction of service on the fixed route system.

CityBus continues to be free fare and passengers must enter via the rear door. For paratransit, there will be no more than two passengers per vehicle.

3.2. Mobility Partner Reports

Petaluma People Service

Lauren Garibaldi spoke on the delivering of meals, with about 165 deliveries per week.

Ms. Garibaldi also commented on the observation that senior clients are more likely to want to go out than available volunteer drivers.

Area Agency on Aging

Kathleen Cortez announced the volunteer driver service, Healdsburg Dash, is still operating for urgent medical rides, West County Community Services is providing rides to Santa Rosa, and Vintage House in Sonoma will restart their program soon.

Ms. Cortez recalled the Connected Communities study that is looking at transportation gaps and barriers. The next phase is to do a survey on transportation users and will be released in August.

Ms. Cortez further spoke on a recent PG&E webinar titled, *The AFN PSPS Preparedness Program*. This webinar discussed the medical baseline program, and that PG&E has relaxed the requirement of a physician's signature at this time. This will be valid for up to one year.

Disability Services & Legal Center

Lake Kowell announce the Disability Disaster Access Resource (DDAR) program. PG&E is the funder, what we have is that you sign up via application process.

DSLCL has 60 Yeti batteries for loner distribution and fund available for transportation, hotels during a disaster, PSPS. This program does require medical baseline, and that one reside in a tier three area.

If there are any concerns about needing extra power or how to address concerns, DSLCL staff are available to help.

Ms. Kowell further reported on a second program, DSLCL Cares, that can assist people who have been directly, financially impacted due to COVID.

Lastly, Ms. Kowell announced this month is the 30th anniversary of the signing of the ADA.

Sebastopol Senior Center

Scotty Millay King updated the committee on the shift of the volunteer driver program to delivering

meals with about 13,000 meals delivered by team of 30 volunteers.

Mr. Millay King further spoke on the effort for more volunteer drivers including online classes.

Furthermore, the senior center remains closed.

4. Public Comment

Tim Webster announced the Earle Baum Center is closed; however, the vision clinic has reopened on a limited basis. Video calls and classes for the same activities in person are being offered online and there has been success in serving clients remotely.

5. Items for next agenda

Please contact Dana Turrey should there be any items of interest to be added to the September 15, 2020 agenda.

6. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

N/A

7. Adjourn – ACTION

The committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.