

Special - Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee

MEETING AGENDA

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October 20, 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: September 15, 2020 – **DISCUSSION / ACTION***
3. Emergency Evacuation Coordination - Discussion
4. Riding Together: Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan- Discussion
<http://healthytransitplan.com/>
5. Connected Communities Transportation Needs Assessment Survey, AAA
For English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SonomaCountyTransportation>
Para Español: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/SonomaCountyTransportationESP>
6. Roundtable Updates - Discussion
 - 6.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators
 - 6.2. Mobility Partners
7. Public Comment

8. Items for Next Agenda – Discussion

9. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

10. Adjourn

*Materials attached.

The next **SCTA/RCPA** meeting will be held **November 9, 2020**

The next **TPCC** meeting will be held **November 17, 2020**

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TRANSIT PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of September 15, 2020

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Dana Turrey.

Committee Members: Dennis Battenberg, Chair, via phone; Tim Webster, Earl Baum Center for the Blind; Steven Schmitz, Sonoma County Transit; Silvia Martinez-Palacios, Petaluma Transit; Kathleen Cortez, Area Agency on Aging; Scotty Millay King, Sebastopol Senior Center; Lake Kowell, Disability Services and Legal Center; Diane Deutsch, Redwood Empire for the Blind.

Guests:

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes: July 21, 2020 - DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Approved as submitted.

3. Round Table Updates

3.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators

Sonoma County Transit

Steven Schmitz reported ridership has approached 100 riders per day on paratransit at the beginning of September.

Petaluma Transit

Silvia Martinez-Palacios reported on the continued free fares transit, and on the ongoing disinfecting work and precautions necessary for the safety of passengers and drivers.

Paratransit evaluations will now be conducted in-house and applications are available online.

Santa Rosa CityBus

Mohammed Ali announced transit service is on Saturday schedule and paratransit is at 50% of normal service level.

3.2. Mobility Partner Reports

Area Agency on Aging

Kathleen Cortez spoke on the volunteer driver programs that offer rides to older adults in the community.

In regard to the Connected Communities Transportation Study, Ms. Cortez recalled the grant contains focus groups and interviews with agencies/partners.

The third project task that staff are about to roll out is a transportation survey. The survey was developed pre-pandemic, so most questions will be asking about experiences with transportation pre-COVID.

Dana Turrey asked if COVID has delayed the outreach and changed the timeline of the expectation moving forward.

Ms. Cortez responded that a request for an extension has been made to Caltrans after the Kincade Fire, then COVID hit so staff could not get to every area of the county as originally planned.

Disability Services & Legal Center

Lake Kowell announced the Disability Services and Legal Center remains closed to the public.

DSLCL has two new programs available. First, the Cares funding that helps individuals with a disability, who has been financially impacted directly by COVID, receive up to \$3,000.

The second program offers a (Yetti) battery backup for those who live in PSPS areas and risk losing power. One must be on PG&E Medical Baseline to be eligible and Ms. Lake announced that the doctor's signature is temporarily suspended.

Sebastopol Senior Center

Scotty Millay King commented on the senior delivering and volunteer drivers and announced the Sebastopol Senior Center remains closed to the public.

4. Public Comment

N/A

5. Items for next agenda

Please contact Dana Turrey should there be any items of interest to be added to the October 20, 2020 agenda.

6. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

N/A

7. Adjourn – ACTION

The committee adjourned at 2:11 p.m.