Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee

MEETING AGENDA

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July 20, 2021 – 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 18, 2021 – DISCUSSION / ACTION*

3. Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Presentation – Discussion*

4. Roundtable Updates – Discussion

   a. Transit / Paratransit Operators

   b. Mobility Partner Reports

5. MTC Policy Advisory Council Recruitment open through August 1, 2021, https://mtc.ca.gov/news/mtc-recruits-new-policy-advisory-council-term-0 – Information*

6. Final Caltrans Bay Area Pedestrian Plan released, https://www.catplan.org/d4PedPlan-announce – Information*

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 **September 13, 2021**
The next **TPCC** meeting will be held **September 21, 2021**

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TRANSIT PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of May 18, 2021

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Dana Turrey.

Committee Members: Dennis Battenberg, Chair, via phone; Tim Webster, Vice Chair, Earl Baum Center for the Blind; Steven Schmitz, Sonoma County Transit; April Pearson, Volunteer Wheels; Jon Gaffney, Golden Gate Transit; Yuri Koslen, Santa Rosa CityBus; Silvia Martinez-Palacios, Petaluma Transit; Olena Petukhova, Vivalon.

Guests:; Sajad, Vivalon; Jeana Eriksen.

Staff: Dana Turrey; Drew Nichols.

2. Approval of Meeting Notes: March 16, 2021 - DISCUSSION / ACTION*

Approved as submitted.

3. Appointment of TPCC representative to SCTA Citizen's Advisory Committee

Dana Turrey announced there is an opening on the SCTA Citizen's Advisory Committee for a member of TPCC. The CAC is the oversight committee for the Measure M sales taxes.

Staff are looking to appoint a representative from the TPCC to join the CAC.

Yuri Koslen nominated Tim Webster as the TPCC representative to the CAC, Steven Schmitz seconded.

The nomination was approved unanimously.

4. Future of Transit Ad Hoc update

Dana Turrey provided an update on the Future of Transit Ad Hoc committee. This is an ad hoc committee made up of six SCTA Board of Directors and are tasked with working with the transit operators on efforts listed in the *Transit Integration and Efficiency Study* (TIES)*.*

Ms. Turrey shared the presentation that was given to MTC's Blue Ribbon Task Force and the SCTA Board of Directors. The presentation can be found at the following link: https://scta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/BRTF-SCTA-slide-deck-4-26-21-V5.pdf

5. Transportation Resilience, Accessibility & Climate Sustainability (TRACS) website and key findings for Bay Area Transportation Systems

Included for the committee's interest.

6. Round Table Updates

6.1. Transit / Paratransit Operators

Sonoma County Transit

Steven Schmitz reported on the introduction of tripper service in Rohnert Park and Cotati.

April Pearson added ridership has increased and day programs are slowly opening that will increase service further.

Petaluma Transit

Silvia Martinez-Palacios reported Petaluma Transit is offering free rides to vaccination centers and have reintroduced the school tripper service until the end of the semester.

Santa Rosa CityBus

Yuri Koslen reported ridership has increased and the electrification infrastructure project has been awarded.

CityBus will be asking the Santa Rosa City Council to approve an 18-month pilot program that will

provide fare free trips to TK-12 grade, as well as an Eco pass options for employers.

7. Public Comment

N/A

8. Items for next agenda

Please contact Dana Turrey should there be any items of interest to be added to the July 20, 2021 agenda.

9. Other Business / Comments / Announcements

N/A

10. Adjourn – **ACTION**

The committee adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Staff Report

To:	SCTA/RCPA Board of Directors	**Meeting Date:**	7/12/21
From:	Janet Spilman, Director of Planning	**Item Number:**	4.1
Subject:	SCTA Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan		

Consent Item: ☐   **Regular Item:** ☒   **Action Item:** ☐   **Report:** ☒

Issue

SCTA is updating the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). The draft CTP is now available https://scta.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/DRAFT-CTP2050.pdf and staff will provide a summary presentation and take comments at the Board meeting and through other public outreach. The final CTP will be brought back to the Board this fall for approval.

Recommendation

Consider providing feedback and direction to staff on the Draft CTP.

Advisory Committee Recommendation

The Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory, and Planning Advisory Committee have received this presentation and provided feedback.

Alternatives Considered

Not applicable to this item.

Executive Summary

The CTP is a long range transportation document, last updated in 2016. The SCTA established an ad hoc CTP advisory committee that steered work on the engagement plan, vision and goals, and updates to the project list.

The Draft CTP includes the following: a review of existing conditions including demographics and travel behavior; forecasts; review of the transportation system, including new projects and trends; and performance results. Included in the appendices are details of the public engagement, the project list and other technical documents.

Key takeaways are that the projects and policies of the CTP make significant improvements in transit, bicycle and pedestrian options, better access and lower VMT and GHG on a per capita basis. Automobile traffic, collisions and potholes will continue to be problems that will need on-going solutions.

Policy Impacts / Nexus to Agency Goals

The CTP sets goals and policy priorities for the SCTA and identifies potential transportation projects countywide.

Financial Implications

Is there a fiscal impact?   Yes ☒   No ☐

Is there funding in the current
budget?   Yes ☒   No ☐

The funding source(s) to be used are: CBTP planning funds

The CTP has been developed in house. Costs for public engagement totaled $9,300 and there will be additional costs for graphic design.

Background

Moving Forward 2050 - The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) tells the story of Sonoma County's transportation system. The plan examines the current state of transportation in the county, and looks at future needs and goals and provides information on how these needs and goals can be met. The CTP is updated frequently enough to ensure that the plan is relevant, useful, and represents the current transportation needs and goals of SCTA and Sonoma County jurisdictions. The previous CTP was completed in 2016, and it is estimated that the CTP will be updated again in 2026.

The importance of maintaining an updated planning document is two-fold. First, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires local Transportation Authorities such as the SCTA to establish transportation plans that can feed into the larger Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP is a federally required, long range planning document that is now called Plan Bay Area. Second, the SCTA is responsible for programming, or allocating, numerous State and federal funding sources to transportation projects. In order to meet these requirements, the SCTA needs a policy and planning document to help guide the programming process. If the SCTA does not meet these two requirements it is at risk of losing critical transportation dollars.

SCTA is committed to equitable transportation planning. To avert underinvestment in disadvantaged communities, SCTA identified targeted geographic areas for prioritizing funding to provide safe, accessible, and affordable mobility. This plan serves also as an update to the Community Based Transportation Plans: Roseland (2007); the River area (2009); a portion of Healdsburg (2009); and the Springs area (2010)

CTP Update Process

The CTP Update has included the following phases:

- Engage with Community Based Organizations, online feedback, public meetings, webinars, and regular updates to Advisory Committees and the Board. Polling for the Go Sonoma sales tax measure also provided insight into public sentiment about transportation.

- Review project list, update project objectives, call for projects – Board approved in June 2019

- Review and update Vision and Goals – Board approved in March 20, 2020

- Summarize current conditions. Include updated demographics, new conditions and travel behavior.

- Full review of transportation system. Include successes and needs as well as new technology and innovation.

- Estimate future conditions and set a future baseline. Provide an estimate of what future conditions could look like if we don't construct any projects or make improvements to the transportation system, and assess what impacts population, housing, and employment growth have on future travel conditions.

- Determine how CTP goals and targets could be achieved. Estimate what it will take to meet CTP goals and performance targets by assembling a future scenario in which promising transportation projects, policies, strategies, and technologies would be implemented.

- Produce and distribute the Draft CTP to members of SCTA Advisory Committees, the Board and public. June – July 2021

Identifying Plan Goals and Objectives

Moving Forward 2050 builds on the efforts of local elected officials and staff from the cities, town, and county government in Sonoma County. This update has been developed with the understanding that existing transportation needs outstrip funding levels, that there is increasing pressure on the existing transportation system, and that transportation impacts on the environment, public health, and safety are growing.

Overall, the CTP is meant to refine the vision, goals, and objectives for improving mobility on Sonoma County's streets, highways, the transit system and bicycle/pedestrian facilities, as well as to reduce transportation related impacts. To that end, it provides policy guidance and identifies transportation improvements for development over the next 29 years.

Vision and Goals 2050

Connecting people and places as we transition our transportation network to zero-emissions by 2050. Our guiding principles are to improve **safety**, **equity**, and **quality of life**.

Our transportation system should be:

Goal 1 - Connected and Reliable
Deliver a seamless network that allows people to use a variety of transportation types easily, affordably and dependably.
- Provide a robust and well-coordinated local and regional transit system.
- Create a high quality bike and pedestrian network.
- Optimize roadway operations to allow efficient movement of people.
- Ensure effective transportation options for youth and older adults.
- Guide innovation to the transportation system.

Goal 2 - Safe and Well-Maintained
Provide safe and well maintained transportation infrastructure.
- Employ Vision Zero policies and strategies.
- Use maintenance dollars efficiently and effectively.
- Design infrastructure for all ages and abilities.
- Deploy innovative technologies and best practices.

Goal 3 - Community Oriented and Place-Based
Implement place-based transportation projects, tailored to urban, suburban, and rural communities that will improve local mobility.
- Target high-traffic areas with right sized solutions to improve access.
- Focus on strategies that support high density, walkable and transit oriented communities.
- Prioritize resilient infrastructure in areas at risk for flooding, fire and other environmental challenges.
- Employ Complete Street policies and strategies that support a diversity of uses.

Goal 4 - Zero-Emissions
Provide zero-emission transportation opportunities that meet diverse community needs, improve health and enhance quality of life.
- Prioritize transportation funding for zero-emissions strategies.
- Emphasize strategies that incentivize transit and shared mobility.
- Take bold steps to achieve a zero-emission transportation network.
- Support climate-friendly land use practices through ongoing coordination and alignment.
- Implement the Shift Sonoma County Low Carbon Transportation Plan.

Performance Results

As part of each CTP performance is evaluated to determine how the projects and policies included in the plan can help us reach plan goals and objectives. During the performance evaluation, the Sonoma County Travel Model and other tools were used to evaluate projects, policies, technologies,

and behavior change in relation to CTP goals and associated performance measures. The CTP performance evaluation identified the following positive trends and ongoing challenges that will need to be addressed going forward.

Positive Trends
- Improved transit service coverage and transit ridership
- Expanded bicycle and pedestrian system and connectivity
- Shorter travel times and trips, or better access to employment and destinations
- Lower household travel costs
- VMT and GHG emissions trend downward on a per capita basis
- Local Benefits

Ongoing Challenges
- Continued reliance on automobiles
- Increased traffic congestion and delay
- Significant maintenance needs and funding shortfalls
- No countywide reduction in collision rates without specific action like the countywide Vision Zero project that is underway

What does it take to reach our goals?

Make Equity a part of every decision making process.

Shift mode from single occupant vehicle trips to bicycle and pedestrian trips.

Prioritize Transit Improvements increase service.

Construct Selected Road and Highway Projects. Examples include HWY 101 Interchange, SMART Pathway, and other highway and large local road projects.

Maintain the transportation infra-structure.

Vehicle Fleet Fuel Economy increased to 55 MPG or better

Implement Trip Reduction programs including working remotely or sharing rides

Build neighborhood projects to enhance mobility and provide access.

Population and Employment Growth Plan for population and employment city-centered, maintain jobs-housing balance with neighboring counties.

Maximize Transit Ridership by filling vacant capacity on buses and trains.

Implement System Efficiency Improvements - Deploy signal timing, metering, smart car technology, in road broadband.

Implement Vision Zero policies to eliminate traffic injuries.

Schedule and Next Steps

Release of CTP for review – July 12, 2021

Public Outreach – through September 13, 2021

Comments due – August 13, 2021

Anticipated adoption of CTP – September 13, 2021