

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Workgroup
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Call to Order: Jim Donnelly called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

Present (in person): Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Rashida Kamara, Rosa Noya, Ricki Juster

Present (remote): John Cunningham, Debbie Toth, DeAnna Perry, Kathryn Monroy, Joanna Pallock

Guests: Cameron Gadson, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks' Office, Sarah Birdwell

Staff: Jenny Lam, Glenda Pacha

Approval of Agenda/Minutes -

- Jim suggested a change to the agenda to move AB540 and Danville Transpiration Survey to the beginning of the agenda.
- Approve Today's Agenda – Kevin Donovan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Rosa seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.
- Approve February minutes – Kevin Donovan made a motion to approve the minutes. Joanna seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Accessible Transportation Bill (AB 540) - Cameron Gadson, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks' Office

- Accessible Transpiration Bill that supports providing equitable transportation services for older Californians and people with disabilities
- Scheduled to be heard on March 27 by the Transportation Committee and by Revenue and Tax Committee on April 17.
- For more information: <https://www.billtrack50.com/billdetail/1565325>
- Rashida suggests correction to the "AB540 Press Release" document, paragraph 5 to read "Unfortunately, it is sometimes unfortunate for a paratransit rider to spend hours in a vehicle for a trip of just a few miles, have to arrange for transfers between two or more paratransit services in the same county, unless they are part of the one seat program, or need to book a trip from 24 hours to at least a week in advance"

Danville Transportation Survey

- Jim shared survey conducted by Danville Senior Advisory Commission.
- Rashida suggested adding the "One Seat Program" and the reservation period to the summary document ions to update to update language on booking trips - current information listed is inaccurate.
- Joanna commended Danville for their extensive work on this survey

Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan – John Cunningham

- Transportation Authority has been scrambling on implementing programs from Accessible Transportation Strategic (ATS) Plan.
- Establishment of a new nonprofit organization to oversee and foster coordination in regards to accessible transportation strategic plan
- One-Call, Once-Click system for transportation services which includes one point of contact via phone or web for assisted transportation services.
- Receiving Measure X funds to support program and will discuss focus of implementation from ATS plan.

Senior Mobility Action Council SMAC Glossary

- Thanks to Riki Juster, a glossary of transportation terminology was distributed

Program Updates and Announcements -

- Rashida reported approval for TransPac grant for travel training. Will focus on providing trainings on how to utilize transportation, understanding fare structures, how to view routes, etc. Partnering with Independent Living Resources of Solano and Contra Cosa Counties for trainings. She introduced Sarah Birdwell who will conduct the Travel Training program.
- Rosa is seeking County Connection Advisory Committee Members from Lafayette, San Ramon and Martinez. The Committee meets once every two months on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for about 1.5 hours.
- Kathryn Monroy reported that sign ups for Go Go Concord are increasing
- Joanna Pallock – they are looking into partnering with Go Go Grandparent. Will reach out to Kathryn to share her experience.

Advisory Council on Aging Updates -

- Public Hearing conducted for Area Plan Update on 3/15/2023
- Jim will be sure the SMAC has input into the Transportation Goals and Objectives in the next four-year Area Plan as it is developed next year.

Public Comment -

- None

Next Meeting -

- Tuesday, April 18, 2023
- Note new meeting start time is 10 am (as of April)

Future SMAC Presentations/Agenda Items -

- Jim will draft a Letter of Support for AB 540
- Sarah Birdwell will present at the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.