

## **Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC)**

Transportation Workgroup Of The  
Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging  
March 22, 2021 Minutes

The meeting opened at 9:30 on Zoom.

**Present:** Mary Bruns, Jim Donnelly, Lisa Hammon, Rashida Kamara, David Pitman, Greg Wanket, Sean (County Connection), Jessica Dominguez, Melanie Smith (staff), Anthony Macias (staff)

**Absent:** Lorna Van Ackeren

**Agenda:** Greg Wanket motioned to accept the agenda; Jim Donnelly seconded; passed with a unanimous vote.

### **Minutes:**

- November minutes – moved by Greg Wanket to accept the minutes as prepared; seconded by Ralph Dennis, passed with a unanimous vote.
- January minutes – Moved by Greg; seconded by Jim Donnelly to accept as prepared. Passed with a unanimous vote.
- February minutes – Corrected by David Pitman about the Vision Zero comment. To read: “Colin Clark requested a letter of support from the ACOA Executive Committee.” Motion to accept as corrected by Greg Wanket; seconded by Jim Donnelly. Approved as corrected unanimously.

### **Self Introductions**

### **Covid Updates – All**

Jim Donnelly shared a quick overview/statistics from the County Dashboard.

Rashida Kamara shared: At County Connection, 68% of drivers have been vaccinated. Drivers were trained by the County and had additional PPE and were classified as emergency workers. The County Connection staff called all drivers and were able to vaccinate 140 drivers in one Saturday; they received the second dose this past Saturday (3/20/21.) John Muir Medical Center has mobile clinics and they have been able to vaccinate the drivers under their “Zero Waste Vaccine” policy. Launched One-Seat Ride Program as a pilot. They have a “reasonable exception” in place for riders that request accommodations but that has happened rarely. They have a Healthy Transit Plan they submitted to the County requesting 3 feet distancing. Rashida is presenting at the Alameda CTC and PACO on transportation during COVID and the One-Seat Ride Program that is cross-transit jurisdictions. The Blue Ribbon Task Force includes MTC and all the transit agencies to discuss goals and transportation issues. Focus is how transit agencies can collaborate and share resources to improve the riders’ experiences. An example is LAVTA

(Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority) and County Connection pilot program for CC to manage a combined paratransit program. Some of the buses will say WheelsDAR on them. CC will handle the invoices for both. This saves a lot of money by sharing the scheduling software.

Ralph Dennis reported that both Kaiser and John Muir sent out vaccination units to Rossmoor for over 75 citizens.

Mary mentioned there is now an Accessible Transportation Task Force to determine what is wanted in terms of better transportation which came out of the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan. Debbie Toth has been a strong advocate for transit. The Accessible Transportation Task Force is expected to go after the low hanging fruit with a goal to get to the more expensive programs that do more as funding is developed.

Sean mentioned the trend is more like Lyft and Uber pilot program subsidizing ride-share programs to fill in the gaps. Lamorinda uses GoGo Grandparent. Ralph said his residents in Rossmoor have a 40% usage and pays \$10 per ride up to \$40 a day subsidy. Ralph did a grant out of Measure J.

Mary also mentioned the Monument Shuttle overseen by the community organization but it ran out of funding according to David. They did have a Transportation Coordinator who hosted a Zoom and the community said they used the shuttle and they would like it back.

Jim commented that it seems the Moderna vaccine if you are younger you seem to have more of a reaction. Greg commented that that it seems the vaccine lines are faster in the mornings.

Melanie asked about the source of rides to be provided for vaccines. Jim referred her to Mobility Matters; their funding is limited. Mary added that the limitation with transportation is the drivers are providing 1 on 1 transportation to protect people from Covid.

Jim asked Mary about the 37% number on the Transportation Infographic. It is difficult to believe and needs to be researched further. Mary will send Greg the link/info to look into as his time allows.

Motion by Jim, second by Greg to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:06am

Thank you to Melanie Smith for taking the minutes.