

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Workgroup
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 • 10 am to 12 noon**

Call to Order: Jim Donnelly called the meeting to order 10:02 a.m.

Present (in-person)	Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Rashida Kamara, Riki Juster
Virtual (Just Cause)	
Virtual (Emergency)	
Virtual	Janet Bilbas, Joanna Pallock, John Cunningham, Kathryn Monroy, Rosa Noya
Absent	
Leave of Absence	
Guests	
AAA Staff	Glenda Pacha

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Approve Today’s Agenda –Kevin made a motion to approve the agenda. Rashida seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.
- Approve April minutes – Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes. Riki seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Status of AB 540 (Wicks) Social Service Transportation Improvement Act

- Formal request to Legislative Analyst to help determine the amount of funding needed and the source of the funding.
- Legislative Counsel’s office will review CalTrans 2012 Action Plan for Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies to add appropriate recommendations to AB 540.

Update to Accessible Transportation Survey

- Joanna will have more information to add to the survey after claim forms are approved.
- Consider renaming the document to better describe the information in the survey.

Travel Training – Sarah Birdwell, Independent Living Resource Center

- Sarah provided information about the Travel Training Program offered by Central Contra Costa Transit Authority and funded by a TransPAC grant.

Program Updates and Announcements

- Rashida – MediCal allows transportation providers to bill MediCal for transportation to qualified medical appointments (e.g. dialysis). County Connection will begin doing so soon.
- Deanna - Tri-Delta has been doing this service since 2006. Tri Delta has the lowest fares and works to get revenue subsidies like this to support their expenses.
- Joanna – are focusing on MediCal trips. Seeking Measure X funding for San Pablo to Martinez/Oakland medical trips, travel training season is beginning.
- Riki – Spirit Van program employs 3 dispatchers/5 days a week (including 1 day/week shopping shuttle).

Advisory Council on Aging Updates

- The California Department on Aging will be conducting a statewide survey of seniors. ACOA Planning Committee will help AAA conduct focus groups to supplement State data and prepare for the Area Plan.
- County Counsel will conduct a training on hybrid meetings.
- Jim is working on an update to ACOA bylaws.

Public Comment

- None

Next Meeting -

- Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Future SMAC Presentations/Agenda Items -

- To brainstorm at the next meeting: How to address lessons learned from the pandemic:
 - What happened during COVID?
 - What role should transportation providers play in emergencies/disasters?
 - What does the community need from transportation providers?
 - How can transportation providers pivot sooner?
 - What happens next?

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.