

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Workgroup
Tuesday, June 20, 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, Rashida Kamara, Rosa Noya
Virtual (Just Cause)	
Virtual (Emergency)	
Virtual	Candace Evans, Deanna Perry, Drennen Shelton, Elaine Welch, Kathryn Monroy, Kevin Donovan, Sarah Birdwell
Absent	Joanna Pallock, Riki Juster
Leave of Absence	
Guests	
AAA Staff	Glenda Pacha

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

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

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

- No update.

Update to Accessible Transportation Survey

- Glenda will re-send most recent Transportation Questionnaire to the committee.

How to address lessons learned from the pandemic

- We will find contacts from 2018 Emergency Preparedness events.
- Contact Emergency Management Services (EMS) to present lessons learned.
- Jim will contact Meredith (Office of Emergency Services) to begin the conversation.
- Jim will ask at the next Implementing the Master Plan in Contra Costa Together (IMPACCT) committee meeting – what are you guys doing to review your response?
- The five questions to be addressed:
 - 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?
- These questions also need to be addressed by service providers such as sheriff, food bank, senior food programs, emergency medical services, etc.
- The goal is to have a conference in two years to present findings and develop plans to respond to future disasters.

California Council of the Blind Transit Input

- Public transportation should do a better job addressing the visually impaired/disabled.
- Rashida – over the past three years, there have been a lot of cuts in transportation services causing larger distances from transportation stops.
- How can we use technology as we bring back transportation back to pre-COVID minimum?
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is developing a standard for accessibility for transit stops but needs support from transit organizations in order to push this forward.
- If a fixed route was cut during COVID, paratransit will be affected also.
- What options exist or should we develop for those who cannot use fixed rate nor paratransit?
- ATS (Accessible Transportation Services) Questionnaire addresses the pillars needed to address the gaps in service.
- MTC also surveyed coordinated human services plan (identified gaps that haven't changed in at least 13 years). Coordinated plan updated every 4 years. Identified gaps and proposed solutions.
- Blue Ribbon Task Force dealing with 27-28 actions, 5 have accessibility focus, what else can we add to the system to better serve the public? Hopefully, funding will be attached.

Program Updates and Announcements

- Rashida – offering travel training, Sarah Birdwell can assist.
- Rosa - Paratransit operators in the region are working together to make their services more uniform.
- Discussed Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC).

Advisory Council on Aging Updates

- Reviewing proposals for Title III E Family Caregiver Support Program.

Public Comment

- No comment

Next Meeting -

- No July Meeting
- Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Future SMAC Presentations/Agenda Items -

- No items.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.