

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Workgroup
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 • 10 am to 12 noon
VIRTUAL ONLY**

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

Present (in-person)	
Virtual (Just Cause)	
Virtual (Emergency)	
Virtual	John Cunningham, Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Riki Juster, Rashida Kamara, Rosa Noya, Joanna Pallock, DeAnna Perry, Drennen Shelton
Absent	Candace Evans, Elaine Welch, Kathryn Monroy, Sarah Birdwell
Leave of Absence	
Guests	
AAA Staff	Glenda Pacha

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

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

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

- John Cunningham reported that the bill has been posted until the next Legislative session.

Update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transformation Action Plan related to paratransit – Drennen Shelton

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s five “Accessibility” items are below:

**Transit Transformation Action Plan
Accessibility Items**

Action #	Action Description
Action 21	Designate a Mobility Manager to coordinate rides and function as a liaison between transit agencies in each county, consistent with the Coordinated Plan
Action 22	Fund additional subregional one-seat paratransit ride pilots and develop cost-sharing policies for cross jurisdictional paratransit trips
Action 23	Integration of ADA-paratransit services on Clipper Next Generation
Action 24	Identify key paratransit challenges and recommend reforms through the Coordinated Plan update
Action 25	Adopt standardized eligibility practices for programs that benefit people with disabilities (ADA-paratransit and the Regional Transit Connection program)

- Action 21: MTC will be looking at recommendations from each County.
- Action 22: MTC will look at different methods and approaches to one-seat ride systems and will fund 3 pilot programs. They are also reviewing cost sharing policies.
- Action 23: MTC will put paratransit onto the next generation of Clipper card (approximately two years out). Will be testing on SF Muni first.
- Action 24: MTC will look at top pain points to see what can be done to alleviate them (after completion of the Coordinated Plan). Please give suggestions of riders to comment/provide feedback on the program to Drennen.
- Action 25: MTC working on this now. Regional Transit Connection (RTC) card/program to standardize eligibility practices across the region.
- Joanna - so happy to see this moving and feeling optimistic. Contra Costa has led the way with Accessibility programs.
- John commented on the need to incorporate what is happening in the community (???) get Accessibility in the forefront. How are we serving now vs. historically?
- John – Kudos to Drennan and all involved.

How to address lessons learned from the pandemic

- Jim talked to County Office of Emergency Services. They will be hiring a Consultant to do an after action report. Jim will invite them to next SMAC meeting.
- Rashida wants to share programs developed during COVID that will be helpful going forward. SMAC members should bring these items to SMAC to share with OES.
- John talked OES they want to develop a transit in an emergency program (started pre-COVID, stopped during COVID)
- Drennen – not just COVID emergency but making transit workers - disaster service workers.
- Joanna – many agencies will be examining COVID response how much should we do it?
- By 9/1, send Emergency Policies/Procedures developed during COVID to Jim to start pulling information together. Will use this information to guide next steps.

Update to Accessible Transportation Questionnaire (see attached – Senior Accessible Transportation Assessment, Summer 2023)

- Jim reviewed the Senior Accessible Transportation Assessment (SATA) document. Please let Jim know if there are corrections.

Program Updates and Announcements

- Tri Delta – we are working on means-based fare program with CCTA. Pilot ending and hiring a part-time employee to oversee the program for TriDelta – taking the program in-house. 2,300 active paratransit riders, 1,000 seniors
- Lamorinda – ridership has come back since COVID. Summer is slower.
- County Connection – Rashida leaving County Connection and moving to Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). Rashida’s voice in CCTA will be a powerful one.

Advisory Council on Aging Updates

- Looking for members. Recommend folks who might be interested.

Public Comment

- No comment

Next Meeting -

- Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Future SMAC Presentations/Agenda Items -

- County Office of Emergency Services

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.