



Contra Costa County
Advisory Council on Aging
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC)
Transportation Workgroup

MINUTES
Fourth Monday
August 23, 2021
9:30 to 11:30

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85401839962?pwd=WFNoZ3gzQmNldDBlVGFMOWcvcGE4Zz09>

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Welcome - Mary Bruns, Chair SMAC Transportation Workgroup called the meeting to order at 9:32am

Attendance: Mary Bruns, Co-Chair of SMAC, Shirley Krohn, Lorna Van Ackeren, Jim Donnelly ACOA Chair, Mike Awadalla Care Patrol, John Cunningham Transportation Planner Department of Conservation and Development, Marge Cortes Choice in Aging, David Pitman Monument Community Shuttle, Debbie Toth Choice In Aging, Riki Juster Lamorinda Spirit, Ross Green Uber/WAV Representative, Dale Harrington Rossmoor Walnut Creek, Austin Heyworth Uber Public Affairs, Kathryn Monroy Concord Senior Center, Joanna Pallock WCCTAC, Janet Bilbas WCCTAC, Ana Bagtas EHSD Aging & Adult Services AAA Program Director, and Melanie Smith Aging & Adult Services Staff Support.

Measure X – Advocacy for the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan to be funded:

Debbie Toth gave a brief background of the implementation of the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan that has been preceded by several transportation studies over the years. The goals are to create a single point of entry for prospective passengers, to look at all the transportation options that exist and consider the creation of a non-profit external organization that can oversee and coordinate these services, to implement person-centered procedures including a one-seat ride for people that need to get to places across transportation districts. Debbie encouraged members of SMAC, older adults, people with disabilities, and veterans to participate in the Measure X process by attending the Measure X meetings and the Board of Supervisors meetings. For those who can't attend the upcoming Wednesday evening Measure X meeting, please send written support to Lisa Driscoll Lisa.Driscoll@cao.cccounty to support Measure X providing funding for the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan.

Self-Introductions – all attendees as noted above.

Uber/WAV – Austin Heyworth and Ross Green. Austin provided a PowerPoint overview of the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV.) There are not enough drivers to fill rider demand. There is a public obligation to provide the service and Uber keeps the cost the same as a regular ride by covering the extra cost. Uber has the ability for riders to call on the telephone so riders

do not have to use the Smart based App. They have a service called Uber Assist to help the rider enter and exit a building; the driver is specially trained to provide the rider with door-to-door service. Drivers do not wait for the rider, but they have drivers available 24 hours a day. They also have Uber Health where they contract with different health providers to provide Uber transportation.

Approval of today's agenda –

Motion by Jim Donnelly, second by Lorna Van Ackeren; vote unanimous.

Approval of June 28, 2021 Minutes –

Jim Donnelly corrected the omission of his name in attendance and moved to approve the minutes, Lorna Van Ackeren second; vote unanimous.

September Agenda Planning - Fourth Monday 9/27/21 9:30am to 11:30am

Agenda Items – Preparation of Annual Report including Accomplishments and Goals – Please review and let Mary know what you think the SMAC Workgroup accomplishments are for 2021 and what you think the goals should be for 2022.

Speaker suggestion/s – what's available County wide? What are best practices? Way to go Contra Costa? Maybe the October meeting? Perhaps a perspective of what is going on in West County? We would like to get Kathryn on a future agenda (agreed on the October agenda) to discuss Concord's GoGoGrandparent program.

Reminder: November and December, SMAC is recessed.

Advisory Council on Aging Updates – ACOA members and County Staff - Jim reported out regarding the one objective of the June 24th Master Plan for Aging local meeting was to keep advocating for accessible transportation. Jim elaborated that in the Area Plan we must advocate for what is needed regarding transportation. Ana added that the Area Plan, the Master Plan for Aging, and the SMAC goals should be in alignment.

Program Updates and Announcements – Dale shared they are having difficulties getting drivers in Rossmoor.

Public comment - none

Meeting adjourned at 11:19am.

The ACOA meets currently on Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30am to 11:30am and recesses in July and November. Work Group and Committees: SMAC, Elder Abuse Prevention, Health, Housing, Legislative, Membership, Nutrition, Planning, and Technology.

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging and its committees will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disability planning to attend the above noticed meeting if the call 925-602-4172 and ask for Anthony Macias at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Area Agency on Aging on all matters related to the development and administration of the annual Area Agency Plan and operations conducted thereunder, in accordance with mandates from the Older Americans Act. Any comments or recommendations made by the council or its individual members do not represent the official position of the County or any of its officers.