

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Workgroup
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 • 10 am to 12 noon
VIRTUAL ONLY**

Call to Order: Jim Donnelly called the meeting to order 10:08 a.m.

Present (in-person)	
Virtual (Just Cause)	
Virtual (Emergency)	
Virtual	Jean Clark, John Cunningham, Jim Donnelly, Rosa Noya
Absent	
Leave of Absence	
Guests	
AAA Staff	Glenda Pacha

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

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

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

- Jean will update San Pablo.

Presentation: Rick Kovar, Contra Costa Office of Emergency Services

- Unable to attend.

Brainstorm: How to address lessons learned from the pandemic

- Jim to send out a questionnaire about things your agency had to change because of the pandemic
 - Changed operating procedures (safety, time schedule).
 - Changed # and types of employees.
 - Changed employee functions/duties (food delivery, disaster workers)
 - Required union negotiation for non-governmental employees.
 - In future union negotiations, should extend disaster worker protection to non-governmental employees.
 - Paratransit drivers delivered disaster supplies for Emergency Operations Centers (took pressure off police/fire).
 - Activation of Emergency Operations Centers.
 - Short-term/Interim/temporary changes.
 - Changes to concentrate on essential services.
 - Challenges with collaborations with other agencies

- Challenges with cross county collaborations/communications (especially with paratransit for medical issues).
- Within Contra Costa, agencies worked together well.
- What area wide collaborations happened?
 - Bay Area Paratransit Coalition (?) monthly meetings had a standing agenda item to discuss pandemic response.

Program Updates and Announcements

- County Connection working on non-emergency medical transport program and one seat ride program. Advisory Committee meets today at 1 pm.
- City of San Pablo getting many new paratransit applications. They are working with West Contra Costa Transit Authority Council (WCCTAC), Contra Costa Transit Authority, and Contra Costa County to use Measure X funds to set up a non-emergency medical transit program for residents of 94806 mainly to Martinez Medical Center. Will know more in November.

Advisory Council on Aging Updates

- Jim will be sending out a draft of the SMAC Annual Report for members to review/comment.
- Beginning work on the next four-year plan.

Public Comment

- None.

Next Meeting

Due to scheduling issues, we will cancel the October 17th meeting but add a meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.