

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Transportation Workgroup
Minutes for September 26, 2022 meeting**

Call to Order: Mary Bruns called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

Present: Betsy Delgado, Bill Pelter, David Pitman, Drennen Shelton, James Donnelly, Joanna Pallock, John Cunningham, Kathryn Monroy, Ken Gray, Kevin Donovan, Mary Bruns, Rashida Kamara, Riki Juster, and Rosa Noya

Staff: Glenda Pacha

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Approval of Today's Agenda – Ken made a motion to approve the agenda. John seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Approval of August 2022 minutes –Ken made a motion to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

COVID Updates:

- No updates

Presentation - Update on Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Blue Ribbon Action Plan Accessibility Work Plan- Drennen Shelton

- In July 2021, MTC's Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force developed the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan
- Of the 27 actions within the Plan, 5 are related to accessibility with several paratransit actions (see page 2-3 of the attached Transit Transformation Action Plan Access and Mobility Work Plan Update: Schedule of Activities)
- Contra Costa is well on the way to address these actions, MTC will keep us informed on progress
- MTC's plan is the regional recommendation, Contra Costa's Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP) is local plan
- The goal of "One seat" programs is to eliminate transfers between providers. We are moving toward that but for now, riders will still have to transfer between providers.
- Funding for the plan is unknown.
- Status reports on the Plan are given every month update to Policy Advisory Council (<https://mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/committees/policy-advisory-council>)

Presentation – Talking Points to advocate for Statewide Accessible Transportation, Update on Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) Transportation Subcommittee and CCC Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan Implementation Planning - John Cunningham

- Contra Costa County Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP)
 - Adopted 1 ½ yrs ago, Currently focused on implementation

- Received Measure X funding of \$1.4 million per year for the following 4 initiatives:
 1. Fare subsidy program for low income individuals
 2. One seat ride program
 3. One call, one click program – establishing one website, one phone number for transit resources
 4. Creation of a new coordinating entity to advocate for senior transportation needs. First meeting of the Task Force to discuss the options for the structure of the entity will be on October 20. A decision on the structure of the entity will be made by December 2022.
- Statewide Accessible Transportation, Update on Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) Transportation Subcommittee
 - State was presented information about senior transportation issues during the Master Plan for Aging (MPA) discussions.
 - State declined to put transportation proposals into MPA
 - Since CalTrans isn't addressing seniors issues, the committee is going directly to the Legislature. However we need to develop proposed legislation in order to have talking points for the legislature and others.
 - Suggested County Office of Emergency Services to speak to SMAC

Program Updates and Announcements

- Mary will find last year's SMAC annual report and Glenda will send out. Please read document and identify 2022 SMAC accomplishments and make recommendations for 2033 SMAC goals
- We discuss it at next month's meeting. It is due to the Executive Committee on Wednesday, December 7.
- Glenda - several RFPs coming out in the next few months
- Rosa – County Connections – free rides in October for fixed route and paratransit
- Ken – just opened up Oakley park and ride

Advisory Council on Aging Updates

- None

October 24, 2022 Meeting Agenda Planning

- Driver Cognitive Assessment Center, Melanie Henry
- Goals and Accomplishments for Annual Report
- Due to the holidays, SMAC is in recess November and December

Public comment

- none

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee**

September 22, 2022

Agenda Item 4

**Transit Transformation Action Plan Access and Mobility Work Plan Update: Schedule of
Activities**

Subject:

Transit Transformation Action Plan Access and Mobility Work Plan: Schedule of Activities.

Background:

In July 2021, MTC's Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force developed the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan) and identified five actions under "Accessibility" as important in achieving a more connected, efficient and user-focused mobility network. In May and June 2022, staff presented the scope of activities for the Access and Mobility Work Plan to the Equity and Access Subcommittee and other stakeholders around the region.

Work Plan Schedule of Activities:

Staff has created a draft schedule of start dates for each activity under the work plan (Attachment A). This proposed schedule will allow for activities under this work plan to be completed with enough time for comprehensive engagement, including interviews, focus groups, surveys, and discussion forums. Further, this draft schedule will allow for activities associated with the update of the region's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan to be completed concurrently. For more information about the Coordinated Plan, please see https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/MTC_Coordinated_Plan.pdf.

Next Steps:

Staff will return to the Equity and Access Subcommittee to confirm the work plan schedule of activities and to outline upcoming activities.

Please contact Drennen Shelton (dshelton@bayareametro.gov) to provide feedback and the names of individuals, agencies, and community groups for stakeholder engagement.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Transit Transformation Action Plan: Access and Mobility Work Plan Draft Schedule of Activities

Transit Transformation Action Plan

Access and Mobility Work Plan Draft Schedule of Activities

Action	Action Description	Action Activity and Start Date
21	Designate a Mobility Manager to coordinate rides and function as a liaison between transit agencies in each county, consistent with the Coordinated Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate meetings with agencies, organizations, and other parties to discuss current condition of mobility management and find consensus on which entity should lead mobility management functions (Fall 2022) • Document the process and create an analysis for each county (Spring 2023)
22	Fund additional subregional one-seat paratransit ride pilots and develop cost-sharing policies for cross jurisdictional paratransit trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and issue one-seat ride pilot program call for projects; award project funding for up to three pilots (Summer 2023) • Facilitate meetings with transit agency staff to document cost-sharing agreements and transfer practices and policies for cross jurisdiction trips (Summer 2023) • Provide analysis of current agreements and practices; provide recommendations for improvements (Winter 2024) • Map existing transfer points; provide criteria and minimum standards for safe transfer points (Fall 2023)
23	Integration of ADA-paratransit services on Clipper Next Generation	Connect the Clipper Next Generation system with ADA paratransit booking software using advanced programming interfaces (APIs) to enable the two software systems to communicate directly, allowing customers to pay for paratransit rides with their Clipper account (Ongoing)

Action	Action Description	Action Activity and Start Date
24	Identify key paratransit challenges and recommend reforms through the Coordinated Plan update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesize recent findings for top issues for paratransit riders (Summer 2022) • Meet with paratransit coordinating councils, transit accessibility committee members and other paratransit riders in forums, focus groups, and other small setting meetings for deep engagement on top issues (Spring 2023) • Meet with transit staff and paratransit providers to define the top paratransit provision challenges (Fall 2023) • Prepare recommended solutions and strategies for service improvement along with detailed cost information to accompany each recommendation (Winter 2024)
25	Adopt standardized eligibility practices for programs that benefit people with disabilities (ADA-paratransit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with transit staff to document current ADA-paratransit eligibility practices (Summer 2022) • Provide analysis, recommendations, and detailed cost information on changes to make eligibility practices more standard across the region (Fall 2022)