



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

MINUTES  
May 24, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492532267?pwd=SEpWC9mWXJxamJlRTg0cmhkSVhZZz09>

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- I. Welcome – Mary Bruns, SMAC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30am.
- II. Self Introductions – each attendee introduced themselves.
- III. Attendance – **ACO members in bold**

SMAC Members Present – **Mary Bruns Chair, Jim Donnelly, Shirley Krohn, Lorna Van Ackeren**, Mike Awadalia Care Patrol, Cynthia Black MOWDR, Marge Cortes Choice In Aging, John Cunningham CCC Transportation Planner, Ken Gray Tri Delta Transit, Jody Iorns Diablo Valley Foundation for Aging, Rashida Kamara County Connection, Joanna Pallock, David Pitman Monument Community Shuttle, Debbie Toth Choice in Aging, Chelsea Velez Choice in Aging, Elaine Welch Mobility Matters, Melanie Smith (A&AS Staff Support).

- IV. Approval of today's Agenda

Motion by Jim Donnelly, second by Elaine Welch to approve today's agenda; Vote unanimous.

- V. Approval of April 26, 2021 Minutes

Two corrections – Elaine Welch said in her presentation that Mobility Matters is a door though door transportation program. The ACOA does meet in December.

Motion by Lorna Van Ackeren, second by Ken Gray to approve the April minutes with the above correction; Vote unanimous.

- VI. Transportation Infographic – Mary shared and highlighted the minor changes. The Infographic was prepared by the ACOA from Census information. Mary would like a volunteer to take responsibility to periodically update the infographic. Elaine volunteered to work on it Jim agreed to as well. Jim has the PowerPoint and Mary Bruns shared the PDF. Elaine and Jim will submit updates and future drafts to Mary Bruns as the SMAC chair.

Motion by Shirley Krohn, second by Lorna Van Ackeren, that the Transportation Infographic remains a living document and SMAC will continue to update it as new data becomes available; Vote unanimous.

VII. Presentation / Speaker: Debbie Toth, Choice in Aging: Measure X; Transportation and the Master Plan for Aging

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Please see attached Choice in Aging PowerPoint as presented during the meeting.

The Master Plan for Aging (MPA) to play catch up for decades of not planning for the aged population that is beautifully diverse. Since MPA introduction 32 pieces of legislation have been produced ranging from transportation to housing and health. The legislation can be tracked on the California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports [www.ccltss.org](http://www.ccltss.org). 5 bold goals under the MPA with many components within each one. John Cunningham worked for many hours on transportation for the aged population but unfortunately it did not make it into the plan. Efforts are continuing to advocate to create coordinated transportation agencies to put together systems that match need and to update legislation. Shirley contacted Paul Branson and Tighe Boyle and started brainstorming to put together legislation to make this a legislative priority. Debbie would like to create a statewide transportation advocacy body. Note from Shirley – June 1 is the deadline to submit legislation to the California Senior Legislature (CSL.)

Measure X passed in November 2020 that will bring new tax revenues of between \$82 to \$100 million annually to be spent in CCC. The Board of Supervisors created a 17-member community advisory oversight committee and conducted a needs assessment study. The revenues began in April 2021 to be available starting in July. On July 28<sup>th</sup> transportation will be the topic (with John presenting) at the public meeting from 5pm online. Comments can be submitted in advance.

Mary asked John Cunningham for additional information as to his planned presentation and proposal at the Measure X Community Advisory Board Meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and how SMAC might support, advocate for, and language we should be using to support the utilization of Measure X funds. Mary also asked him to present at the June SMAC. Debbie Toth added that sharing stories that illustrate the problems seniors and the disabled population have with the reality of lack of transportation in CCC is important. Give examples of areas where more funding can provide services and the stories of the needs that are going unmet.

Mary asked about implementation of a CTSA - John replied that we need a new entity such as a transit authority that implements and coordinates transportation resources.

Numbers show us 16% of the population over 65 have a transportation issue.

Debbie is advocating for an entity or structure that locally coordinates transportation such as a CTSA. Funding has to be available and it can be grants, non-profits or different levels of funding including Measure X that can fund a CTSA.

Mary would like all SMAC members to be present at the Measure X Community Advisory Board Meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm when John speaks on Transportation.

[The presentation will be at the Measure X Community Advisory Board meeting. Once the agenda is posted it can be found here:

[http://64.166.146.245/agenda\\_publish.cfm?get\\_month=7&get\\_year=2021&mt=MXCAB&countDownload=&downloadFile=&id=](http://64.166.146.245/agenda_publish.cfm?get_month=7&get_year=2021&mt=MXCAB&countDownload=&downloadFile=&id=)

Information on the Advisory Board can be found here:

<https://contra-costa.granicus.com/boards/w/b7a9779a56d394f7/boards/38909>

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#### VIII. COVID19 Updates – n/a

#### IX. Program Updates and Announcements

Ken Gray - Tri Delta Transit we continue developing the Try My Ride program where little buses pick up riders at their homes and take them to popular areas such as BART. The rider makes a reservation ahead of time through dispatch.

Rashida Kamara, County Connection congratulated many programs that are re-opening and they are slowly bringing back and increasing transportation services while at the same time making sure there are cleaning process and PPE in place. They have been working hand in hand with coordinated efforts with the facilities that serve seniors. Mary asked, and Rashida responded that it is anticipated that mask requirements will remain in place at least until September on transportation they provide.

David Pitman Monument Community Shuttle – CC Spare the Air is coordinating with Bike East Bay to promote driver education. They have a 6 question quiz to help learn how to keep cyclist safe on the road <http://www.bit.ly/DriversEdQuiz>

Lorna Van Ackeren has put together a family caregiver boot camp as a starter course for how to care for a loved one. Lorna will provide the information to Mary to share.

Elaine Welch Mobility Matters - please stop referring new clients for shopping transportation. They are unable to handle the increased need now that volunteers are returning to pre-COVID19 commitments.

Jim Donnelly ACOA Chair - Master Plan for Aging Contra Costa's Local Playbook – Virtual Event. Please plan on participating June 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 11:30.

- X. June Meeting Agenda Planning – Fourth Monday 6/28/21 9:30am to 11:30am
  - A. Agenda Items – n/a
  - B. Speaker suggestion/s – John Cunningham and possibly an Uber / Lyft speaker.
- XI. Public Comment – n/a
- XII. Adjournment

Motion by Jim Donnelly, second by Lorna Van Ackeren to adjourn the meeting at 11:29am.

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NEXT MEETINGS - Fourth Monday of each month:

Monday June 28, 2021 at 9:30am

July – SMAC Workgroup Recess – no meeting

Monday August 23, 2021 at 9:30am

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.