

**Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging
Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Transportation Workgroup
Minutes for June 27, 2022 meeting**

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

Present: Mary Bruns, Elaine Welch (Mobility Matters), David Pittman, Dale Harrington, Rosa Noya (County Connection CCTA), Kathryn Monroy (Concord Senior Center), John Cunningham (CCC Department of Conservation and Development), Jim Donnelly, Camie Hansen (City of Pleasant Hill), Riki Juster, Rashida Kamara (County Connection)

Staff: Jenny Lam

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

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

Presentation: County Connection – Rashida Kamara

- Please see attached Power Point presentation.
- County Connection is educating public on how to utilize various transportation operators in the Bay Area region.
- A pilot program is currently being developed to help individuals with high level of need alleviate issues with long rides through enhanced door through door transportation.
- Partnered with Contra Costa Health Department for transportation services during the COVID pandemic.

Presentation: Accessible Transportation Advocacy Talking Points – John Cunningham, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- John stated that the Master Plan for Aging (MPA) does not include specific recommendation for improving transportation services for disabled and older adults.
- Preparing talking points for legislation to include improvements for accessible transportation.
- Statewide organizations should be involved in this effort to help move legislation along.

COVID Updates

- Mary reminded everyone to stay masked when indoors with others.
- Mary recommended masks for all transportation drivers, even though legislation states that masks for transportation drivers are only strongly recommended.

Program Updates and Announcements

- Elaine stated that few Mobility Matters volunteers are not requesting reimbursement for gas despite high gas prices.

- Elaine states that Mobility Matters will soon hire paid drivers to fill in service gaps.

August 25, 2022 Meeting Agenda Planning

- Possible presenter: Bill Churchill, County Connection General Manager

Public comment

- None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07am