

## **Transportation and Aging in Community Notes**

Date: 09/14/23

**In Person Meeting** 

## The meeting was recorded

Committee members present: Kathy Uhl, Monika Lee, Irene Liana, Liz Taylor

Committee Member not present: Marita Leth

Staff: Suki Ho (Zoom), Anna Sawamura

Public: Margaret Baggerly, Pgm. Coord. Sr. & Vets. Mobility, SamTrans; Tina Dubost Access.Trans. Svs. SamTrans

The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm by Chair,Kathy Uhl.

- 1. Note taking: Commissioner Liana agreed to take notes.
- 2. Public
  - a. Margaret Baggerly and Tina introduced themselves.
  - b. Liz Taylor updated everyone on the Colma bus stop issue. In addition to the names secured on a petition both from the public, and Eric, the Chair at the Vets Center; Vets who would use the service at this stop; neighbors in the area and council members as private citizens. Patrick Rosenthal also collected signatures and these were turned over to SamTrans. Tina stated that the issue of the bus stop to accommodate the Veterans had been evaluated and determined not to make sense due to ridership. The availability of Redi-Wheels and Paratransit was cited as the option for the disabled veterans. The next steps are to request Sam Trans have the knowledgeable person for this decision address the TAIC Committee in October. Also the two other options for the residents will be researched further and current usage, awareness of, etc. reviewed.
  - c. Senior Mobility Guides are being updated and will be available when completed.
- 3. Review Agenda
  - a. Two items were added to the agenda:
    - i. Request to have Karen Coppock address the TAIC on Housing
    - Including Sam Trans report as a standing agenda item and Margaret Baggerly and Tina Dubost as standing members of the TAIC.



- b. Monika Lee moved to approve the agenda and Liz Taylor seconded it as amended. All approved
- 4. Review of notes from the prior meeting
  - a. Monika Lee moved to approve the notes from the prior meeting (with the corrected change from Paratransit to Ride Plus) and Liz Taylor seconded it. All approved.
- 5. Meeting time discussion
  - a. No further discussion needed as the TAIC meeting will be from 3:00 4:30 PM.
- 6. New Goals and Work Plan Discussion
  - a. The work plan currently in draft was discussed. After much discussion, it was determined that perhaps the scope of the current plan was too broad and included unrealistic goals on housing. The current plan will be distributed to committee members for review and to format more realistic, feasible goals. Anna will submit it when updated.
- 7. Member Reports
  - a. See information under the public comments from Liz Taylor, committee members and SamTrans representatives addressing the Colma bus stop issue.
- 8. New Business
  - Based on work plan discussion, close review and update needs to take place on the Transportation Section of the Help At Home Booklet.
    Transportation is a critical need for seniors in San Mateo County.
  - b. After the discussion on the work plan and more realistic focus on doable goals, inviting Karen to address TAIC will be tabled at this time.
  - c. Monika Lee said the local Daily newspaper is very informative and includes many topics of interest to seniors.
  - d. Kathy Uhl has attended local city meetings covering resources and found them valuable.
  - e. Anna Sawamura invited commissioners to attend a CID Meeting on 09/21 in San Carlos (SCACC) from 2-5. Commissioners Lee, Taylor, Uhl and Liana all expressed interest in attending.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 by a motion from Monika Lee and a second by Liz Taylor. The next meeting will be on October 12, 2023 at 3:00pm.