



Transportation and Aging in Community Notes

Date: 03/15/23

In Person Meeting

Committee members present: Kathy Uhl, Monika Lee, Marita Leth, Irene Liana

Committee members absent: Liz Taylor

Staff: Anna Sawamura, Suki Ho

Public: Lynn Spicer, Sam Trans

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm by Chair Kathy Uhl. Commissioner Lee moved to have the agenda approved and Commissioner Leth seconded.
2. Note taking: Commissioner Liana agreed to take notes.
3. Public Comment: Lynn Spicer, SamTrans Staff – stated that everyone is back to taking SamTrans, and the Para Transit ridership (card included) has increased 19% over 2022 and fixed rate has realized a 70% increase. There was discussion about different prices and rates and the confusion for seniors to keep fares straight. Lynn agreed to have a flyer/brochure for the next meeting to make it clearer what the different rates are with the criteria for them. SamTrans' Microbus was confirmed for at start date in June '23 for Half Moon Bay and East Palo Alto. Commissioner Leth asked about the Half Moon Bay request to have a stop at Miramonte. Lynn stated that there were drainage issues there and updates will follow at the next meeting. The Colma bus stop request was not discussed further due to Commission Taylor's absence.
4. New Goals and Work plan Discussion – Commissioner Uhl presented a summary of the 6 month activity of the Committee to be sent to the Commission on Aging Chair for inclusion in the Annual Report.
5. A discussion ensued on transportation:
 - a. Private companies offering rides for a fee, Senior Center transportation (mostly to and from the centers), Uber, Lyft and Taxis, RediWheels, etc.
 - b. As the topic is expansive it was decided to break it up to smaller parts starting with Help At Home Sources and Senior Centers. Questions on Corporate Company busses and could they be used off hours for transportation of the public. Commissioner Lee described other community transportation services available in San Mateo (We Drive U).
 - c. Commissioners will be assigned calls to make for updated information for senior transportation in the county. Also the importance of "spreading the



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- d. word” on transportation services available as many seniors are not aware they exist.
- e. Chair Uhl presented a Discussion Plan on how to divide up the community task. Further discussion will follow at the next meeting.
6. The notes from the prior meeting were reviewed and approved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Liana.
7. Member Reports – none noted.
8. New Business – Commissioner Uhl asked for a quarterly back up replacement on the Para Transit Coordinating Council (PCC) as she has a conflict quarterly with other community responsibilities.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm. The next meeting is on Thursday, April 13, 2023.