

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

## Date: 11/09/23

## **In Person Meeting**

<u>Committee members present</u>: Kathy Uhl, Monika Lee, Marita Leth, Irene Liana, Liz Taylor

Staff: Anna Sawamura, Suki Ho (Zoom)

<u>Public</u>: Tina Dubost, Manager Accessibility Transportation Services – Sam Trans, Adele Ryono, Youth Commission Aragon High School,

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Uhl at 3:04pm.
- 2. Commissioner Liana agreed to take notes.
- 3. Public
- a. No comments from the public.
- 4. Review and Approve Agenda
  - a. Commissioner Leth moved the agenda be approved and Commissioner Taylor seconded. All present approved.
- 5. Review and Approve Notes from prior meeting.
  - a. Commissioner Lee moved for approval of the prior meeting notes and Commissioner Taylor seconded. All present approved.
- 6. Sam Trans Report
  - a. Tina Dubost reported that the Ride Plus Programs in Half Moon Bay and East Palo Alto have been extended through the end of the year and are still free at this time. Ridership has gone up every month and finding drivers has been successful.
    - i. As of 11/05 there are service changes on Sam Trans and time tables should be checked.
    - ii. On 12/06 there are fee changes and the Summer Youth Pass has been eliminated in favor of other options.
    - iii. Clipper Cards will be contactless in the Fall of '24 and there will be an open pay program.
    - iv. There was much discussion and information provided on fare changes, transfer fees and monthly rates. It was recommended that the SamTrans website (<u>www.samtrans.com</u>) be checked for the latest info.
    - v. The Senior Mobility Guide updates are in process and will be distributed when completed.
    - vi. Commissioner Taylor's advocacy for the bus stop at the Vet's Center in Colma is receiving attention. There will be a talk and



information at the Vet's Villages in 01/24. 13 petition signatures have been collected and passed on to SamTrans.

- vii. Para Trans same day service was announced for Half Moon Bay. Red wheels can be called the same day between 8:00 and 1:30 and depending on availability rides will be provide. Check the website for fare costs.
- 7. New Goals and Work Plan Discussion
- 8. The work plan currently in draft was reviewed. It will be finalized and ready for presentation in January.
- 9. Member Reports
  - a. None.
- 10. New Business
  - All commissioners present introduced themselves to Adele Kyono, Youth Commissioner and expressed their reasons for being advocates on the Commission on Aging.
  - b. Adele Kyono also expressed her reason for volunteering to be on the TAIC Committee: personal experience with loneliness and isolation of seniors, being an ambassador in the school for distributing info to students to be handed on to grandparents and parents (prior authorization will be received by school administration) and her interest in intergenerational programs.
- 11. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Uhl at 4:25pm. The next meeting will be on 01/12/24 at 3:00pm.