

# Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Manday February 25, 2019, 1:20 p.m.

Monday, February 25, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

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### 1. Call to Order

Sandra Johnson, PAPCO Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

A roll call was performed and all were present with the exception of Larry Bunn, Bob Coomber, Christine Ross, Will Scott, Linda Smith, Sylvia Stadmire, Cimberly Tamura and Hale Zukas.

### Subsequent to the roll call:

Hale Zukas arrived during item 3.

### 3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Krystle Pasco discussed the emergency evacuation procedures for the building, which is a standard announcement at the beginning of each meeting.

### 4. Consent Calendar

- 4.1. Approve the December 3, 2018 PAPCO Meeting Minutes
- 4.2. Receive the FY 2018-19 PAPCO Meeting Calendar
- 4.3. Receive the PAPCO Roster

### 4.4. Receive the Paratransit Outreach Calendar

Esther Waltz moved to approve the consent calendar. Michelle Rousey seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes:

Yes: Barranti, Behrens, Costello, Hastings, Johnson, Lewis, Orr,

Patterson, Rivera-Hendrickson, Rousey, Waltz, Zukas

No: None Abstain: None

Absent: Bunn, Coomber, Ross, Scott, Smith, Stadmire, Tamura

### 5. Paratransit Programs and Projects

# 5.1. Approve 2020 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program Recommendation

Krystle Pasco and Kate Lefkowitz presented information and the staff recommendation on Alameda CTC's 2020 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program. Ms. Pasco noted that this recommendation will be forwarded to the Commission for final approval in late spring.

Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson stated that the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority's (LAVTA's) Para-Taxi Operations, Para-Taxi Debit Card, and LAVTA Mobility Lab projects were not discussed with the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC). Carmen then asked how Alameda CTC plans to handle the situation with LAVTA not discussing the Para-Taxi Operations, Para-Taxi Debit Card, and the LAVTA Mobility Lab projects with the TAAC. Ms. Pasco responded that Alameda CTC does not require sponsors to seek approval from local advisory committees, though it is highly recommended. She then noted that this issue is out of Alameda CTC's purview and if there are any remaining concerns, she encouraged PAPCO members to reach out to LAVTA staff directly.

Peggy Patterson asked what the review process is for local advisory committees. Ms. Pasco stated that generally not all sponsors have direct access to a local advisory committee to seek feedback from. She noted that staff does include a question on the application asking whether a local advisory committee weighed in on the application. As mentioned above, Alameda CTC does not require sponsors to seek approval from local advisory committees, though it is highly recommended.

Shawn Costello asked which service is taking over the Wheelchair and Scooter Breakdown Transportation Service (WSBTS). Ms. Lefkowitz stated Easy-Does-It Emergency Services (EDI) has proposed a similar program to WSBTS. Mr. Costello then asked how EDI will work. Ms. Pasco stated that staff provided the

program scope as well as the need and benefits in the PAPCO packet. Naomi Armenta further clarified that the program is called Fast Accessible Safe Transportation Emergency Repair (FASTER) and the project scope may be found on page 75 of the PAPCO packet. She noted that it is similar to the prior WSBTS program with a stronger emphasis on mobility device repair.

Herb Hastings asked how Alameda CTC determined the funding recommendation for the LAVTA Mobility Lab project. Ms. Armenta stated that this application did not clearly indicate a direct increase in service and it was not clear whether this program proposed to increase service for people with disabilities and seniors.

Yvonne Behrens asked if the funding amount for the Para-Taxi Debit Card project will need to be renewed regularly. Ms. Armenta stated that the budget was requested for five years and the first year is the highest amount because it includes startup and implementation costs. The remaining years include just the amount for subscription costs.

Peggy Patterson asked if there is an opportunity within the five year programming period for a sponsor to apply for a new paratransit discretionary grant. Ms. Pasco said yes, potentially there is an opportunity after two years. She stated that Alameda CTC has asked for 5-year budgets but the agency is only allocating for two years at this time. After the two years, staff will reconfirm the funding needs for the programs that received funding and staff will decide if they will bring in new programs at that time.

Tony Lewis asked why the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay (ASEB) and the Drivers for Survivors Volunteer Driver Program were partially funded. Ms. Armenta stated that the ASEB program is in a different category than the Drivers for Survivors Volunteer Driver Program. She then referred to the staff recommendation in the

PAPCO packet to explain why these programs were recommended for partial funding (pages 32-34).

Hale Zukas asked why PAPCO isn't reviewing the full proposals. Ms. Pasco said a large portion of the application was extracted and included in the PAPCO packet. She noted that the information included the sponsor, project name, project type, planning area, project scope, need and benefits, performance measures, and project funding sources and budget.

Hale Zukas then stated that in the past PAPCO reviewed the full applications. Ms. Pasco responded that PAPCO did have a subcommittee in place to review the full applications; however, the PAPCO review process changed back in 2016 when PAPCO last reviewed and approved the 2018 Comprehensive Investment Plan (CIP) paratransit program recommendations.

Esther Waltz moved to approve this item. Shawn Costello seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes:

Yes: Barranti, Behrens, Costello, Hastings, Johnson, Lewis, Orr,

Patterson, Waltz

No: Rivera-Hendrickson, Rousey

Abstain: Zukas

Absent: Bunn, Coomber, Ross, Scott, Smith, Stadmire, Tamura

# 5.2. Mobility Management – Opportunities to Improve Community Mobility through Community Health Needs Assessments

Naomi Armenta presented this item. She noted that this is information that the National Center of Mobility Management provided about community health needs assessments, which is a requirement through the Affordable Care Act that requires hospital providers to perform community health needs assessments (CHNAs). The purpose of CHNAs is to identify the obstacles to improving community health and ways to address

those obstacles. Ms. Armenta further defined CHNAs and how transportation access fits into CHNAs.

Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson stated that she received a letter from the State of California regarding transportation being offered through Medi-Cal.

This item is for information only.

### 6. Committee and Transit Reports

# 6.1. Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC)

Herb Hastings gave an update on IWC. He announced that the IWC last met on January 14, 2019 and the Committee received an update on Alameda CTC's Measures B and BB programs, capital projects, and direct local distribution compliance. The next IWC meeting will take place on March 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

# 6.2. East Bay Paratransit Service Review Advisory Committee (SRAC)

Esther Waltz gave an update on SRAC. She noted that SRAC last met on January 7, 2019 and the Committee discussed the bylaws and the reminder to transit agencies about the reasonable person requirements. The next SRAC meeting will take place on March 5, 2019.

### 6.3. Other ADA and Transit Advisory Committees

There were no other ADA and Transit Advisory Committees reports.

## 7. Member Reports

Yvonne Behrens stated that Emeryville Senior Center will be hosting a transportation workshop in June. She asked if Alameda CTC has materials that she can add to the workshop. Ms. Pasco responded that with every PAPCO packet an outreach list is included and she requested Ms. Behrens to provide the details of the workshop so she may update the paratransit outreach calendar. In terms of materials, Ms. Pasco stated that Alameda CTC will be able to provide materials for the workshop and she will work with Yvonne directly.

Michelle Rousey stated that the Alameda County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Committee will meet in November. She informed PAPCO that IHSS has many open positions if anyone is interested. Also, the IHSS Committee is seeking members.

Tony Lewis asked if Alameda CTC may be able to provide materials to Victoria Williams, himself, and Arnold Brillinger for the City of Alameda's outreach events. Ms. Pasco stated that she'll reach out to Ms. Williams and Mr. Brillinger regarding materials offline.

Peggy Patterson informed the Committee that the City of Albany is having a Senior Center Resource Fair on April 18, 2019. She noted that twice a week people are at the Senior Center to assist residents with available resources.

Shawn Costello informed the Committee that he was appointed to a statewide developmental disability advisory council. Mr. Costello also stated that the Mayor of Dublin nominated him for the citizen of the year award for the City of Dublin; however he did not win.

### 8. Staff Reports

There were no other staff reports.

Many of the PAPCO members provided feedback regarding the new elevator system to get to Alameda CTC's offices.

### 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next PAPCO meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Alameda CTC offices located at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800 in Oakland.