



## Transit Coordinating Committee

May 16, 2018 – TCC 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SACOG Rivers Rooms  
1415 L Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA

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### Attendees:

Sarah Strand, City of West Sacramento  
Chris Dougherty, City of West Sacramento  
Lisa Cappellari, Paratransit, Inc.  
Laura Ham, RT  
Raquel Chavarria, e-tran  
Keith Martin, Yuba-Sutter Transit  
Sparky Harris, City of Sacramento  
Maureen Ring, RT  
Matt Maukm, Folsom Stage Line  
Ralph Trout, SMUD  
Caroline Payne, SACOG  
Teri Sheets, Unitrans  
Jeff Flynn, Unitrans  
Mike Costa, e-tran  
Azadeh Doherty, SACOG  
Mindy Jackson, El Dorado County Transit  
Brian James, El Dorado County Transit  
Rick Carter, County of Sacramento DOT/SCT-Link  
Heather Yee, County of Sacramento DOT/SCT-Link  
Mark Lonergan, RT  
Paul Phillely, SMAQMD  
David Goldman, RT  
Alva Carrasco, RT  
Terry Bassett, YCTD  
Matt Carpenter, SACOG  
Eileen Bruggeman, Roseville Transit  
Will Garner, Placer County Transit  
Jeff Tardaguila, public  
Brenda Anderson, public  
Sharon Sprowls, SACOG  
Conor Peterson, SACOG  
Raef Porter, SACOG

### 1) TCC Coordination (Garner/All, 20 minutes)

Public Comment on non-agenda topics - Brenda – A Golden 1 shuttle is needed from West Sacramento hotels and the hotel behind Golden 1 Center to the G1C.

- a. Brief introductions and sharing of significant news about transit systems – El Dorado Transit - El Dorado County Multimodal Transit Center Study – Looking at feasibility like what properties are availability. For more information go to: [EDCTC.org/transitcenterstudy](http://EDCTC.org/transitcenterstudy). Adjacent Regional Transit operators are partners. Will be having a public open house on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

YCTD – Just signed a 7 year base contract with 5 one year in options with TransDev. Also going to be completing a Caltrans funded Comprehensive Operational Study.

- b. Joint Transit Operator Project or Training Opportunities
- c. General TCC Information

- STA SGR Projects List – see attachment - SACOG - Caroline send an email on projects. The list of projects will go to SACOG Board for approval in August and is due to Caltrans Sept. 1.
- U.S. DOT NOFO – BUILD Discretionary Grant Program – see attachment
- Much appreciation to our regional transit operator partners in assisting with the completion of SACOG's FTA Triennial Audit
- Other

**2) Review and Approve February 21, 2018 TCC Minutes** (All, 5 minutes) – see attachment – Correct David Goldman's name. Mindy Jackson motion, Mike Costa second. Minutes approved unanimously.

**3) SACOG Assistance on Zero Emission Bus Planning** (Porter/All, 15 minutes) - SACOG – This item is a follow-up to the ZEB discussion at the February meeting. Any regional planning done would focus on ZEB and heavy duty vehicles. Working with Frontier Energy on this. Potential funding round project if the Board takes action tomorrow. Green Region - looking at ZEVs, transit electrification called out (rough guide), and will be part of the funding round. Next steps - write an issue paper to see what issues are around Zero Emission Transit even with HVIP, scalability what it looks like, operational flexibility (microtransit etc.), chargers and grid issues, what kind of charging, can utilities help support, charger standardization (is the industry moving there) etc. We will work to identify those issues and speak to the group or individually as appropriate. Trying to visualize what a ZEV/ZEB roll out in the region might look like with charger infrastructure and utilities.

SACOG - Charging configurations - given vehicles available (cutaways), retrofitting, infrastructure on the yard and on route. What might a business model look like? Joint procurement - larger roll out. Funding in the Regional funding round, incentives, etc. Want to sit down and start talking to operators and look at variances area by area. Can provide technical assistance.

YCTD – Commute run with electric vehicles coming down from Redding - TIRCP funded.

El Dorado - CTA has a subcommittee on ZEBs.

RT - Upcoming vehicle replacements. Half of RT's bus fleet up for replacement by 2020.

Unitrans – Plan to start the replacement of has the fleet by 2022. Regional program funding would be needed. Conceptual planning is good but we can't wait to apply for funding. Tier 2 funding- October 2017 SACOG Board approval, but waiting on the TAM planning issues.

SACOG – The Tier 2 funding is an internal discussion that will be held later offline.

RT - Look at infrastructure, cost differential, reuse of batteries/batter replacement during 12-year bus lifecycle. Could be a regional issue where those batteries could feed a large generation of power. Scalability is an issue since there is a difference between rolling out five buses vs. 100s.

Jeff T. - Port assisted with electrification in Southern CA.

e-tran – There should be a region wide electrification plan so that infrastructure is not duplicated.

SACOG - Both at the yard and out for infrastructure. Joint use of charging facilities.

YST - Help with LoNo applications.

SACOG - Can look at assisting.

YST - Issue paper will come after LoNo current funding.

Roseville and RT are submitting to LoNo too.

**4) Civic Lab Update** (Porter/All, 5 minutes) – SACOG - Civic Lab - part 2 may have different look with a landuse focus. The current Civic Lab will finish in June.

YCTD - Where does VMT fall?

SACOG - Yes it falls in there, but we don't know where the Civic Lab projects will fall yet until they are implemented. Modeling how we would quantify how to capture that. Data request and Household Travel Survey. Get some tests out there to get ground truthing.

SMAQMD - Civic Lab is part of the MPO and MTP/SCS side of SACOG. Civic lab is a member service.

**5) Regional Flexible Funding Round** (Carpenter/All, 15 minutes) – SACOG – Will send out packet with all recent information that has been shared with SACOG Board. Will be making a decision on process tomorrow at the May Board meeting.

**6) Next Generation Transit RFQ** (Carpenter/All, 15 minutes) - SMAQMD – consider ZEVs

e-tran - Choose two priorities?

SACOG - New approaches to governance seemed to come forward at the Transportation Committee. Do need to focus. Fare payment, transit ITS, coordinate with public works for transit efficiency, TNCs, a lot of technology that may affect service delivery.

e-tran – Will there be a consolidation discussion?

SACOG - Some Board members think there will be efficiencies from consolidation, but need to unpack the new governance issue. Transit agencies become mobility brokers.

YCTD – Yolobus has 20 options in new contract to allow for flexibility.

SACOG - Best practices, question about value comes up. Engagement on strategies. Offer some questions and answer them. \$100,000 in planning dollars (asked by PCT). Come back with more detail.

**7) FFY 2018 Sacramento Urbanized Area FTA 5307/5339 Apportionments – Earned Share** (VaughanBechtold/All, 15 minutes) – see attachment – SACOG - Going to Board in June. Will bring application and scoring back to TCC at June meeting. Will do call for projects. Likely in late summer due to SACOG Committee/Board cycle going dark in July, so August would be earliest.

**8) Microtransit** (Carrasco, RT/Strand, West Sacramento/All, 30 minutes)

Sacramento RT SmART Ride Service – see presentation – RT - launched first in Citrus Heights and currently in month 3 of the pilot. Now have 8 vehicles dedicated to service with an average of over 70 daily boardings. Adding Orangevale and connections to LRT in Folsom saw a big jump in usage. Hours of operation are now 6 AM to 9 PM. About 70 hours of service. Working with TransLoc to automate data reporting. Trying to stay within a 30 minute wait time. Information given to customer when the bus is coming. Wait time has been increasing. Not a highly efficient service. Citrus Heights fixed routes are very low productivity, so looking at microtransit to make transit relative again to connect to the larger system as well.

Roseville – Are you tracking the effect on fixed route and Paratransit?

RT - Don't want to run anything that isn't ADA accessible. Not taking rides off fixed route yet. Could possibly repurpose some Citrus Heights fixed routes in the future, and potentially replace some with SmART Ride. Getting the word out is important. Customers cancelling own rides, so almost no shows. Can't pay online. Connect card an issue since there is no equipment onboard the vehicles be used. Can use RT app, passes, other fare media, as well as cash. Distance doesn't matter. Sole source as demonstration. SmART not connected to regular system. Curb to curb. Planning "stops" with signage. Have to show proof of payment to ride.

SACOG - Senior training to use app/service?

RT - Went into community events, senior centers, and HOAs/neighborhood associations. Information on website/app.

Roseville – Does RT have performance targets?

RT - Just wanted better customer service initially. No metrics initially. Doubled ridership with on demand service. 3 things - 1. Didn't want to do worse than public DAR, 2. Keep wait times reasonable - 30 minutes - expanded service area and creeping up wait times. 3. Figure out where microtransit makes sense (suburban area where fixed route doesn't work well). STA SGR funds to expand microtransit in the Sacramento region. Franklin area will likely be next. Downtown implementation being considered too. There is fixed route service to get to and from downtown, but no transit to get around downtown. Carmichael and Fair Oaks looking at those areas with aging populations. Test application in all kinds of communities. Learn more about where microtransit works and where it doesn't. Agree with Jarrett Walker that high frequency fixed route is best, but can't abandon lower density suburban locations. Procure permanent microtransit.

West Sacramento Microtransit/Rideshare Pilot – see presentation – West Sacramento – The service connects to the YoloBus Downtown shuttle. VMT reduction goals important. The idea is to pool riders. Having data for Mobility Action Plan kicking off in the fall of 2018. Trying to remain flexible as this is a pilot. May ask riders to walk a short distance. Via open to sharing data.

SACOG – You have wheelchair accessible van, so is YCTD promoting?

YCTD - Goal is to have a net gain in people using public transportation.

West Sacramento – The service operates only in West Sacramento right now. Looking at using LCTOP funds to get vouchers to have free transfers to YCTD. AARP study to get seniors to use these types of services.

Sacramento County - Looking on on-going funding?

WS - Looking at different funding options.

El Do - Cap on the number of rides per month?

WS - No cap.

Sacramento County - Seeking better farebox recovery that regular transit?

WS - If it is more cost effective that would be great.

YCTD - Have the Via type services feed into more frequent trunk line service.

SACOG - Trying to look at legislation that inhibits this type of work.

El Dorado County - Bold and unique and exciting for taking steps to try something new.

PCT - Using TDA funds as a transit operator?

SACOG – No. Claiming article 8 as a city contracting with a private operator for services.

RT - Dial-a-Ride farebox recovery. Alternative to lifeline services that are not as convenient. Can get data from these types of service and can help create a better and more productive fixed route. Has been some amazing testimonials that this type of service has changed people's lives.

PCT - Like to have WS on the agenda in the future and the same for RT.

**9) Transit Asset Management Tool RFP/Project Status Update** (Sprowls/All, 15 minutes) – SACOG - FTA Procurement required. Reviewed proposals. Interviewed two firms and have a recommendation. Hope to get started in late May or early June. See how we can expedite to get ready to start-up. As soon as contract finalized we can share more information. Each agency will have its own data and we as a region can look and when vehicles need to be replaced.

**10) Upcoming Cooperative Fuel/Lubricants (Joint) Procurement** (Peterson/All, 5 minutes) – see attachment – SACOG - Reduce costs through bulk purchase and staff time for procurement. Give access to survey related to this. Hoping to release the RFP in late June. The contract would be a 5 year contract.



YCTD - RT and YoloBus have a contract for CNG.  
SACOG - No commitment and can compare prices without signing up.

**11) Meetings/Events/Updates** (All, 5 minutes)

- a. Meetings or Events – June 14<sup>th</sup> evening celebration for late evening RT light rail service to Folsom.
- b. Updates on Other Items

**12) Set Next Meeting Dates** (All, 5 minutes)

- a. Next TCC meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 – at SACOG
- b. Adjourn TCC

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