Transit Coordinating Committee
August 19, 2020 – TCC 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Hosted via Zoom

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Attendees:
Mike Rosson, SACOG
Lisa Cappellari, PI
Will Garner, PCT
Erik Reitz, RT
Keith Martin, YST
Kristen Mazur, YCTD
Caroline Payne, SACOG
Teri Sheets, Unitrans
Conor Peterson, SACOG
Mike Dour, Roseville Transit
Dustin Foster, SACOG
Edgar Franco, SCT/Link
Mike Costa, e-tran
Brian James, El Dorado County Transit
Tiffani Fink, PI
James Drake, RT
Virginia Wieneke, ACC
Jeff Flynn, Unitrans

1) TCC Coordination (All, 20 minutes)
   a. Public Comment on non-agenda topics
   b. Brief introductions and sharing of significant news about transit systems – Roseville Transit – Eileen Bruggeman left Roseville. Will be doing recruitment for transit analyst position – see jobs page. Couple of positive COVID-19 tests of drivers. MV did contact tracing, as well as City of Roseville maintenance staff.
   PI – Continuing great plates delivered with ACC and UCP, food bank box for seniors with Sacramento Food Bank through the fall and may assist ACC meals on wheels with deliveries.
   Unitrans – Getting new maintenance manager and have outgoing IT manager. Broken ground on rehab of pavement at Unitrans maintenance yard. Also, digging trenches and conduit for electric vehicle charging – 7 charging units for 14 buses to be completed by summer of 2021. Have funds for 6 electric buses. Will be getting 5 more from FTA 5339 discretionary pot.
   RT – Going back to 100% service in September 2020. Seven cases of COVID-19, 5 are back at work.
   El Dorado Transit – Started charging fares on August 1st, and have barriers installed on all buses.
   SCT/Link – Looking for a general manager as previous manager Becky Egleston retired.
   e-tran – Doing planning study for ZEB – battery electric and fuel cell technology to complete by the end of the calendar year.
   PI – Separated from RT in June. Travel training demand increasing and continuing.
   ACC – Providing essential and critical trips. Increased ridership from April 130%.
   c. Joint Transit Operator Project or Training Opportunities – Transit Asset Mgmt. training. PI – have trainers available for variety of subjects and all can be done virtually.
d. General TCC Information & Discussion

- LTF, STA, and STA-SGR estimates updates – FY 2020-21 LTF revision will go to committee and board in September. SGR – going to SACOG Board on Thursday (August 20).
- RT – More SGR funds may be needed to increase funding amounts or include a new project.
- SACOG – Original due date for SGR is September 1st. Will send an amendment with the revisions and any changes to revenue amounts. STA decrease of approximately 40% and LTF decrease 15-20%.
- Unmet Transit Needs going all digital this fall
- TCC 2020 schedule available at: https://www.sacog.org/calendar

Other

2) Select new TCC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2020-21 (SACOG/All, 15 minutes)

- Nominations – Motion Keith Martin, Yuba-Sutter Transit, Second Tiffani Fink, Paratransit, Inc., Mike Dour continuing as Chair. Motion Mike Costa, e-tran, Second Will Garner, PCT, Tiffani Fink continuing Vice Chair.
- Voting – both motions were approved unanimously by the TCC members in attendance.
- Selection – Mike Dour, Chair and Tiffani Fink, Vice Chair.

3) Review and Approve June 17, 2020 TCC Minutes (All, 5 minutes) – see attachment Motion Keith Martin, Yuba-Sutter Transit, Second Kristen Mazur, YCTD – approved.

4) COVID-19 Related Updates (All, 20 minutes) – Roseville Transit – putting in driver barriers to be done 1st week of Sept. and start charging fares beginning of October.
- PCT – August 10th started charging fares after barriers were installed, 50% of ridership is local, at only 15-20% of previous commuter ridership. No positive employee tests since March. Others sharing positive tests? Commuter service from suburbs and what are thoughts on restoration. PCT – Continuing with ½ service until people go back to commuting.
- Roseville – holding the line until we see what is going to happen with state government. Publicizing positive COVID-19 test following RT’s lead.
- RT – Management wanted to stay as transparent as possible with riders and the public. Trying to return to full service.
- Yuba-Sutter Transit – July 1st fare collection, ridership dropped 22% after fares were reinstated. Down 50% on local fixed route, 85-90% on commuter, and reductions in dial-a-ride. Cutaways and commuter service getting barriers installed. Dial-a-ride and rural services fares back by December 1st. Had following buses for excessive heat and no one got left behind. Discussion about limiting capacity. One positive test but a dial-a-ride driver and did not publicly announce because of limited rider contact. Cut commuter service by 30% with only 11 passengers allowed max, though usually only 3-4 ride. Plan to speak to board about permanently cutting service.
- YCTD – 3 or 4 cases. Post on website with routes, dates, and times. What level of service to bring back? Completed COA right before COVID-19. Going to do one more look at how COVID-19 would affect COA recommendations. Surveying riders about what they’ll do in the future. At 30% of where ridership was before.
- PI – two non-driving staff have positives. Internal document used in contracted service in Boston. Great plates delivering 15,000 meals per week over 13 weeks, 38,000 meals per month with food bank. Total 400,000 meals delivered. 10 passenger trips each week. Working with contractor to make sure we’re ready for increase in trips. Working with CTSA partners with capacity increases/more vehicles with fewer riders per vehicle. Longer spans of service, weekend, and more vehicles. Starting earlier and doing shifts, to keep people apart/socially distant.
- Yuba-Sutter Transit – Putting people going to different programs on one bus it will be a challenge, and especially weekend service.
- El Dorado Transit – Do a lot with Alta as well.
- PI – Keep everyone informed on discussions with Alta. How to make tech available to make sure clients get to the right place. El Dorado, Yuba-Sutter Transit, and Roseville.

Unitrans – No positives. 15 people per bus capacity. 50-80% reduction in apartment occupancy. 90% reduction in ridership. Plan to go back to charging fares on Sept. 30th after driver barriers are in place.
- e-tran – 1 positive case of driver. Had been out on leave prior to testing positive. Continuing to coordinate with SacRT on how we do the contact tracing, and notifications. Ridership down 75% local, 90% commuter, and 55% on DAR. Still/continue to collect fares. Clean buses between runs in morning and afternoon.
El Dorado Transit – no positive cases of COVID-19. August 1st start charging fares. DAR down 60%, commuter down 90%. Local fixed route down 20%. Limiting how many people can ride the bus. Increase commuter service as demand increases, DAR as well and see where budgets are in the future.

SCT/Link – 1 case but was off on vacation. Driver barriers are on order. Service is down and have continued to charge fares. Buses are cleaned after each run.

ACC – 1 staff tested positive no exposure with other staff. Transported one COVID-19 positive person. Doing about 150 meals per day (hot meals).

5) Discretionary Funding Reprogramming Requests (All, 15 minutes)
   a. Unitrans CMAQ Reprogramming – Tier 1 regional funding – CMAQ. Use balance reinvest into electrification infrastructure project. YCTD – Good partner, good use of funds.
   b. YCTD Discretionary 5307 Reprogramming – Y Shuttle funds special events at Golden 1 Center. Discontinued Y Shuttle. Check with FTA on flexibility of older money during COVID-19.

6) 2021 MTIP Adoption (Foster/Cáceres/All, 15 minutes) – see attachment – see slides. Can include CARES act funding if desired. PI – May assist with showing the gap in transit funding.

7) Vehicles, Services, and Software Contracting Opportunities available to Transit Agencies (Peterson/All, 15 minutes) – see attachment

8) Updates and Background on Remix and Replica (Rosson/Conly/All, 10 minutes)

9) Meetings/Events/Updates (All, 3 minutes)
   a. Meetings or Events – Board equity working group. Share equity efforts with SACOG staff. TRB released TCRP reports on how to include equity in transit planning process.
   b. Updates on Other Items – Next Gen study – don’t have info for this meeting. Hopefully next week have signed agreement, and will be able to provide copies to operators and PAC and TAC scheduling information. Deadline for study is March/April of 2021.

   Mobility Accelerator update from Adrienne.

10) Set Next Meeting Dates (All, 2 minutes)
   a. Next TCC meeting on October 21, 2020 – via Zoom
   b. Adjourn TCC

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