



Transit Coordinating Committee

December 14, 2016 – TCC 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

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Attendees:

Terry Bassett, YCTD
Jean Foletta, e-tran
Mike Costa, e-tran
Mike Barnbaum, public
Tiffany Fink, Paratransit, Inc.
Jeff Damon, RT
Sara Baker, Paratransit, Inc.
Mike Dour, Roseville Transit
Raef Porter, SACOG
David Lee, ACC Rides
Adrienne Moretz, SACOG
Azadeh Doherty, SACOG
David Ghiorso, SACOG contractor
Sam Shelton, SACOG
Jose Luis Caceres, SACOG
Mary Poole, Citrus Heights
Maureen Ring, RT
Keith Martin, Yuba-Sutter Transit
Marie McKeeth, Folsom
Janine Brown, DHHA
Mark Snaer, DHHA – Senior Companions
Lynne Goldsmith, public
Clint Holtzen, SACOG

1) TCC Coordination (Foletta/All, 20 minutes)

- a. Public Comment on non-agenda topics- CCJPA 25th Anniversary celebration, SJJPA strategic and regional initiatives extend the So Cal through way bus to Fresno- focus on Sacramento and see how early could get to town for business purposes – surveying to get interest information.
e-tran – Attempted to submit 5339 application to FTA. Have been told by FTA must still go through RT. PI – FTA told us we could manage 5339 if get grantee status. RT – Talk to FTA regarding subrecipients submitting their own grant. PI – FTA said that could apply directly for 5339 and 5310.
SACOG – MTIP transit project list to be approved December 16th. Double check programs are programmed correctly. CMAQ funded projects – Elk Grove, Unitrans, RT. On the highway side funds are programmed over a four year time frame, but transit projects should work on transferring funds as soon as ready (up to a year ahead). Transit funds have to be in the year of the grant. Transfer process takes a while – don't wait until the end of the year because it is possible the program could run out of money.
Roseville – Any issue with early delivery?
Jose Luis – Three tiers of projects programmed with SACOG funds. Tier one get priority until February 1st. Advance construction - pre award authority type option. This year most successful delivery year at SACOG.
Mike Barnbaum – AB 1 and SB 1 – RT's legislative advocate, going after constitutional amendment to lower level for transit/transportation bonds. Kevin McCarty would cosponsor – could SACOG be a legislative advocate to help counties that want to be become self-help counties?
SACOG – SACOG generally does not advocate. Azadeh – Can pass this issue on to our legislative affairs group?

- b. Brief introductions and sharing of significant news about transit systems. – e-tran – Still working on COA. We have received a draft and are refining. Presented service scenarios to City Council and working on financial plan. Hope to bring the final COA to Council next year.
 Roseville – Game Day express – successful committed up to two buses average about 40 people per game. Fares are equivalent to commuter fares.
 PI – Service is up to Golden 1. Not getting complete round trips. Process has been working to get in and out G1C. This spring the CNG station will open and PI will put CNG vehicles (50) into service. Tiffani is the Interim PI CEO.
 YCTD – Paratransit/Specialized transit users don't have to be registered in the first 21 days/rides. Something to work on in the region to create “universal” or eligibility reciprocity.
 e-tran – E-tran automatically approves users already registered with PI.
 YCTD – January 3rd Yolobus will be 35 years old. Terry Bassett has been with Yolobus for 35 years. G1C serving agencies – ridership taking a hit down on fixed route ridership. Capitol Mall – something to revisit since it makes it hard for the end transit user. Yolo TMA is run by Yolobus. Expecting 3-4 of new Gillig CNG buses.
 Mike Barnbaum – Lucas Frerichs is the chair of CCJPA.
- c. Joint Transit Operator Project or Training Opportunities – PI – Travel training services are available throughout the region.
- d. General TCC Coordination:
- Caltrans FTA 5310 Workshop at SACOG, January 9th at 9:30 AM. Caltrans required Electronic Grants Management training included. – Caltrans FTA 5310 Call for Projects January 9, 2016
 - Bike Share and Connect Card – Regional interoperability – Png, maintenance, and operations. What are the opportunities and challenges for interoperability? Some opportunities related to bike share and must move more quickly related to that. Have a few more concrete examples of opportunities and challenges. We want to hear from the transit operators.
 Roseville – RFP for bike share?
 SACOG – Already selected a vendor.
 YCTD – Regional projects are years in the making, but can start and expand in the future.
 Roseville – Sounds like good opportunities in the future.
 SACOG – There are tax issues, different purses related to transit costs vs. bike share or EV charging. We need to have a better understanding of technical issues.
 Mike Barnbaum – Wouldn't both modes be considered alternative modes?
 Roseville – Transit tax benefit, bike/walk tax benefit must be kept separate.
 SACOG – A whole different issue with EV charging etc. Exploring opportunities. Different “purses” possible.
 RT – Perhaps could get a portion of the VW agreement funds.
 SACOG – Different funding mechanisms through that settlement.
 RT – VW going to make an announcement about where their going to apply funds in February. 300-500 vehicles will be made available. Need to gear up very quickly.
 SACOG – Would like to leverage this work to get them to pick our area. SMAQMD – Received funds to start a car share in disadvantaged communities.
 SACOG – City of Sacramento working on a Sacramento Valley Station plan, land use and transportation (15 acres).
 Want to get information from the operators regarding plan to operate service in the area (long or short range plans). No news on CalOES plan for funding. LCTOP funding allocations in January.

2) Review and Approve July 20, 2016 TCC Minutes (All, 5 minutes) – Approved.

3) Revised FY 2016-17 State Transit Assistance Allocations (Doherty/All, 25 minutes) – Funding amounts came in low for FY15-16 but keeping allocation the same. Bill for full amount approved by SACOG Board. Adjust FY16-17 numbers to cover the 15-16 shortfall, and adjust down to reflect lower amount of funds coming in. Also included carryover of \$915,000. Still draft numbers.

YCTD – Potential that LCTOP funds could more than double if legislation passes.

SACOG – Going to the SACOG Board in January 2017 with STA revisions.

4) Transit Asset Management Discussion (Doherty/All, 30 minutes) – Federal Government requiring over 100 buses during peak or rail must do their own TAM plan, and smaller operators can do a group plan. Plan is a document inventorying all capital items – vehicles, equipment, facilities etc. One of the goals is investment prioritization, which will help operators and SACOG. Going to hire a consultant to do the group TAM plan. Planning to go to Board in January 2017 to do RFQ to seek consultant services. Nine months to a year to complete work. Plans are due to FTA in October 2018. Performance measures – targets don't have to submit it to anyone (NTD/FTA), but done in January 2017. Group of small operators interested in a small group – YCTD, e-tran, Roseville, and Unitrans. We only have a vehicle inventory thus far.

PI – Would like to piggyback on to SACOG RFP for data etc. Have funds to spend.

RT – Tag onto discussion for a group approach. Use the same consultant and be part of a group procurement.

5) SACOG MTP/SCS Project Performance Assessment (Holtzen/Ballard-Rosa/All, 10 minutes) – How we're going to build out information on individual transit/transportation projects. Part federal requirements and part SACOG Board direction. How to best use the transportation dollars available. SACOG is planning a two tiered approach. 1) Benefit cost analysis – can't look at all types of transportation projects with this. 2) Outcomes based assessment. SACOG will be forming a working group with transit providers and jurisdiction representatives. The group would meet at different frequencies. Give everyone a stake in this to give their input. SACOG would like representatives from a variety of different size operators. Also include stakeholders/advocates. Keep the group to a manageable size 24 people or less. PI and YCTD are interested in being part of the group.

Roseville – How will this affect funding?

SACOG – Will initially affect the MTP/SCS how projects are reflected. Four county funding – could enrich how we look at applications/projects. Could help with other state funding programs. With any 6 county funding.

PI – Would be a starting point to refine questions related to transit or more applicable to transit.

SACOG – Does this project help the region help push the region towards goals? It will help fit metrics that apply to transit. Help get to goal of comparing more 'apples to apples'. Could be helpful as a way to create sets of projects along a corridor or roadway.

YCTD – Do Unmet Transit Needs conflict with performance measures?

SACOG – We don't think those two things will conflict.

PI – Disadvantaged communities services do not tend to be efficient but must provide lifeline service.

YCTD – That is the push for efficiency.

PI – Maybe could have a portion of projects that for performance purposes are efficient and others lifeline.

Roseville – Is SACOG involving PCTPA and EDCTC?

SACOG – Not yet, but will in the future.

6) Connect Card Update (SACOG/All, 10 minutes) – RT launched CC acceptance in November. There are 400 cards active and \$20,000 in revenue. Getting other agencies up and running in the last week of January (soft launch). System is live and early adopters are using the "real system". The first few months of operations are to make sure everything is working as designed. Sometime in the Spring 2017 will have a full launch event. Much harder push to get people to accept CC. Later in 2017 there will be a requirement to switch. CC customers seamless regional trip, online purchase, and loss protection; transit operators lowers cost to account for cash purchases and speed boarding. After initial roll out will start to see savings.

Mike Barnbaum – Making sure that a disability/reduced fare position is fully aware of mandate to be a connect card user. Need to contact service coordinators to help consumers/clients (RT going to do contacting). 6,000 adults are Alta CA consumers. How to go out to employers, and day programs to get the people who need to be converted?

E-tran – Think about that and reaching out to the regional centers.

LTK – There is a mobile option.

YCTD – Put new tanks on the Connect Card bus so it could be recommissioned.

E-tran – Not doing Paratransit.

PI – Interested in talking about becoming involved. How do we transfer when we don't have CC reading equipment.

LTK – There is a solution that would use a hand held device. There would be a cost getting software created.

PI – Trying to incentivize using the most efficient/best mode.

YCTD – Could be a shift in CC costs to the smaller operators if many RT riders shift to smartphone.

E-tran – Most agencies will see most CC product going to state employers.

LTK – Distinction between mobile app and CC, with CC offering all fare media including vouchers and monthly passes.

E-tran – More likely to go to CC at state agencies.

LTK – Pre-tax payroll deductions and other "special" fare purchases are not available in the mobile app.

YCTD – Smartphone revenue?

LTK – No information on the level of revenue, but smart phone apps are usually targeted to occasional riders.

7) Should the TCC switch back to a quarterly meeting schedule? (SACOG/All, 10 minutes)

e-tran - Every other month meeting.

YCTD - Sending signal about the value of the committee.

Mike Barnbaum – SJJPA has a specific day every two months.

El Dorado – Every other month. Two or three people look at the bylaws/charge – mission, membership and if changes need to be made.

PI – Knowing that the TAM and TCC charge could have off months for ad hoc/subcommittee meetings.

E-tran – Could have more robust conversations at the subcommittee meetings and could report back to the full TCC.

Mindy – recurring items that go to the SACOG Board and considering transit input on those items.

SACOG – We will make sure that we have the opportunity to meet with you if there are issues we need the TCC's input on. SACOG tries to get TCC input on all applicable items, though we may not always be able to wait for formal TCC meetings to request input.

PI – Look at past calendars to figure out schedule for bi-monthly meeting.

TCC Charge - Tiffani, Terry, Mindy, Jean, RT (Mark Longergan and Jeff Damon).

YSTA – Make sure that TCC meeting dates are out well beforehand.

Bimonthly meeting schedule approved. SACOG staff will research past calendars and return to TCC with meeting months/dates.

8) Meetings/Events/Updates (All, 5 minutes)

- a. Meetings or Events
- b. Updates on Other Items

8) Set Next Meeting Dates & Adjourn (All, 5 minutes)

- a. Next TCC meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2016 – at SACOG. Will get back to TCC with suggested dates.
- b. Adjourn TCC

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