



Transit Coordinating Committee

February 20, 2019 – TCC 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

Members of the public wishing to address the committee on any item not on the agenda may do so at the beginning of the meeting. We ask that members of the public request to speak and keep their remarks brief. Testimony will be limited to a total of ten (10) minutes.

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Attendees:

Keith Martin, Yuba-Sutter Transit
Will Garner, Placer County Transit
Mike Dour, Roseville Transit
Mike Rosson, SACOG
Lisa Cappellari, PI
Tiffani Fink, PI
Paul Philley, SMAQMD
Jose Perez, YCTD
Alan Budde, YCTD
Mindy Jackson, EDCTA
David Goldman, RT
Caroline Payne, SACOG
Virginia Wieneke, ACC Rides
Nancy Iseri, ACC Rides
Heather Yee, SCT/Link
Shannon Simons, Caltrans
Brian James, EDCTA
Maureen Ring, RT
Julie Petersen, EDCTA
Mike Costa, e-tran
Raquel Chavarria, e-tran
Colby Matte, TSA
Adam Carney, TSA
Brent Bernegger, RT

1) TCC Coordination (Garner/All, 15 minutes)

a. Public Comment on non-agenda topics

b. Brief introductions and sharing of significant news about transit systems – YCTD - New planner at YCTD.

EDCTA - Mindy Jackson is retiring from El Dorado County Transit in May 2019.

c. Joint Transit Operator Project or Training Opportunities – Yuba-Sutter Transit - Quantum bringing rear facing wheelchair securement vehicle to Yuba-Sutter Transit on February 28th. Having wheelchair users try the system out. Can only have one on a bus. This placement has an approximate 30 second boarding time.

RT - Proterra is offering the option for rear facing wheelchair securement on vehicles along with Gillig.

Roseville has a call for projects out for a ZEB business plan. Plan to look at service and some at the facility (what's available there now). The focus is on ZEB needs and constraints.

YST – Submitting an adaptation planning grant for next generation transit facility.

RT – Submitting an adaptation planning grant for \$1 million for infrastructure at current bus yard facility.

Roseville – The cost is estimated in the seven figures for electrical beyond what is available. Zero Emission training plan by an agency from SoCal.

YCTD - Working with Proterra. Can share training list once get it. Certified warranty vendors in the local area.

PI - Sunline holding a workshop in the beginning of March with travel stipend to travel for maintenance and service training.

PCT – Installing onboard surveillance cameras.

d. General TCC Information

- **LTF and STA Apportionments** – see attachments – Working with Sacramento County Controller on an LTF update for current FY for Sacramento County.
- **MODES Alert – AVL information needed.**
- **Other**

2) Review and Approve December 12, 2018 TCC Minutes (All, 5 minutes) – see attachment Mike Dour moved and Mindy Jackson seconded. Unanimously approved.

3) Transportation Safety Resources

 (Matte/Carney, TSA/All, 20 minutes) – see attachments

TSA responsible for securing all modes of transportation. See presentation and handouts. TSA is a resource for transit operators.

Operators must have a safety plan in place by July 2020. SSPP for new acquisitions.

EDCTA - Valuable look at security where most transit operators are not security experts.

Yuba-Sutter Transit - How long does it take to complete the process?

TSA – It takes 45 days to complete an assessment. Approximately two months for the total process. TSA tried to limit impact on transit operators usually between 4-16 hours. The more documentation that can be shared beforehand the less time that needs to be spent at the operator's facility(ies).

Roseville – What is the current wait time for an assessment? TSA – Wait time may be reduced if multiple operators in the same area want to be assessed during the same time frame.

SMAQMD – Are shared mobility devices, JUMP bikes and scooters, required to have a safety plan. TSA - Historically no.

Yuba-Sutter Transit – Request that El Dorado County confidentially share their assessment results.

4) Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

 (Rosson/All, 15 minutes) –

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/docs/regulations-and-guidance/safety/public-transportation-agency-safety-program/117281/public-transportation-agency-safety-plan-final-rule-fact-sheet.pdf>

- Potential approaches: Shared RFP that agencies can capitalize on for audit services? Any allocation of FTA Discretionary funding for audit services for operators?
An PTASP is a requirement for FTA 5307 recipients. If service is operated by an outside vendor, it is likely they already have a safety plan in place and operator can adopt. An agency's Board/governing body must approve the PTASP.
YCTD – What about the safety plan the State plans to do?
SACOG – This option is not recommended unless operators want to have to do all the recommendations of the state plan. Can share the Butte CAG. internal process and contractor plan with TCC.
PI - Can share with the group.
El Do - Who has safety coordinators? Only a few.
PCT – Would there be a shared PTASP RFP?
SACOG - For those that don't have a procedure in place there could be a cost savings by doing it as a group. There are two tiers of action for operators with less than 100 vehicles and 100 or more vehicles.
Yuba-Sutter Transit – Report back to TCC at a future meeting.

5) FTA 5307/5339 Discretionary Funding Program

 (VaughanBechtold/All, 15 minutes) - see attachment

- Evaluation, Scoring, and Awards – TCC recommendation – see attachment - RT - No TDA “backstop” like cities and counties have. Some applicants may not use all LTF for transit, but majority of LTF for transit. Some funds go to streets and roads.
PI - Look at minutes from past discussions of this issue.
EDCTA - LTF is under local control and FTA is under regional control. Local transit agencies are partners or even operate within local public works departments. Not making LTF available for streets and roads purposes is frequently not politically favorable in many areas where the funds are used more flexibly.
Yuba-Sutter Transit – Tying local TDA/LTF funds usage to federal funds availability and requiring all LTF funds to go to transit is a non-starter in many local areas. Where would we draw the line?
SMAQMD - See where each side is coming from.
RT – SACOG controls the TDA LTF guidelines.
SACOG – Ultimately Caltrans controls how TDA LTF funds are apportioned and allowed to be used. This issue has been brought before the SACOG Board previously as the board did not look upon tying federal funding to the local choices in use of TDA LTF funds favorably. El Dorado County Transportation Planning Agency and Placer County Transportation Agency would also have to agree before anything resembling this tie could be considered.
PCT - Focus on fix it first.
RT – TCC should form a subcommittee to go through discretionary funding distribution process.
TCC - can make request to SACOG staff and management.
PI - Maintaining what we have was more important than something new.
EDCTA – The current process allows agencies to get local TDA/LTF and federal funds earlier.
RT - Provide previous letter from RT on this issue to RT staff.
Tiffani Fink moved and Mike Costa seconded approval. Unanimously approved.
- Next Steps – Anticipated March 2019 SACOG board adoption

6) LCTOP FY 2019-19 Eligibility List and Funding Amounts (Payne/All 10 minutes) – see attachments

Submit projects in the next couple of days. Applications due to Caltrans March 28th.

7) Microtransit Update (RT/Strand, West Sacramento/All, 20 minutes)

West Sacramento Via Service – see presentation Via service offers corner to corner service for ambulatory passengers.

PCT - Squaw Valley is starting its own microtransit.

YCTD - Paratransit service is still running. The number of trips decreasing. There are less intracity trips but more intercity longer distance trips.

PI - No decrease directly related to microtransit.

EDCTA - Reporting to NTD? West Sacramento - No,

- SMAQMD – Does this service pull right up to stores/destination? West Sacramento- Virtual stops bring riders within 200-500 feet of their destination.
- YCTD - Incidents or accidents? WS - Yes, and multiple layers of insurance. Mutual indemnification. West Sacramento – 50% pay the full fare vs. not. 50% use the Via pass. YCTD competing. The service is currently cashless. We suggest that users without bank accounts or credit/debit cards purchase reloadable gift cards (Visa). Currently there are discussion of other payment alternatives.
- YCTD - Focus on transit operator specific issues.
- Sacramento RT SmaRT Ride Service – This service is STA funded. There are six green power electric buses in service and 12 gasoline microtransit vehicles. Would like to use CMAQ funding for ZEBs in 25-27 ft. size range. There are no Altuna Tested ZEBs of that size currently on the market that could be purchased with federal (CMAQ, etc.) funds.
- SACOG - ADA waiver - pertaining to specialized vehicles like cutaways, over the road coaches, articulated. Innovative Clean Transit. Microtransit is being incorporated into the upcoming MTP/SCS. What agencies are looking at incorporating microtransit? Please reach out to Sam or Clint.
- SACOG – With current small ZEB mileage it would take two buses to do the job a single bus can do now.

8) Transit Coordinating Committee Meetings and Schedule (Barbara VaughanBechtold/All, 10 minutes) –

- Interest in scheduled time during/after TCC meetings for informal operator discussions without set topic (e.g., like Tier 2 agencies had following Tier 2 funding discussion in December)? The group thinks twice a year maximum would be good.
- TCC interest in field trips and presentations in interim months, e.g., Stockton BRT, visits to transit operator facilities around the region, particularly new services and transit technologies? YCTD – It would be good to have a discussion about coordinating outreach. YCTD has an open-door policy for other operators who would like to visit our facilities. RT – A tour of RT's light rail maintenance facility is also a possibility.

9) Meetings/Events/Updates (All, 5 minutes)**a. Meetings or Events****b. Updates on Other Items** – Innovative Clean Transit Regulation - see attachment ZEB rollout plan required large 7/2020 and small 7/2023. CARB working on a template.

There will be a phase in for specialized vehicles with a waiver available through January 1, 2026.

ZEB mobility – credits will be given to the region for zero emission services already in operator prior to the Innovative Clean Transit regulations going into effect, including microtransit and active transportation (bikes & scooters).

The Cap to Cap group are working on transit project list for the trip to Washington, D.C. that will take place in May 2019.

10) Set Next Meeting Dates (All, 5 minutes)**a. Next TCC meeting on April 17, 2019 – at SACOG****b. Adjourn TCC**

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