



Transit Coordinating Committee

February 16, 2022 – TCC 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Hosted via Zoom

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Attendees:

Mike Dour, Roseville Transit
Tiffani Fink, Paratransit, Inc.
Lisa Cappellari, Paratransit, Inc.
Brian James, El Dorado County Transit
Chris Dougherty, SACOG
Jose Perez, YCTD
Mikki McDaniel, SCT/Link
Jaime Wright, PCT
James Drake, SacRT
Brent Bernegger, SacRT
Adam Hansen, Yuba-Sutter Transit
Mike Rosson, SACOG
Kristen Mazur, YCTD
Alexander Ubiadas, WSP
Erik Reitz, SacRT
Janice Labrado, ACC Rides
Jim Kaiser, UCP
Virginia Wieneke, ACC Rides
Greg Taylor, City of Sacramento
Kristina Svensk, SACOG
Carmen Ayala, SacRT
Tim Grose, WSP
Jeff Flynn, Unitrans
Tim Taylor, Sacramento Clean Cities
Matt Mauk, El Dorado County Transit
David Smith, Caltrans
Dustin Foster, SACOG
Mary Poole, Citrus Heights
Caroline Payne, SACOG

1) TCC Coordination (All, 35-minutes)

- a. Public Comment on non-agenda topics
- b. Brief introductions and sharing of significant news about transit systems – incl. driver/employee shortage issue
Roseville – Looking at microtransit proposals in coordination with Placer County. Moving forward with electric bus purchased for express service between Lincoln, Roseville, and light rail, including on route chargers in Roseville.
El Dorado Transit – Increase demand response and commuter ridership, with local fixed route still down but steady.
YCTD – Reintroducing some commuter and express services with driver shortage lessening. Woodland and Davis to Sacramento service returning. Also getting ready to implement shortened headways for the route 42



from 1 hr to ½ hr. Also planning for a Woodland microtransit service RFP for technology to support the project just went out. Working with CCJPA on a TIRCP application and developing our own TIRCP application too. SACOG – REI Pilot Program with APTA commitment program. This last week APTA released list of agencies approved with SACOG, SacRT and Unitrans in the pilot program. Should have more information coming forward on the implementation of the 2-year pilot program. REI program will look at strategies, climate assessments, demographic data, policy programs and practices and how to dedicate resources and engagement to include REI in agency operations.

SacRT – Bus ridership at 55% of pre-pandemic and light rail at about 40% of pre-pandemic. Have continued to see bus rebuild a little better and likely driver by Ryde Free program for students. In process of SRTP prioritize and cost options for increasing service. Looking at some temporary reductions in service due to driver/employee shortage, with most of the reductions coming in commuter services. These changes will begin on April 3rd.

PCT – Looking at technology piece of microtransit service. Still having staff challenges in Tahoe area, and in getting extra help in the Auburn area. Reviewing COVID related policies.

YST – RFP out for COA/SRTP. Writing grants for new facilities, writing a TIRCP and RAISE grant for facility. Received \$8.5 million from Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant program.

SCT/Link – SRTP rolling along. Will talking about publicly soon. Looking at low floor buses to make them more accessible. Hired a new planner.

UCP – Seeing a lot of program reopen and seeing more demand for service.

ACC Rides – Things continue to be slow with transportation requests likely due to omicron. Hoping for a pick-up in requests after this surge lessens and we can get back out into the community.

City of Sacramento – In the midst of submitting TIRCP grant for components of SVS.

SACOG – Going to moving forward with a Return to Work/Transit survey in partnership with Valley Vision to hopefully get information on commute patterns. Would like input.

SacRT – Getting all employees that are unvaccinated COVID tested. Long range service plans to board and made small adjustments to service downward 3% to make overall service more reliable. Working with partners to look at fare collection technology. Moving with mandatory testing requirement higher vaccination up to 64%. Had some challenges with cancellations due to testing of unvaccinated employees. Dealing SB114 dealing with additional 80 hours of sick time as well.

WSP – Work on Transit Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Unitrans – Planning on expanding service in January, but UC Davis went remote for the entire month of January and lost a lot of recruits. Will be taking back some of the services from YCTD in March. Having 6 electric bus chargers come online with 6 BEBs coming at the end of March. Next Bus trackers are 3G and they may be shut down for a time until replacement parts become available.

Sacramento Clean Cities – interested in what the transit agencies are doing related to ZEVs and charging/fueling.

Caltrans – Update on state telework policy – hopefully by next meeting will have something out to share. Looks like officially will be a hybrid policy. Should have gotten information back for support letters for RAISE grants.

SACOG – Will be approving the coming year's TDA allocations at the March board meeting. Any expense report for PTMISEA or SGR so you can be reimbursed. Any changes to SGR project come to Caroline.

Paratransit, Inc. – A lot of interest in mobility programs with people going back out. New partner with Salvation Army. Increasing partnerships with health systems. 100% vaccination, with bubble for employee only areas, and masking everywhere else. Have brought back voluntary COVID testing.

- c. Joint Transit Operator Project or Training Opportunities
- d. General TCC Information & Discussion

- On Call Transportation Planning Services Contract
- FTA 5310 Applications – Due March 3rd
- Other

2) Review and Approve December 15, 2021, TCC Minutes (All, 5-minutes) - see attachment – Kristen Mazur, YCTD motion, and Mikki McDaniel, SCT/Link 2nd. Approved.

3) Discussion – TCC meeting schedule and format (Kristen Mazur/All, 10-minutes) – The group chose to keep the standing TCC meeting held bimonthly each year starting in February for regular TCC business. The TCC group will also have Special Topic meetings in the off months starting in January of each year for presentations or special project discussions.

4) 2023 MTIP Adoption Kickoff and Transportation Project Updates (Foster/All, 10-minutes) - see presentation – make sure regular TCC agency/organization participants are getting the MTIP and MTP/SCS notices.

5) Update – Grant programs and calls for projects (Dougherty/All, 10-minutes) - see attachment – Looking at launching the regional funding programs later this year or early next year and carrying forward funding framework. Standing up some programs to assist our jurisdictions in the near term. Taking a couple of items forward – funding round estimates and revolving match program. Launch a round of innovative mobility projects in June. EEI equity focused funding program with a call for projects in fall.

TIRCP applications due March 3rd. SB1 call for projects in August with apps due in December or January 2023.

RAISE NOFO out with applications due April 14th. All existing programs are pushing funding out this year from IJJA. INFRA call for projects expected early this year.

PI – Innovative Mobility timing?

SACOG – Looking to retool program. Still determining where we are with that program. June guideline adoption, and then call for projects. Staggering the funding programs makes things easier and funds flowing. Pandemic put Innovative Mobility funding program on pause.

YCTD – What is the scale of monies available in the Innovative Mobility Program?

SacRT – When will we know funding amounts?

SACOG – Tied to funding estimate we’re developing now. A regional perspective is something we hope to see more of in the future. Adopted a 192 million dollar regional funding round program (three year) last year and don’t know the size of the program for this round.

PI – Huge priority for regional and multimodal programs/projects at all levels. Cap to Cap looking at a regional analysis rather than individual projects.

SACOG – Our region would be more successful with regional projects rather than individual projects. State initiatives have already been looking at regional level projects ahead of the federal funding opportunities.

6) Update – Emergency Preparedness Strategy project (Rosson/WSP/All, 15-minutes) – see presentation.

Will touch on ZEV infrastructure and consideration from an emergency management perspective to make sure there is redundancy and sufficient power. Bring in County OES and other stakeholders in the emergency management processes that are already in place to make those stakeholders aware of what the transit operator could do to assist during an emergency.

SACOG – Collaboration will all first responders, including transit operators. Make first responder agencies aware of surrounding area transit resources available to assist.

PI – Inventory of existing emergency management agreements.

SACOG – We will be asking for the same information to gather from all agencies, including transit operators and other emergency response agencies. We’re also looking to create an ongoing working group that will meet regularly to continue the dialogue on emergency preparedness/response.

PI – Just focused on the six county region or a more megaregion project.



SACOG – The scope is not just our region but also our megaregion partners, including rail partners and looking all neighboring jurisdictions.

YCTD – Transit agencies participate in local emergency services plans. Control and coordination and who can active these requests and how agencies can recoup losses. Will agencies just have to work with local agencies, FEMA etc. What are the ultimate results of this effort?

SACOG – We are not looking at taking control from State or county OES since they have ultimate control of emergency activation. Everyone has these plans, but want to have one centralized resource to know what everyone is doing. Bring all of the knowledge and expertise together to have everything in one place to refer to.

PI – Two elements of this – the continuity of operations in an affected area and secondary supporting evacuation. Ability to respond by providing service and or loan vehicles. Might be some use in differentiating these issues.

SACOG – Another area that can be discussed. Technology infrastructure – call centers, availability for emergency responders to use available facilities/space, etc. Look out for emails since we expect to send out appointments to the group who'd like to participate in the working group.

7) Update on plans for ARPA funded Regional Transit Network Development Plan (Svensk/Dougherty/All, 15-minutes) – We are taking this for final approval to the SACOG Board to release the RFP for this. Still finalizing the scope of work. Generalize high level plan to develop what a network would look like in terms of routes and how they would connect and some near term improvements for corridors for those moving toward being BRT type corridors. Looking at speed and reliability. Mid-March for RFP and bring someone in early May to start work.

Intent of Plan to feed into Blueprint so this project is aligned with MTP/SCS effort. Will bring back information to the TCC in the coming months.

YCTD – Looking at 80 Corridor. If we all used same trip planner and could use information from riders/O&D data to help with transit route/service planning.

8) FTA 5307/5339 Discretionary Funding Round Recommendations (VaughanBechtold/All, 15-minutes) – see attachment.

Take for approval to SACOG Board in March and then will complete split letters in April. Document that we adjusted the procedures to allow for more than \$2,000,000 per year for SacRT for this round of funding.

SacRT – Will this item go to the SACOG Transportation Committee and then to the board?

SACOG – Yes.

PI – Do we need action from the TCC?

SACOG – Can take action and then take that to the SACOG Board.

Jose Perez, YCTD motion, and Brent Bernegger, SacRT 2nd. Approved.

9) Meetings/Events/Updates (All, 3-minutes)

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

10) Set Next Meeting Dates (All, 2-minutes)

- a. Next TCC meeting on April 20, 2022 – via Zoom – Reschedule meeting for CalACT?
- b. Adjourn TCC

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