



## Transit Coordinating Committee

October 17, 2018 – 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:

Azadeh Doherty, SACOG  
Virginia Wieneke, ACC Rides  
Jeff Tardaguila, public  
Mindy Jackson, El Dorado Transit  
Terry Bassett, YCTD  
Keith Martin, Yuba-Sutter Transit  
Will Garner, Placer County Transit  
Jeff Flynn, Unitrans  
David Goldman, RT  
Paul Philley, SMAQMD  
Heather Yee, Sacramento County/SCT-LINK  
Rick Williams, Michael Baker  
Derek Wong, Michael Baker  
Mike Costa, e-tran  
Raquel Chavarria, e-tran  
Barbara VaughanBechtold, SACOG  
Eileen Bruggeman, Roseville Transit  
Mike Dour, Roseville Transit  
Matt Carpenter, SACOG  
Mark Lonergan, RT  
Amy Martin, 4-9  
Maureen Ring, RT  
Brian James, El Dorado Transit  
Connie Garcia, RT  
Teri Sheets, Unitrans  
Laura Wolfgram, 4-9  
Mary Poole, Citrus Heights

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

- a. Public Comment on non-agenda topics - Jeff T. - Thought about what will happen if changes are made to increase transit frequency but then reducing coverage for those who may need it most.
- b. Brief introductions and sharing of significant news about transit systems –
  - Yuba-Sutter Transit – Getting a new CAT AVL system that his help improve paratransit service, includes WiFi, Auto Stop Announcements, Dispatch etc.
  - YCTD - Adopted fare reduction, moving forward with mobile app along with RT.
  - El Dorado Transit - Annual ridership was down and passenger subsidy up. Proposing changes to 3 fixed routes, and DAR to mileage based fare and reduce zone fare. Apple Hill, used to do shuttle but got stuck in congestion too. An Agri-tourism study was done from a public safety view point. The solution chose was to close the west bound one lane of Carson Road. Four buses were initially thought to be sufficient for the shuttle. The first day parked 300 cars in an hour and had 3,200 boardings everyday (the traffic restriction are in force only on Saturdays and Sundays). Added more buses. Funded by Local DOT. Project manager is Brian James.
  - Roseville Transit - Implementing the SRTP - looking for electric bus purchases that could be piggybacked on and to install charging equipment.
  - ACC Rides - Provide transportation to seniors using 16 vehicles with 4,000 rides a month (volunteer drivers) serving mostly South Sacramento County.
  - SMAQMD - Electrical infrastructure RFP out with proposals required to have a public component. Geographic limits are the SACOG region.
  - e-Tran - Conducting route by route performance analysis on new 1 year-old routes. Implementing BRT feasibility study - Big Horn/CRC to south Elk Grove. Broken up the proposal into phases. Contract award is expected next week.
  - Rick Williams - Michael Baker TDA Triennial Performance Audits.
  - Heather Yee - SCT/Link
  - RT - Fare reduction implemented to increase ridership. Expanding microtransit - Electric buses to supplement Franklin service.

Unitrans – The system has a large budget deficit and increasing ridership. We are considering five different options for fleet electrification at our facility and will share cost information.

Roseville - looking at transit stop policies. Grants for electric buses and charging infrastructure. Ridership similar but less of a decrease.

Citrus Heights - Just adopted first transit plan. Looking forward to meshing with the SacRT Forward process. Travel training and smart stops are being considered. Applied to AARP, for a TDM Grant, for benches and to provide training through Paratransit, Inc. but did not receive funding.

PCT - Next bus real time transit information at PCT, and had been running at TART. Squaw Valley taxing themselves to form a private quasi publicly operated microtransit. No operating plan yet. Pilot to run buses on highway 89 shoulder is a goal.

- c. Joint Transit Operator Project or Training Opportunities - PCT - e-bikes on bike racks discussion – On bike issues we'd rather be permissive if possible. YCTD – There is a concern with people lifting the bikes and injuring themselves. Yuba-Sutter Transit – People bringing scooters with them, if they fit they can go (electric only). YCTD – Limebike is planning to bring electric scooters to West Sacramento.

Scheduling Software Recommendations Needed – ACC Rides (Virginia Wieneke, Program Mgr. [vwieneke@accsv.org](mailto:vwieneke@accsv.org)) - 250 -300 rides per day currently scheduled by hand. Need something less costly than Trapeze and don't need something as powerful. Piggybacking on another operator's license if possible. RT - TransLoc has paratransit scheduling software that is different.

d. General TCC Information

- SACOG's new Senior Transportation Analyst – Mike Rosson starts October 29th
- MTP/SCS Update Outreach Results Available – [www.SACOG.org/2020MTPSCS](http://www.SACOG.org/2020MTPSCS)
- Upcoming Unmet Transit Needs hearings – [www.sacog.org/unmet](http://www.sacog.org/unmet)
- Save the Date – At the November 7<sup>th</sup> RPP meeting draft funding recommendations for the Regional Program, Community Design, and Green Region will be discussed. - 3 to 1 request to available funds. Tier II anticipate having discussion with the four operators to get together - \$18 million available. October 29th can share the Regional Program funding recommendation.
- Other

**2) Review and Approve August 15, 2018 TCC Minutes** (All, 5 minutes) – see attachment Teri Sheets moved and Jeff Flynn seconded - Approved.

**3) Next Generation Transit (Carpenter/All, 15 minutes)** - Kick-off tomorrow at the Board meeting. \$100K proposed for a consultant. Interest from Board on where public transit will be going. Workshop after with LA METRO, and SacRT Forward. Frequency versus coverage. Short demo on REMIX software. Luncheon - informal round table discussion. 5 regional pilots – Rancho Cordova autonomous vehicle study, Apple Hill shuttle, RT microtransit, YCTD Knights Landing pilot, West Sac microtransit pilot. Release request for qualifications next week and award in December with work possibly going through fall 2019. Get the big picture and then implementation. YCTD – West Sac microtransit performance metrics. .37 cents a ride and .19 cents a ride for seniors. 40% reduction in local WS paratransit ridership. Targets or region wide? SACOG - talking about cost effectiveness along with pilots. Send out RFP right after TCC meeting. YCTD - concern over luncheon discussion and policy changes. SACOG - pricing new models to approach revenues. Tolls can go into transit. Sustainable funding models and cost effectiveness.

**4) Microtransit Update (Lonergan, RT/All, 15 minutes)** - Started in Citrus Heights and has expanded. See presentation. Microtransit is not a regional solution because of low productivity. Wait times have gone from 30 minutes to an hour. The larger the service area the longer the trips. Trim service area back to get more reasonable wait times. Training people how to use it is important. Not going to commit any further buses to the service. Flattening service demand. Going out to bid for a vendor for microtransit (SmaRT Ride). App adoption rate lower in Citrus Heights than in the Franklin area. Can transfer from SmaRT to RT fixed route. Group ride (5+) can ride for free. App is TransLoc. Fare integration with new vendor in the "longer term". Franklin/South Sac - directing people to fixed route to complete trip? Can complete trips within the microtransit zone. Three zero emission vehicles for Franklin service. 2019 launch the midtown/east sac service 7 days a week and late night. Need more vehicles. Every vehicle is accessible. Look at travel patterns to develop fixed routes. RT standard fare structure. Try out six electric vehicles to find something that is less like a cutaway and more comfortable and durable (Green Power). Making it work for small number of vehicles. Will need to deal with infrastructure and maintenance with larger fleet of ZEBs. Electrify America group wants to match vehicles to services (flexibility). June/July 2020? spend/obligated by June of 2019 but don't have contract.

- Sacramento RT SmaRT Ride Service

**5) Zero Emission Bus Discussion** (All, 15 minutes) - [www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2018/ict2018/ict2018.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2018/ict2018/ict2018.htm) What agencies area at. Range issues since PCT has buses go 400-500 mi per day. Elk Grove LCTOP- to build infrastructure, ZEB study and operations plan before would make a decision, and really in a trial phase. Roseville - 4 ZEB commuter buses have lower mileage, but need to look at charging component, and need space for infrastructure in corp. yard, current capacity can only charge 8-10 buses and would need to spend in the 7 figures to get more electricity. RT - Turned over installation and charging infrastructure to EA. YCTD - How to handle charging for North CA Redding based services. Elk Grove - Would have to replace 2 to 1 because of mileage have gone to RTPA to do more planning. Unitrans - 2022 purchase all electric buses. Yuba-Sutter Transit - LCTOP for ZEBs, look at current system and location with no room for growth, PG&E fleet ready program, could manage 12 buses, replace current facility and doing an analysis of new site.

**6) FTA 5307/5339 Discretionary Funding Scoring Criteria Discussion** (Barbara Vaughan/Bechtold/All, 15 minutes) – see attachments

Start talks right away on Tier II funds at the beginning of November. Buy those projects out of the STIP. Comments in the next two weeks.

**7) Follow-up on TAM Plans** (Sprowls/All, 5 minutes) - Everyone should have sent their TAM Plans to SACOG so we can come up with performance targets for the region for the MTP/SCS. Round table discussion on where our regional transit operator fleets are with needs. Show where the fleets are and where you are considering replacing vehicles. YCTD - do mileage and time projections for real time. SACOG - there are some ways to do that. Elk Grove - ICT rule fully implemented and actual costs vs. estimated costs. SACOG - can build in some of the uncertainties to analysis. TAM every four years, but reporting is annual from now until the next plan.

**8) TDA Triennial Performance Audit Discussion** (Derek Wong, Michael Baker/All, 20 minutes) – see attachments - Financial data review. SCO report moved to January to have audited data. NTD - reporting of financial audits (Roseville). Unitrans - Guidance released Oct. 11, 2018 for annual financial data review. Make progress on financial audit. Have 4.5 months to submit financial audit info after NTD submission. PI - Share information on what have done on auditing.

- Methodology - see handout
- Data request - see handout

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

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

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

- a. Next TCC meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – at SACOG**
- b. Adjourn TCC**

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