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**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT**

**MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2023

**Amended at MAC meeting on July 13, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** **ATTACHMENT 1**

The in-person and zoom webinar meeting was called to order at **2:30 p.m.**

**Present Members:** Charles Johnson, German Ayon, Margie Donovan, Pam Flohr, Helen O’Connell, Frank Trujillo, Alan Ruzich, Jeff Thom **Absent:** Gene Lozano, Hugh Lafler. **SacRT Staff:** Carmen Alba, Richard Mitchell, Rose Patton, Jamie Adelman, Kathy Sachen, Priscilla Vargas, Charity Oakley, Ben Louie, Mark Sakauye, Kevin Schroder, Mohammad Shahid, Gregg Fishman, James Drake, Laura Ham, Adam Green **Guests:** Thaddeus Wozniak**,** Jeffery Tardaguila, Alicia Brown, Lisa Capperlari, Jim Kaiser**,** James Corless, Leslie Thom, Hannah Tschudin, Regina Brink, Stephanie Watts.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** German Ayon motioned to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2023, meeting.

Alan Ruzich, seconded the motion. Jeff Thom abstained. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Johnson reminded the MAC that the next MAC meeting will be pushed back to July 13, 2023, because of the July 4, 2023, Holiday.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **SacRT GO Paratransit Services Operation Update (Richard Mitchell, Director, Community Bus Services)**

Mr. Mitchell presented SacRT GO operations data for April 2023. SacRT GO ridership was 17,249. The UZURV March ridership was 6,029. Total ridership for the month of April was 25,242 passengers, SacRT GO on-time performance was 76%. The UZURV on time performance was 98% with the total combined on-time performance of 80%. Chair Johnson asked what the barriers to raising the on-time percentage were. Mr. Mitchell stated that absenteeism is the largest contributing factor, but that strategies such as keeping vehicles regional within certain zones and offering flex shifts to employees have helped increase this percentage. Mr. Mitchell stated that currently SacRT GO is pushing the maximum percentage of trips to UZURV which is 25 percent and that the ability to push more trips to UZURV is being explored. Mr. Mitchell stated that the April numbers do not reflect the incorporation of improvement strategies, but the entire month of May did reflect those changes. Frank Trujillo asked how many drivers are employed with SacRT GO and how many drivers are still needed? Mr. Mitchell commented that there are currently 112 drivers; SacRT GO is funded for 115. Mr. Mitchell reinforced the issue that SacRT GO cannot force drivers to work overtime and/or not take their earned time off. Vice Chair Margie Donovan commented that she is very concerned that UZURV drivers are not using their car magnets and hopes this issue can be addressed. Mr. Mitchell stated that he is working with UZURV management on that.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* 1. **SACOG Blueprint Presentation (James Corless, Executive Director, SACOG)**

Mr. Corless began his power point presentation by stating the scope and structure of the SACOG. Mr. Corless explained the Sustainable Community Strategies project or “Blueprint” that focuses on a Triple Bottom Line Framework, which includes focusing on Transportation, and Forecasting Growth and Housing (Pathways). Mr. Corliss mentioned the current SACOG projects and invited the MAC and guests to attend SACOG’s Board meeting on June 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. as well as a Blueprint Workshop on June 16, 2023. Mr. Corless explained the Next Generation Transit Initiative. This initiative includes looking at long, medium, and short-term high-capacity transit corridors. He explained the key connections of the initiative, include a Transit Oriented Strategy, Ready Set Trails component, and First/ Last Mile Clean Options. Mr. Corless stated the SACOG is working toward a Zero Emissions Transit Fleet. SACOG is planning to form a Mega-Region Northern California working group, as well as a Youth Leadership Academy.

* 1. **SacRT & Sacramento County Emergency Response Planning Efforts (Mark Sakauye, Police Services)**

Mr. Sakauye presented a power point about SacRT goals, preparedness with other agencies, basics of emergency management, and individual preparedness. Mr. Sakauye addressed the MAC’s concerns with respect to Emergency Response Planning Efforts. Mr. Sakauye stated that SacRT does not have a decision-making role in Emergency Response Planning Efforts, but rather, is part of a larger operational plan usually determined by State, County or City designated official. He stated that SacRT conducts intricately complex emergency preparedness exercises every year that includes several other agencies at various levels, such as police, fire, and the Office of Emergency Services. Mr. Sakauye stated that the biggest restriction to SacRT is personnel because SacRT personnel are not considered essential service workers. SacRT cannot mandate its employees to work overtime. Mr. Sakauye also stated that IHSS staff and recipients are not given priority by SacRT, as SacRT does not make the decision about who and how individuals will be evacuated in the case of an Emergency Response.

* 1. **Stockton Blvd Implementation Plan (Kevin Schroder, Senior Planner)**

Mr. Thaddeus Wozniak from Nelson Nygard presented a slide show about the Stockton Boulevard Implementation Plan. The Plan includes project goals, such as identifying capital and operational improvement projects along Stockton Boulevard. These improvements will improve station accessibility, station equity, and connections to the community. Mr. Wozniak described the plan that is being developed, or the SBIP (Stockton Boulevard Implementation Plan). He explained the plan looks at existing conditions, proposed treatments, community coordination, evaluation and prioritization and proposed station improvements. Mr. Wozniak shared feedback from the Spotlight on Stockton Boulevard event held on October 8, 2022, as part of the Community Coordination component of the plan. As a result, a method of prioritization was established. This method included Accessibility, Right of Way, Ridership and Cost. He stated that from this prioritization process, a group of Proposed Improvement Treatments was determined. These treatments included improving boarding and alighting areas and enlarging the ramp deployment area to improve maneuverability. Mr. Schroder concluded the presentation by stating that the plan is a conceptual design. He stated that more information will be shared within the next year to two years as that is the expected time frame for the completion of the environmental process.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jeff Thom mentioned AB540. If passed, the bill would include increased funding to modernize SacRT GO, as a CTSA. Chair Johnson announced that the next MAC meeting will be held on July 13, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Helen O’Connell moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Alan Ruzich. No abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Mobility Advisory Council is scheduled for July 13, 2023, from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.