

Transportation and Aging in Community Committee Notes

Date: January 11, 2024 Time: 3:00-4:00pm

Location: 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Room 209, San Mateo, CA 94403

Committee members present: Irene Liana, Liz Taylor, Angela Giannini, Marita Leth

Members excused: Kathy Uhl

<u>Board of Supervisors Liaison:</u> Kevin Joyner <u>Youth Commission:</u> Adele Ryono (via ZOOM)

Staff: Anna Sawamura

Members from the public joining via ZOOM: Charlsie Chang, Jessica Epstein, Jason Duncan, Helen Fisicaro, John Goodwin, Lynn Spicer, Margaret Baggerly, Thom Taylor, Tina Dubost

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Commissioner Liana who acted as chair of the committee due to the excused absence of Kathy Uhl.
- 2. Note taking was provided by Anna Sawamura
- 3. Public Comment: No public comments were made.
- 4. Review and Approve Agenda: Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Giannini. Motion approved.
- 5. Review and Approve notes from the prior meeting: Commissioner Leth moved to approve the notes, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion approved.
- 6. SamTrans Presentation on Veterans Village-Jessica Epstein: Ms. Epstein shared a power point presentation including an introduction, transportation analysis, infrastructure improvements, additional travel options including paratransit and the Colma Cab Connect Program for the committee.

Extensive discussion followed with many voicing their concerns and the need that still exists for the veteran's residing at Veterans Village as well as for others in neighboring areas.

Commissioner Taylor continues working and advocating on behalf of the veterans and shared she has personally walked the distance from existing stops, and it is not possible for the veterans who are older and have difficulty ambulating to handle the distance. She requested SamTrans consider a route change for SamTrans Route 130 which she assessed as having minimal usage during parts of the day.

SamTrans shared that shuttle services are another option but the city of Colma would need to fund 25% of the operating cost for this service. This is an option available to all cities in the county.



Commissioner Liana thanked Ms. Epstein and others from SamTrans and the public for sharing information and joining in the discussion.

- 7. New Goal's and Workplan Discussion: This item was tabled for the next meeting.
- 8. Member Reports: This item was tabled for the next meeting.
- 9. New Business: No new business was discussed.
- 10. Next Meeting schedule and adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8 2024. Commissioner Liana made the motion to adjourn, Commissioner Giannini seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.