



AGENDA

PASTACC

PUBLIC AND SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY AND COORDINATION COUNCIL

*An advisory body to the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
addressing public transit and specialized transportation needs, issues and opportunities.*

March 9, 2021

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Followed at 11:00 a.m. –

Transportation Strategies Workshop

Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, 2021-2025

MEETING ACCESSIBLE VIA ZOOM AT:

<https://gosbcta.zoom.us/j/96961975708?pwd=c0ZzMINPWkFGcjkwKzkrbyTJVFN0UT09>

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Executive Orders N-29-20.**

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| I. | PASTACC CALL TO ORDER, Introductions
<i>Chair / Vice Chair</i> | <i>Action</i> |
| II. | APPROVAL OF PASTACC MINUTES, October 20th, 2020 via Zoom
<i>Chair / Vice Chair</i> | <i>Action</i> |

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| <p>III. PASTACC MEMBERSHIP MATTERS –
Officers and Revolving At-Large Position Openings
<i>Nancy Strickert, SBCTA Transit Manager</i></p> | <p><i>Action</i></p> |
| <p>IV. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS -TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT
ACT (TDA) – HEARING TESTIMONY AND RESPONSES
FY 2020/21 October 19th, 2020 - Public Hearing in Hesperia
<i>Nancy Strickert, SBCTA Transit Manager</i></p> | <p><i>Action and
Information</i></p> |
| <p>V. ACTIVE SAN BERNARDINO DATA – A PORTAL FOR PLANNERS
AND THE PUBLIC FROM SBCTA
<i>Christopher Marder, SBCTA GIS Specialist</i></p> | <p><i>Information</i></p> |
| <p>VI. SBCTA’S CONTINUING QUARTERLY REPORTS ON PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION
<i>Rebekah Soto, SBCTA Multimodal Analyst</i></p> | <p><i>Information</i></p> |
| <p>VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER REPORTS ON ITEMS OF
INTEREST
<i>All</i></p> | <p><i>Information</i></p> |
| <p>VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT</p> | <p><i>Information</i></p> |

Interested persons may submit Public Comment in writing to the Clerk at Mail@AmmaTransitPlanning.com. Written comments must acknowledge the Agenda Item number, and specify whether the commenter wishes the comment be included with the minutes or read into the record. Comments read into the record will be read for three minutes; if three minutes pass and there is comment still unread, the time will not be extended and the remaining comment will not be read. Public Comment must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on March 8, 2021.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING, after adjournment of PASTACC

**WORKSHOP: Coordinated Plan Transportation Strategies Workshop
11 a.m.**

**Same Zoom log in and meeting. The workshop will begin following a short break.
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NEXT PASTACC MEETING:

Generally the second Tuesday of alternating months at 10 a.m. with some variation.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

May 11, 2021

10:00 AM

**To confirm PASTACC meeting dates and locations, please call:
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) (909) 884-8276
Meeting dates will be noticed to those registered for PASTACC mailings.**

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Dennis Brooks: Dbrooks@AmmaTransitPlanning.com

**Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordination Council (PASTACC)
Minutes of October 13, 2020 | Meeting held virtually via Zoom**

Member Participants: Melissa Sesay- DAAS; Marie Downing- VVTA; Aaron Moore, Ariana Maldonado-Omnitrans; Cheryl Sallis- Needles Transit Services; Tiare Escobedo- OPARC; William Long-Option House; Whitney Henderson- Loma Linda UMC; Maritza Tona- Foothill Aids Project

Other Participants: Miguel Carbuccia-Moffat and Nichol

PASTACC and Agency Staff: Nancy Strickert, Nydia Doolittle, Rebecca Soto, Ashley Iazard-SBCTA; Heather Menninger, Dennis Brooks, Valerie Mackintosh-AMMA Transit Planning

I. Call To Order and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Aaron Moore, Omnitrans.

II. Minutes: The minutes for the June 9, 2020 meeting were passed without changes with five votes in favor.

III. PASTACC Membership Matters: Nancy Strickert, SBCTA reported that two individuals who have been coming consistently have been selected to be appointed as at-large members. They will have a membership period of 3 years until 2023:

- Maritza Tona of Foothill Aids Partnership
- Tiare Escobedo of OPARC

Two more positions will be available next year.

Under PASTACC bylaws, SBCTA can approve the appointments, but they are seeking PASTACC's approval. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Unmet Transit Needs: Nancy Strickert, SBCTA presented on the Unmet Needs process. There was no hearing in Morongo Basin. The hearing in Victor Valley will be October 19. It will be socially distanced. These hearings are in place because any funds not used by transit returns to cities as required by the TDA. Write in comments will be accepted until November 30th.

Ms. Strickert responded to questions about the Unmet Needs Process and the annual report submitted to Caltrans.

She also reported that there were no findings for the 2019/2020 process. Operators are typically proactive; any issues arising during this process are dealt with immediately, if possible, or are looked at during the SRTP process.

V. Omnitrans Bus Stop Safety Inventory: Jeremiah Bryant was not able to attend PASTACC to make this presentation. It will be rescheduled for the next meeting.

VI. Coordinated Plan Topics: Heather Menninger and Valerie Mackintosh lead a discussion about members experiences during the COVID-19. They explored what new or changing mobility needs have been revealed; what lessons are being learned; and what has and hasn't worked? Comments from members and participants included:

- **Aaron More, Omnitrans:** Clients are very vulnerable. Originally, clients couldn't get out; it is now getting a little better. Some non-profit partners had to close. They have provided food deliveries through contractors, the church and food banks—they are delivering items instead of people
- **Maritza Tona, Foothill Aids Project:** They have provided PPE to drivers. There is a drop in ridership, but clients still need to get to appointments. Some can't do telemedicine due to a lack of equipment. FAP provides food service at their office, as well as support groups. These have been in high demand as many clients are facing isolation and can't go to other services. FAP is still transporting people; they never closed during the Pandemic.
- **Rebekah Soto, SBCTA:** Metrolink has continued engaging with clients consistently and has implemented safety measures, such as electrostatic sprayers on board trains and an online tool to check the number of passengers on trains. They've also conducted a survey of riders that received 11,000 responses. The social distancing tool was suggested through the survey. An additional train was added in Ventura County in response to public comments.
- **Tiare Escobedo, OPARC:** OPARC is not yet serving riders, but they are not shut down. They are providing many remote services and are providing lots of deliveries to clients.
- **Melissa Sesay, DAAS:** DAAS has partnered with Great Plates Delivered to provide over 18,000 fresh meals to seniors. They also conducted remote assessments.
- **William Long, Option House:** Option House's 24-hour shelter is on operation. Residents are only going out for required appointments for social work or court. They are attending remote classes and support groups. The Pandemic is affecting folks experiencing domestic violence. They have no ability to get away from their abuser or reach out for help.
- **Marie Downing, VVTA:** VVTA has found it helpful to ask riders what is most important to them and implement that. They've created videos that show how they are cleaning to show riders what's happening.

VII. Announcements and Member Reports on Items of Interest to PASTACC Members

- **Marie Downing, VVTA:** VVTA is back to full service. They are offering free rides on election day to polling places.
- **Tiare Escobedo, OPARC:** No news, but did note that transportation is a barrier to voting for people with disabilities.
- **Aaron Moore, Omnitrans:** A microtransit project is underway serving Chaffey, the Chino Transit Center, and the Chino Shoppes.
- **Nancy Strickert, SBCTA:** Elections are November 3rd. In San Bernardino County, in-person voting is open October 31 to November 3. There are fewer polling places open and social distancing will be enforced.
- **Maritza Tona, Foothill Aids Project** reported that FAP has received their new van and is interviewing drivers. They have not reduced service in the High Desert. They have had a few cases of COVID in the office.
- **Nicole Soto, SBCTA** reported that SBCTA has launched a telework assistance program on iecommuter.com

VIII. Public Comment: Dennis Brooks, AMMA reported on the regional 211Ride trip planning resource. San Bernardino County, Riverside County, Orange County and Ventura County have all transit options available. Los Angeles county transportation information is in process. Individuals can call for transit information and trip planning by dialing 4-1-1 or use the online portal at 211Ride.org.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.