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.

October 11th, 2022
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

IN-PERSON MEETING
LOCATION:
SBCTA Board Room, 1st floor
1170 W. Third Street, San Bernardino, CA. 92410

I. PASTACC CALL TO ORDER, Introductions
Cheri Holsclaw, Morongo Basin Transit, PASTACC Chair

II. APPROVAL OF PASTACC MINUTES, June 14th, 2022
Chair / Vice Chair

III. PASTACC MEMBERSHIP ITEMS
Nancy Strickert, SBCTA

IV. PASTACC MEETING SCHEDULE SHIFT TO QUARTERLY DATES
Nancy Strickert, SBCTA

V. UPDATE ON Omnitrans CTSA (Consolidated Transportation Services Agency)
Arianna Maldonado, Mobility Services Manager

VI. TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION: I215 AND UNIVERSITY AVENUE CHANGES
Paul Melocoton, Project Manager for SBCTA

VII. DISCUSSION OF EQUITY TOPICS IN TRANSIT
Valerie Mackintosh, AMMA Transit Planning
VIII. HUMAN SERVICES SPOTLIGHT: RE-ENTRY CLINICAL HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Anthony Brazier, Executive Director, Re-Entry Clinical Housing and Supportive Services

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER REPORTS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST

All

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

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 October 10, 2022.

NEXT PASTACC MEETING:

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

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

February 14, 2023

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.

To register for PASTACC mailings, please contact:
Dennis Brooks: Dbrooks@AmmaTransitPlanning.com

We are happy to make reasonable accommodations for participants attending PASTACC meetings in need of such.

Please advise us of special needs no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting so that the appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

Contact AMMA Transit Planning at Mail@AmmaTransitPlanning.com
PASTACC – Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordination Council
Minutes, June 14, 2022, at the SBCTA Train Depot

Attendees:

Voting Members Participants: Victor Valley Transportation Authority – Ashley Palmer, Jason Williams; Omnitrans – Victor Cuate, Arianna Maldonado; Mountain Transit – Sandy Benson; Department of Aging and Adult Services – Melissa Sesay; OPARC – Sonia Borja; Robin Schlosser – Reach Out Morongo Basin

Other Participants: Anthesis - Shawn Prokopec; CityWay Community Economic Development Corporation - Marcia Waggoner

Staff Support: SBCTA – Nancy Strickert, Nicole Soto, Rebekah Soto, Owen Mo; AMMA Transit Planning – Dennis Brooks

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Nancy Strickert, in place of Chairperson.

II. Minutes: PASTACC Minutes of April 12, 2022, were approved without change.

III. PASTACC Membership Items

Nancy Strickert appointed Reach Out Morongo Basin as an At-Large voting member to replace the position previously held by Option House. Robin Schlosser of Reach Out Morongo Basin accepted the new appointment.

IV. FTA Section 5310 – California Transportation Commission Award Announcements:
San Bernardino County Funds Awarded

Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning, presented the 5310 projects that were awarded in the current funding cycle. A total of eight agencies were awarded $1.6 million for both capital and operating projects that include funding for the purchase of 10 new service vehicles.

V. Report on Phase II of the Sidewalk Inventory

Owen Mo, SBCTA, provided an update on Phase II of the Comprehensive Pedestrian Sidewalk Inventory Plan being conducted by SBCTA through a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grant. Phase II activities collects more data to support paid improvement projects where the data helps to better understand the pedestrian experience. A request was made for PASTACC to review the draft “Sample City” local-facing plans for input.

VI. Omnitrans Fare Capping

Victor Cuate, Omnitrans, reported that the new Omnitrans service plan that was adopted in May 2022 proposed a fare capping structure that limits the amount of fare a rider pays over the course of a week or month. Fare capping is designed to address cost barriers for riders who are unable to pay for the 7-day or 31-day passes at one time, so the accumulation of single pay fares will convert to multi-use passes when the cost threshold is reached. Fare capping will go into effect in August 2022 at the time of the next Omnitrans service change. Fares must be purchased electronically through the Token Transit service available on Token Transit, Transit App, Google Play or Moovit.
VII. Discussion Re Driver Hiring: Status for Public Operators and Non-Profit Transportation Providers

To help service providers address the continual difficulty in hiring and retaining qualified drivers, Nancy Strickert and Dennis Brooks led a roundtable discussion to share best practices amongst the PASTACC group. Sonia Borja, OPARC, and Robin Schlosser, Reach Out Morongo, reported that driver salaries are the biggest issue and that increasing starting and existing salaries helped to fill open positions and retain experienced drivers. Arianna Maldonado reported that Omnitrans has initiated a one-time employee retention bonus based on the number of hours that an employee worked during the pandemic. Sandy Benson noted that Mountain Transit has a relationship with the San Bernardino Workforce Development Agency that helps to offset the cost of training wages and providing incentives for availability and driving in bad weather and that this has helped to retain drivers.

VIII. Human Services Spotlight: Introducing CityWay Community Economic Development Corporation

Marcia Waggoner introduced CityWay CEDC as a first-time grantee of 5310 funds in the current cycle and a new participant in PASTACC. CityWay CEDC was founded in 2018 and serves struggling communities and neighborhoods by offering education and services in business, employment & career development, community resources, and entrepreneurial endeavors. CityWay CEDC is also a vendor of Inland Regional Center to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities. CityWay is working to provide transportation to bridge gaps in existing services and assist clients in maintaining employment.

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

Nicole Soto, SBCTA, reported that IE Commuter incentives and rewards are now up to $5 per day in gift cards if the rideshare at least five days per month for three consecutive months. Participants can also enter to win a monthly drawing for interacting with the IE Commuter website.

Robin Schlosser, Reach Out Morongo Basin, shared her appreciation for the At-Large membership appointment to PASTACC and that her participation will also represent the Morongo Basin Healthcare District, their coordinated transportation program partner.

X. Public Comment

There were no public comments

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.
Attachments
Proposed PASTACC 2023 Meetings

February 14, 2023

May 9, 2023

August 8, 2023

November 14, 2023