



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.*

May 9, 2023
10:00 AM

LOCATION:

**SBCTA Board Room, First Floor Lobby Board Room
1170 W. Third Street, San Bernardino, CA. 92410**

TELECONFERENCING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Big Bear Chamber of Commerce: 630 Bartlett Road, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

City of Needles Council Chambers: 1111 Bailey Ave., Needles CA 92363

Victor Valley Transit Authority: 17150 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia, CA 92345

- I. PASTACC CALL TO ORDER, Introductions**
Cheri Holsclaw, Basin Transit, PASTACC Chair
- II. APPROVAL OF PASTACC MINUTES, October 11, 2022**
Chair / Vice Chair *Action*
- III. SBCTA MOBILITY NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING**
- IV. PASTACC MEMBERSHIP ITEMS**
Nancy Strickert, SBCTA *Information,
Action*
- V. UPDATE ON OMNITRANS CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGENCY (CTSA)**
Arianna Maldonado, Omnitrans *Information*
- VI. UPDATE ON VVTA CTSA**
Ashley Palmer, VVTA *Information*

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| VII. | HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY DISCUSSION
<i>Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning</i> | <i>Discussion</i> |
| VIII. | METROLINK ARROW UPDATE
<i>Rebekah Soto, SBCTA</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| IX. | TRANSIT EQUITY DAY (TED) UPDATE
<i>Nicole Soto, SBCTA</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| X. | ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER REPORTS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST
<i>All</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| XI. | PUBLIC COMMENT
<i>Comments related to PASTACC Agenda</i> | |

NEXT PASTACC MEETING:

Generally, Quarterly at 10:00 a.m. with some variation.

*The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for:
August 8, 2023*

To confirm PASTACC meeting dates and locations, please call 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.

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Contact AMMA Transit Planning at Mail@AmmaTransitPlanning.com

PASTACC – Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordination Council Minutes, October 11, 2022, at the San Bernardino SBCTA Board Room

Attendees:

Voting Member Participants:

- Basin Transit – Cheri Holsclaw
- Mountain Transit – Steve Brouard
- Omnitrans – Arianna Maldonado
- Victor Valley Transportation Authority – Denise Madrid, Craig Barnes, Dana Fleming
- Department of Aging and Adult Services – Melissa Sesay
- Foothill AIDS – Maritza Tona
- Loma Linda Medical Center – Whitney Henderson

Other Participants:

Anthesis - Shawn Prokopec, Patty Lopez

Reentry Coordinating Housing and Supportive Services – Anthony Brazier

Staff Support:

SBCTA – Nancy Strickert, Nicole Soto, Paul Melocoton

AMMA Transit Planning – Dennis Brooks, Valerie Mackintosh

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 by Cheri Holsclaw, PASTACC Chair.

II. Minutes of June 14, 2022, meeting

PASTACC Minutes of June 14, 2022, were approved without change.

- Approval of the minutes was moved by Melissa Sesay (DAAS) and seconded by Whitney Henderson (LLUMC).

III. PASTACC Membership Items

Nancy Strickert (SBCTA) announced that she will appoint OPARC and its representative Sonia Borja as Vice Chair at the next PASTACC meeting and that the representatives for DAAS and Loma Linda Medical Center as At-Large members may alternate due to internal department changes and personal obligations.

IV. PASTACC Meeting Schedule Shift to Quarterly

Nancy Strickert (SBCTA) presented the new PASTACC meeting calendar for 2023. Meetings are anticipated to be held on the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

- Approval of the new schedule was moved by Cheri Holsclaw (Basin Transit) and seconded by Maritza Tona (FAP).

V. Update on Omnitrans CTSA (Consolidated Transportation Services Agency)

Arianna Maldonado (Omnitrans) gave a presentation on the specialized transportation services provided by Omnitrans as the CTSA for the San Bernardino Valley. The CTSA programs include travel training, Transportation Reimbursement & Escort Program (TREP), Uber Ride, Taxi Ride, and the distribution of Measure I transportation funding for agencies that serve seniors and persons with disabilities. In April 2022, Omnitrans funded four projects totaling \$1.6 million and granted \$3.2 million in funding to nine continuing Regional Mobility Partnership Program projects. The next call-for-projects is scheduled to be held in January 2024.

VI. Transportation Coordination: I-215 and University Avenue Changes

Paul Melocoton (SBCTA) presented the diverging diamond interchange concept to address traffic congestion at the I-215 and University Parkway Interchange in San Bernardino through a partnership between the County of San Bernardino and Caltrans. The project is in the design phase where plans are being prepared and property rights are being acquired. The innovative diamond design would be constructed in lieu of a traditional roundabout to have a smaller footprint, fewer conflict points and less construction costs than traditional interchanges. California State University San Bernardino is expanding enrollment to approximately 25,000 students that will increase traffic to the campus. The project is expected to cost between \$7 - \$10 million in construction and take about a year to complete.

VII. Discussion of Equity Topics in Transit

Valerie Mackintosh (AMMA) gave a presentation on equity topics related to transit in San Bernardino County. Valerie stated that SBCTA adopted a resolution in May 2021 that defined equity as: " All populations having access to community conditions and opportunities needed to reach their full potential and to experience optimal well-being". Valerie also commented that SBCTA is currently working on a regional equity study and that there are other studies in the county that have addressed equity topics, like SBCTA's Coordinated Plan Update that encourages equity through Goal 1: Support Public Transportation Recovery and Growth, Ensuring Accessibility for Those with the Greatest Need. Valerie stated that there are other existing equity projects and tools from around the country that San Bernardino can learn from, including LA Metro's Equity Platform, the mapping of equity-focused communities by SBCTA and San Francisco MTA, and the City of San Antonio's COVID-19 Equity Rapid Response Tool.

Additional comments from the council included Basin Transit's hope to be able to provide free transit in the future; Omnitrans' new Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging Committee and ConnecTransit Plan; concerns about homelessness and mental health of vulnerable populations; and bus stop amenities to include benches and shelters.

VIII. Human Services Spotlight: Re-Entry Clinical Housing and Supportive Services

Anthony Brazier (RCHSS) stated that his goal as Director of RCHSS is to build capacity in the housing sector for those experiencing chronic homelessness. RCHSS provides critical housing services to the chronically homeless and low-income populations who are at risk of homelessness in the San Bernardino region. RCHSS has recently purchased the 10-bed Virginia House in San Bernardino, California. The goal of this project is to house at risk individuals for six to twelve months, providing them with intensive

wrap-around services, and significantly lowering their risk of hospitalization, incarceration or other institutionalization that will burden the cities and county of funds that can be used in other needed areas.

RCHSS has a budget to provide clients with transportation and assist them with finding employment opportunities but sometimes their work schedules are often outside of the service hours of transit.

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

Maritza Tona (FAP) commented that Fap has an 80-year-old client that is willing to be a travel buddy for those that need travel training. The client is a great navigator of the transit network, travels out of the county and buys various transit passes.

Shawn Prokopec (Anthesis) commented that Anthesis is working on purchasing new vans, but the price increases due to COVID are not covered in the grant funding they were awarded.

Craig Barnes (VVTA) announced that on October 2nd VVTA will return to full service and are offering free rides for the month of October. VVTA is also looking to partner with more schools to provide free fares for students.

Melissa Sesay (DAAS) announced that the California Department of Aging is offering free internet connections for a two-year period to individuals over the age of 60 by calling (800) 510-2020.

Nicole Soto (SBCTA) commented that Omnitrans launched the ONT Connect shuttle that travels between the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink station and the Ontario Airport. The shuttle is free to those that have a valid Metrolink ticket. Omnitrans is planning to launch an additional shuttle that will connect to the Downtown San Bernardino Transit Center and connect to the new Arrow trains.

X. Public Comment

There were no public comments

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Attachments



TELL US ABOUT MOBILITY NEEDS

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) invites your input to identify mobility needs in San Bernardino County. Are fixed route, ADA paratransit or rail services meeting your needs? Your comments will aide SBCTA in improving transit services across the County.

ATTEND SBCTA'S MOBILITY NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.

SBCTA Board Room:

1170 West 3rd Street, San Bernardino CA 92410, First Floor
(Hearing is part of the regularly scheduled PASTACC meeting)

OR PARTICIPATE FROM A TELECONFERENCE LOCATION:

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Send Written Comments by July 31, 2023 to:

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