

COMMITTEE: Housing & Transportation	DATE: September 26, 2018	LOCATION: 20 N. SAN PEDRO RD., POINT REYES ROOM
<p>PRESENT: Allan Bortel, Ellie Bloch, Michael Hagerty, Ralph Marchese, Suellen Lamorte, <i>Rhea Brown (Community), David Ohman (Marin Transit), Aida Banihashemi (Marin Transit), Christine Ness (Covia), Linda Jackson (Aging Action Initiative),</i></p> <p>ABSENT: Sybil Boutilier, Judith Saffran, <i>Cheryl Longinotti, Valerie Taylor (community), Patti Mangels, Kathleen Clark, Rachel Ginis, Terry Scussel (transportation consulting), Robert Betts (Marin Transit)</i></p>		
RECORDER: Amy Dietz, Staff		
NEXT MEETING: November 28, 2018 from 10:00 – 12:00.		

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<p>Call to Order: Chair Marchese called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda: The agenda of September 26, 2018 was approved as written.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes: The minutes from July 18, 2018 were approved as written.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff member Dietz informed the committee that the upcoming Older Adult Needs Assessment to inform the AAA Area Plan 2021-2025 will take place in January or February. The MCCOA 	

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<p>Planning Committee has been reviewing questions and is soliciting input from the various other committees. Commissioner Haggerty attended the last Planning Committee meeting to discuss proposed questions. Chair Marchese suggested that this be an agenda item for discussion at the next Housing and Transportation meeting.</p> <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senior Information Fair is October 24 from 9:00 – 3:00 pm at the Marin Exhibit Hall. • The Victory Village Housing Project has encountered financial difficulties stemming from increased construction costs, which had increased by 6.5%. They successfully petitioned the Ross Valley Sanitary District to waive \$360,000 in sewer connection fees. All five commissioners were supportive of project. Chair Marchese emphasized the need to look for pockets of money for funding such immediate and unplanned needs of housing projects and plans. He likewise suggested that the committee begin to work on convincing the “other side,” namely property owners, of the need for such funds. • Given that there are not many proposed projects like Victory Village in the county, the committee will focus on advocating for Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs) and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Chair Marchese suggested that available monies and advocacy be directed there. • Commissioner Bortel mentioned that there is a County Housing Fund that made a large contribution to the Victory Village Project. The Marin Community Foundation issued a grant of \$1 million to purchase the surrounding open space. • Commissioner Bloch stated that the committee should try to find available dollars if there is a similar project proposed in the county. • Commissioner Bortel stated that the County announced today that motor voter is here: drivers license renewals and changes of address can be done online. One is then registered to vote unless they opt out. <p>No action items</p> <p>Transportation Partner Reports:</p>	

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<p><i>Aida Banhashemi (Marin Transit)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on Mobility Consortium meeting that took place on September 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This was a workshop discussion on general transportation funding and an overview of Marin transportation funding measures. There was a representative from TAM that highlighted the importance of Measure A on the upcoming November ballot. • Update on Marin Transit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marin Transit is currently promoting its Technology for Life classes (smart phone and internet classes for older adults) and has thus far had a couple of requests. They have a pilot program, Marin Transit Connect, which is an OnDemand shuttle in Terra Linda/ San Rafael. Marin Transit will be at the Inform and Connect workshop at Homeward Bound on October 2. ○ They are working to fill Erin McAuliff's former position. <p><i>David Ohman (Marin Access):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marin Access, part of Marin Transit, is a family of programs for seniors and persons with disabilities. They provide information, referral and support services, including travel navigators, travel training, and low-income assistance. Services provided include ADA paratransit, star and trip volunteer reimbursement programs, catch a ride taxi service. • They conduct outreach in the community with service providers, organizations and groups, including senior centers, information fairs, and disability support groups. Marin Transit has satellite hours to provide face-to-face accessibility to support services. Publicity and getting the word out is critical in connecting people to their community and out of their homes, which is the intent of the ADA Act. • Chair Marchese posed the questions as to what travel navigators perceived when meeting people who were unaware of services. The primary response from such people is frustration in feeling that their options are limited. • Chair Marchese offered the support of the committee and invited David and Marin Access to come forward with suggestions of assistance and/ or identifying needs. 	

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<p>Housing Partner Reports:</p> <p><i>Christine Ness, Director, Homematch Marin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homematch Marin is housed under Covia, formerly known as Episcopal Senior Communities. • It is a start to finish comprehensive service in which they place a lodger with a home owner. The rent should be below market value and the lodger often pays in in-kind services, such as cleaning, transportation, gardening, etc. The goal was to complete three matches per month. This past year, they conducted six successful matches. • Homematch Marin conducts background checks on lodgers and owners. • There are far more home seeker applicants than home owners. Home seeker applicants are often newly homeless or marginally housed. • One of the barriers to the program is that home owners do not think that the seeker will be reliable. Also, lack of awareness about the program. Homematch Marin is considering methods of conducting additional outreach services. • Christine Ness will be leaving her position as Director next week. Jen Arent will be replacing her. Chair Marchese asked that she be invited to the next Housing and Transportation meeting. <p><i>Linda Jackson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing Crisis Group, which looks at the housing needs for employers and employees, has a meeting scheduled for this week at the Marin Office of Education. Linda Jackson will send the registration link to those interested. • The County has agreed to move forward on a just cause ordinance that provides some protection for renters from being evicted. • In San Rafael, the housing proposal Aegis Living Facility is moving forward • The group YIMBYs (Yes In My Backyard) is coming to Marin on November 27. • County of Marin, San Rafael, Novato, and Fairfax have implemented a source of income protection for renters, discouraging discrimination against renters using Section 8. 	

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<p>MCCOA Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing and Transportation meeting is sponsoring the education program at the upcoming October 4 MCCOA meeting, “Making Sense of Transportation Measures on the Ballot.” It will take place at the Tiburon Town Hall and feature Diane Steinhauser from the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). • February meeting: The committee voted that the educational portion of the meeting instead be a two-hour long JADU Fair, with topics on how to create a JADU and further information. It will go from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. This has been approved by the Executive Committee. Possible locations include the Civic Center, the Jewish Community Center, and Rodef Shalom. Staff member Dietz informed the committee that they need to have a location finalized by November 12. <p>Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 28, 2018, from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. The date has been changed from September 19 due to the holiday.</p> <p>Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.</p>	