

COMMITTEE: Housing & Transportation	DATE: May 19, 2021	LOCATION: Zoom Teleconference
<p>PRESENT: Sylvia Barry, Allan Bortel, Sybil Boutilier, Jasmina Etemovic, Suellen LaMorte, <i>Linda Jackson (Aging Action Initiative), Joanna Huitt (Marin Transit), Karen Coppock (Home Match Marin County), Mandy Reyes (Area Agency on Aging) Diana López, Rhea Brown (community)</i></p> <p>ABSENT: Ralph Marchese</p>		
<p>RECORDER: Kari Bell, AAA Sr. Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging</p>		
<p>NEXT MEETING: July 21, 2021, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Zoom Teleconference</p>		

NOTES SUMMARY	ACTION TAKEN/ RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Call to Order: Chair Bortel called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.</p> <p>Approval of Agenda: The agenda for May 19, 2021 was approved as written.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes: The minutes of March 17, 2021 were approved as written.</p> <p>Open Time for Public Expression: None</p> <p>Announcements: Co-chair Bortel asked that everyone join the free Webinar Telehealth and the Digital Divide on Thursday, May 27 from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This webinar is being put on by the Marin County Commission on Aging.</p> <p>Co-chair’s Report: Co-chair Bortel reported that he heard from John Pointer who heads the CSL has offered to speak at the July Legislative Committee meeting.</p>	

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<p>Presentation - Home Match Marin County, Karen Coppok, Senior Director, Covia Community Services, a Front Porch Partner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Coppok reported on opportunities to home share for older adults. • It was discussed how to rent rooms for income or service exchange. • Home Match does background checks, income checks, and a living agreements for everyone who participates in the program. • Contact information: Home Match Marin County - SWomack@covia.org or 415-456-9068. <p>Transportation Partner's Reports:</p> <p>Joanna Huitt, Mobility Planner, Marin Transit reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Marin Transit Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marin Transit is seeking rider input on our fares. A short rider survey is open until June 2; visit https://marintransit.org/news/marin-county-transit-district-seeks-input-riders-0 to learn more. ○ Marin Transit is continuing to offer free fares to vaccination sites; visit https://marintransit.org/news/free-transit-rides-covid-19-vaccine-appointments to learn more. ○ Starting May 19, Marin Transit and Golden Gate Transit and Ferry will ease social distancing requirements from six feet to three feet on all trips in Marin County and San Francisco. The updated requirements will add much-needed passenger capacity to transit vehicles and reduce the number of customers experiencing “pass ups” due to limited seating. Masks will still be required to ride at all times. Visit https://marintransit.org/news/changes-social-distancing-requirements to learn more. • Marin Access Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marin Access ridership is slowly increasing, lines of communication remain open with day programs as they open up so that we can anticipate major increases in ridership. ○ Annual renewal for the Low Income Fare Assistance (LIFA) program is in progress; all riders received a renewal form by mail/email that allows them to re-enroll in LIFA and if they are not currently part of the LIFA program to submit an application and update information in their rider account. ○ We are in the early phases of re-starting Marin Access outreach efforts; we will start with virtual presentations and put plans in place to resume in person outreach as COVID restrictions change ○ The Travel Navigator team will give a presentation about the Marin Access application process at the June 21st PCC meeting (https://marintransit.org/meetings-events/2021/paratransit-coordinating-council-1). 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is an open RFP for operation of Marin Access programs & services; proposals are due May 21 and staff anticipate awarding the contract in August; updates on this process will be shared at the June 21st PCC meeting. <p>Housing Partner's Reports: Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative (AAI) reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local jurisdictions are starting their work on their housing elements. Be in touch with your local planning directors to get on their email list. ● On June 7, 2021 Home Match will be the speaker at the next Inform & Connect meeting. ● Committees have been formed in the area to address housing. Linda Jackson will be meeting regarding new housing. <p>Review the Status of Final FY 20-21 Objectives to ensure completion by June 30, 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Goal 1: Barry reported that this goal was completed and a flyer will be sent out in June. The MCCOA Housing and Transportation Committee will educate the community about transportation options for older adults who can no longer drive or choose not to drive through a Great Age newsletter article, local electronic newsletters and at least one community presentation. ● Goal 2: Barry reported that this goal was completed. The MCCOA Housing and Transportation Committee will collaborate with community partners, which may include the Women's Commission, Green and Healthy Homes, fire departments and/ or other organizations, to promote safety in homes for older adults via at least one community meeting or presentation. ● Goal 3: Amanda Reyes reported that this goal will be deleted, and it was decided in the area plan that this will not be done by the Committee. The MCCOA Housing and Transportation Committee will gather information about which cities/ towns and/ or age-friendly task forces, including the county's, are identifying locations of isolated older adults for use in disaster preparedness and response The committee will share its findings via a presentation and/ or Great Age newsletter. <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Barry and Bortel discussed moving the Housing & Transportation Committee meeting start time to 1:30 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. ● Barry requested that this item is added to the next agenda. 	

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<p>New Business: None</p> <p>Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.</p> <p>Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Zoom Teleconference</p>	