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| COMMITTEE: Housing and Transportation | DATE: November 30, 2022 | LOCATION: Zoom Video Conference |
| MEMBERS: Sylvia Barry, Jane Gould, Salamah Locks, Ralph Marchese, Judith Saffran | | |
| PUBLIC / OTHER: Diana López, (Commission on Aging), Mandy Reyes (Area Agency on Aging), Corry-Ann Kanzenberg (Homeward Bound), Sean Stephens (Marin County Veterans Service Office), Allan Bortel (Member of the Community), Lee Notowich (Commission on Aging), Joanna Huitt (Marin Transit), Jon Gaffney (Golden Gate Transit), Rhea Brown (Member of the Community), Sara Robinson (County of Marin Age Forward), Noele Kostelic (EAH Housing), Jhashe Holloway (Marin Transit) | | |
| EXCUSED: None ABSENT: Gene Ng | | |
| STAFF/RECORDER: Mandy Reyes (Sr. Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging) | | |
| NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 1 – 3:00 p.m. | | |

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| <p>Call to Order: Chair Barry called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.</p> <p>Agenda Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Gould made a motion to approve the agenda for Nov. 30, 2022 as written • Seconded by Commissioner Locks. • Motion carried 4-0. <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Locks made a motion to approve the agenda for Sept. 28, 2022 as written. • Seconded by Commissioner Gould. • Motion carried 4-0. <p>Presentation: Homeward Bound Veteran Housing Development - Corry-Ann Kanzenberg, Development Director, Homeward Bound of Marin and Sean Stephens, Marin County Veteran's Service Officer.</p> | |

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| <p>Open Time for Public Expression: None</p> <p>Transportation Partner’s Reports Marin Transit – Joanna Huitt reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marin Transit recently hosted a vehicle demo at our office – thanks to those that participated & shared information about this event. The goal of the demo was to provide community partners and riders the opportunity to see proposed new vehicles for paratransit and Marin Access service. Staff will be taking a recommendation to our Board at our next Board meeting to seek approval to purchase these vehicles. The new vehicles are smaller than our standard cutaway vehicles, they are vans similar to those in service on the Connect program. We believe these vehicles will be a better fit for the service in many ways including allowing for increased maneuverability, easier & less costly maintenance, improved rider experience, and ultimately will allow us to provide more flexible service. The main change with these vehicles that differ from the cutaways are that individuals using a mobility device or the lift will board in the rear as opposed to the side. • Marin Access winter newsletter + annual survey is in the works and will likely mail out to all riders in mid-December. The survey is our riders annual opportunity to provide feedback on our service and tell us about their needs. The newsletter is sent out via email + US Mail in English and Spanish based on riders primary language and will also be posted on our website following the mail date. • In our upcoming Marin Access newsletter and through other channels we will be seeking participation in a Rider Focus Groups specifically for Marin Access riders. The goals of the focus group are to seek feedback on our existing programs and to also pose some questions to riders about aspects of service they like, don’t like, and some things our team has been thinking about to help as we plan for the future of Marin Access. Participation will be incentivized and all riders are welcome – info about format to come but we will be doing our best to ensure that the focus groups are accessible for all. • Upcoming Paratransit Coordinating Council Meeting on December 12th, more information found at https://marintransit.org/meetings-events/2022/paratransit-coordinating-council-4. <p>Golden Gate Transit (GGT) – Jon Gaffney reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGT is still in the recovery phase of the pandemic. Ferry and fixed route ridership is at 40% of pre-pandemic rides. • Bridge traffic is up to 85% of pre-pandemic traffic, although there is a shift; more traffic on weekends, less during the week. | |

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| <p>Housing Partner’s Reports: None</p> <p>Chair’s Report – Sylvia Barry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Jackson’s (Aging Action Initiative) is requesting committee members give support for upcoming Housing Element cycle, specifically affordable housing and housing in general. <p>Additional Report by Allan Bortel – Updates on Citizen’s Oversight Committee (COC) and Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COC is working on the annual report for Measure A and B. They are looking for testimonials about the different projects that Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) supports. • At the last PCC meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operations team provided updates on the technology they have in use that allows them to do oversight programs. ○ 2023 meeting dates were provided. ○ A preview of the Marin Access rider survey was shown. ○ The Measure B support letter was finalized. ○ Next meeting is Monday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m. <p>New Business: None</p> <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Bortel announced there is an upcoming transportation project to learn more about the SMART train. There will be a trip in Jan. or Feb. (date to be set) and all are welcome to attend. Boarding will take place at the Larkspur station at 11 a.m. to Santa Rosa for lunch at possibly Grossman’s. • Jon Gaffney announced that SMART lowered their fares a couple of months ago. <p>Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.</p> | |