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| COMMITTEE: Housing and Transportation | DATE: March 20, 2025 | LOCATION: 20 N. San Pedro Rd. Mt. Tam Room |
| MEMBERS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Barry, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Binkley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allan Bortel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhea Brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Gould | | |
| PUBLIC / OTHER: Gene Ng (Commission on Aging), Joseph Shumake (Home Match), Kellen Dammann (Marin County Sustainability Team), Salamah Locks (Community Member), Joanna Huitt (Marin Transit), Noele Kostelic (EAH Housing), Jon Gaffney (Golden Gate Transit), Mary-Alice Cardenas, (Finance of America) | | |
| EXCUSED: None ABSENT: None | | |
| STAFF/RECORDER: Mandy Reyes (Sr. Program Coordinator, Area Agency on Aging) | | |
| NEXT MEETING: April 17, 2024, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. | | |

MINUTE SUMMARY

Call to Order:

Chair Barry called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Approval of Agenda as Written:

- Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Gould/Brown 5-0

Approval of Feb. 20, 2025 Minutes as Written:

- Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Binkley/Brown/4-0. One abstention.

Commissioner Announcements: None

Open Time for Public Expression:

Salamah Locks, Community Member –

- Locks attended the San Rafael City Schools Board meeting on Mar. 11 to support the protest against Resolution 2425-44 (Recognition of the Essential Role and Needs of Young Men in Society). The resolution was pulled.
- Locks attended the Veterans Association Rally on Mar. 14 protesting the cuts to Veterans benefits. Here is how to help veterans by protecting the services they receive and the people who provide them:
 - Urge passage of the Protect Veteran Jobs Act and the Putting Veterans First Act in the Senate (Contact Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA): 202-224-3553, Sen. Adam Schiff (D-CA): 202-224-3841)
 - Urge passage of the Protec Veteran Jobs Act in the House (Rep. Jared Huffman) (CA-02): 202-224-3121
- Locks attended the San Rafael Police Oversight Committee. It was confirmed that policy wise, San Rafael police do not assist

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Presentation:

Reverse Mortgage by Mary-Alice Cardenas, Reverse Mortgage Advisor, Finance of America

Aging and Adult Service Report: Mandy Reyes, Sr. Program Coordinator, Aging and Adult Services:

- The State has given the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) the amounts of one-time only funding. This is funding that has not been used this fiscal year and is still available. The AAA plans to give the Vivalon Assisted Transportation program, among others, some of this funding.
- There is Cost of Living (COLA) funding available. Vivalon Assisted Transportation will also be getting some of this funding.
- San Geronimo Valley Community Center (SGVCC) is partnering with Marin Transit to use software to help with their new pilot volunteer driver program. Volunteer drivers will be giving rides to older adults throughout San Geronimo Valley.
- The April 14 MCCOA General meeting will be a Public Hearing on the AAA's Area Plan Update. Please plan to attend.

Housing Partner's Reports:

Luke Barnesmoore, Home Match –

- The shared housing bill is moving through the State Assembly. The only organization that has had any pushbacks is the California Apartment Association because of concerns about the Lodger Law aspect of the bill, but everyone seems to be okay with moving forward.
- At the State level, the concerns being heard are about the homelessness system and affordable housing system due to potential budget cuts by the Federal government.
- Cuts in Medi-Cal funding and other cuts are a big concern right now.
- At the local level, the County just released their Rooted in Marin report. There is a section on strategies for aging in place, they talk about the shared housing program and supporting people with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their properties and it was focused on how to keep low-income homeowners in the county housed.

Kellen Dammann, Marin County Sustainability Team –

- Golden Gate Village is going through a revitalization plan on the multifamily energy efficiency front.
- Novato Row was referred to the energy efficiency program by Kelley Plumbing and Heating.
- Still trying to do a free assessment at the Villas at Hamilton.
- The Green House program that provides free energy efficient kits will be doing induction hobs this year.

Transportation Partner's Reports:

Joanna Huitt, Marin Transit - Senior Mobility Planner Marin Transit:

- Marin Access

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- Follow-up from Marin Access presentation last meeting:
 - Staff presented information about the Catch-A-Ride pilot program and noted that while popular, the program is administratively burdensome and more importantly exceeding budget and no longer financially sustainable long term.
 - Staff shared preliminary thoughts on program changes which included shifting away from vouchers to mobility wallet to reduce administrative burden and give riders more flexibility, focusing our resources on those most in need by targeting subsidies to those with income barriers, and introducing a new program called intro to mobility to introduce those without income barriers to mobility options.
 - Feedback from the Housing & Transportation committee was used to refine & then present a similar informational item to the Marin County Transit District (MCTD) Board of Directors in March.
 - Marin Transit will be transitioning from current voucher model to offering subsidies via a mobility wallet. This transition is in progress and will launch in July – a rider education campaign about this change is expected to begin in April.
 - Staff are still in the process of determining the next steps for the other two items and will be making a recommendation to the MCTD Board of Directors in April.
 - Staff will share a more substantial update at the next meeting.
- In May staff will take an evaluation of the Marin Access shuttle program to the MCTD Board of Directors – this will include a recommendation about where to go from here in terms of adjusting / adding shuttles.
- In May staff will take an item to the MCTD Board of Directors regarding the purchase of EVs for paratransit.
- Fixed Route
 - There is a rider survey in progress for Stagecoach Routes 61 and 68. The survey is available on board and is geared specifically toward current riders. The survey will close on 3/28.
- Outreach / Events
 - Marin Transit continues to offer satellite hours at locations across the County including in West Marin. Staff are expected to start offering satellite hours in the Canal neighborhood soon and are researching options for a location in Southern Marin.
 - The next meeting of the Marin Paratransit Coordinating Council is April 21 at 1:30pm.

Jon Gaffney, Golden Gate Transit – ADA Compliance and Program Manager: None

Chair's Report – Sylvia Barry: 23

- May 20 is the May Health Forum- please save the date.
- Update on ADUs – applications are up to 95 applications per year. ADUs that are on a property are big selling points when a house is for sale.

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- 23 Bills are being introduced at the State level. Barry gave a review of the bills related to Housing and Transportation.

TAM Citizen's Oversight Committee and Paratransit Coordinating Council Updates – Allan Bortel (CSL) or Jane Gould: Jane Gould –

- The Marin Transit meeting was on Monday, March 17. The TAM Board presented the highway work that is being done on the 101 North exiting at Bellem Blvd. in San Rafael.
- Measure A was discussed – this is \$35 million per year from sales tax.
- A report on \$6 million was given for the Safe Pathways small and larger projects. This project will improve conditions around schools for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The Electric Vehicle Fair will be on March 30 in Fairfax.

Commissioner Housing and Transportation Related Report from County/City and MCCOA Committees: None

New Business: Next meeting presentation topic

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

- M/S/C – Gould/Binkley/4-0
- Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.