



**PASTACC**

**PUBLIC AND SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY AND COORDINATION COUNCIL**

*An advisory body to the San Bernardino Associated Governments  
 Addressing public transit and specialized transportation needs, issues and opportunities*

**MARCH MEETING LOCATION:  
 SANBAG Santa Fe Depot Offices**

1170 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room  
 San Bernardino, CA. 92410  
 (909) 884-8276

**Agenda**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

- I. PASTACC CALL TO ORDER - Introductions and Announcements**  
 - Chair Jeremiah Bryant, Omnitrans
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015** Action  
 - Chair, Jeremiah Bryant
- III. PASTACC BUSINESS:** Information
  - ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBER  
 Toni Levyssohn, Director - Community Senior Services/  
 Community Connections Transportation Reimbursement Program
  - PROVISION OF REVISED BY-LAWS AND REVISED PASTACC  
 MEMBERSHIP LIST  
 - Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning
- IV. LEGISLATIVE REPORT** Information  
 - Tricia Almiron, SANBAG Legislative Affairs
- V. FINAL REVIEW OF AND VOTE ON 2015/2016 REVISED SANBAG  
 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS DEFINITIONS:**  
 Nancy Strickert, SANBAG
- VI. DISCUSSION OF UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING  
 TESTIMONY AND PRELIMINARY RESPONSE** Discussion,  
Possible  
Action  
 - Nancy Strickert, SANBAG  
 Heather Menninger, AMMA Transit Planning with VVTA and MBTA
- VII. REPORT ON COORDINATED PLAN UPDATE DEVELOPMENT** Information  
 - Heather Menninger, AMMA Transit Planning

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- VIII. INLAND REGIONAL CENTER – UPDATE ON CLIENT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES** Information  
- *Tesa Patterson and Sharon Han, Inland Regional Center*
- IX. REPORT FROM PASTACC MEMBERS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST** Information  
- *Voting and Standing PASTACC Member Agency Reports*
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT – Note May meeting will be at the Hi-Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree, hosted by Morongo Basin Transit Authority (MBTA).**

**UPCOMING CONFERENCE ANNOUCEMENTS:**

CALACT SPRING CONFERENCE, La Jolla, March 27-30, 2016

INTERNATIONAL DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT CONFERENCE/ Call for Papers  
Breckenridge, Colorado, Sept. 28-30, 2016

RURAL AND INTERCITY BUS CONFERENCE/ Call for Presentations  
Ashville, North Carolina, Oct. 2-5, 2016

**NEXT PASTACC MEETING:**

Generally the second Tuesdays of alternating months at 10 a.m., with some variation.

The next meeting on:

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Helen Gray Education Center/ Hi-Desert Medical Center  
6601 White Feather Road, Joshua Tree, CA. 92252**

**To confirm PASTACC meeting dates, please call:**

**SANBAG (909) 884-8276**

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**PASTACC Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016**  
**Victor Valley Transportation Authority, Hesperia**  
**10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**Participants:**

**Standing voting members in attendance:** Kathy Hawksford (Mountain Transit), Kevin Kane/ Aaron Moore/ Ashley Palmer (Victor Valley Transit Authority), Jeremiah Bryant/ Frank Quass (Omnitrans); Joe Meer (MBTA), Nancy Strickert/ Tricia Almiron/ SANBAG.

**Appointed voting members in attendance:** Sharon Han (Inland Regional Center), Midge Nicosia (Victorville Community Services Council), Ryan Samples (City of Rancho Cucamonga), Debra Billings-Merlos (Dept. of Aging and Adult Services), Osvaldo Maysonet/ Paul Iorio/ Maricella Manzo (United Way 211/VetLink).

**Other meeting attendees:** Lorna Foster (Caltrans District Office), Dean Moore (Hi-Desert Medical Center Foundation/ Transportation), Danielle Jenkins (VA Loma Linda), Audrey Sauber (DAAS – Victorville). Toni Levyssohn (Community Connections)

**I. Call to Order and Introductions:**

Kevin Kane, VVTA, as acting Chair called the meeting to order and made an announcement regarding the upcoming March 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 CalAct conference in Torrey Pines (San Diego). He commended this to human service agency participants as well as to public transit providers as an excellent opportunity to learn, be brought up-to-date about new regulation and industry practices and to expand your personal network.

Kevin Kane noted that this PASTACC meeting would be short, ending by 11 a.m. so that the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan workshop could take place subsequently.

**II. Approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2015**

Heather Menninger acknowledged that the Agenda reflected the wrong date of the last meeting – a November meeting had been scheduled but then cancelled. The last full meeting of PASTACC, for which minutes were presented for approval, was September 8, 2015. The minutes were accepted as written unanimously by PASTACC voting members.

**III. PASTACC Officer Election and By-Laws Business**

Dennis Brooks, AMMA, introduced the proposed change to the PASTACC By-laws, last amended in 2011, which was to add the phrase “ or Director’s representative” to Section 4 Members. This change will mirror the language elsewhere in the By-laws that does give delegated authority to the SANBAG Executive Director’s representative to take certain actions appropriate to conforming to the direction of the By-laws. This action was moved by Jeremiah Bryant and seconded by Aaron Moore; approved with no dissent.

Membership status of the Rolling Start organization was reported by Dennis Brooks as in default as the appointed individual had left the organization and there has been no effort by Rolling Start to replace him, nor were they answering phone call or email requests to do so. This position will be filled administratively this spring.

Dennis Brooks reported on the outcome of the Chair’s position election run-off that had been a tie when the longer ballot of nominees were voted upon in August. He congratulated Jeremiah Bryant of Omnitrans who was elected as Chair and reconfirmed that Midge Nicosia of Victor Valley Community Services was the elected Vice Chair, from the September meeting. Mr. Bryant took over the conduct of the meeting at this point, with thanks to Kevin Kane for assisting today as Chair.

**IV. Unmet Needs Definition**

Nancy Strickert, SANBAG, introduced the proposed changes to the Unmet Transit Needs definitions with a review of the California Transportation Development Act (TDA) requirement that the County Transportation Commissions hold unmet transit needs public hearings and make determinations about ***unmet need that is reasonable to meet*** in those areas of the county where some TDA funds are still used for street and road maintenance, where not all funds are going over to public transit services.

The definition of *unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet* is used to evaluate the testimony received at the annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearings that SANBAG conducts around the county. Nancy Strickert indicated that PASTACC's ad hoc committee met to review and discuss this in October, the committee consisting of Joe Meer and Mark Goodale (MBTA), Kevin Kane (VVTA), Osvaldo Maysonet (211 United Way/VetLink), Nancy Strickert (SANBAG) and AMMA staff persons Valerie Mackintosh, Dennis Brooks and Heather Menninger.

The distributed revised definitions show in "track changes" the specific language changes proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee. These are presented to PASTACC today for review and discussion and will be brought forward again for action to be taken at the March PASTACC meeting. There was much discussion at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting about potential changes and the inclusion of specific measures or levels that new service must meet in order to be recommended as a need that can be *reasonably* met. However, there was Ad Hoc Committee consensus that with some refreshing of language and some clarifying words, that the existing definitions essentially worked.

In PASTACC discussion, it was commented that these definitions and the process are important to determining what can be done and what realistically cannot be done. They can help the transit providers and their Boards of Directors with such determinations. Ad Hoc Committee members indicated that it was important that a new service or pilot not have such an impact on the overall system wide farebox recovery that it could jeopardize compliance with TDA minimum farebox recovery rules. But it was also agreed that new services need some time to mature and develop. The change in language of Item C #4 regarding the Cost Effectiveness of a new service and continued positive progress in key performance indicators was deemed necessary to support this, with language changed accordingly. This will return to PASTACC in March.

#### **V. Report on Victor Valley Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA)**

Aaron Moore, Director of the new *Victor Valley Consolidated Transportation Services Agency* presented on the activities and plans of this June 2015 newly designated CTSA whose goals include the 1) improved transportation through development of new services; and 2) increased levels of coordination between all regional transportation providers.

Existing services and programs of the CTSA are: Travel Training; Nonprofit Vehicle Maintenance; Nonprofit Driver Training; Volunteer Driver Reimbursement; and Transit Ambassadors. Aaron Moore reported on the numbers of trainings and contacts of these various programs that the CTSA is now working to enhance. New programs that the CTSA is anticipating include: Partnerships to assist with fleet management and program oversight for volunteer transportation programs; Carshare for Needles transportation option; trip brokerage capability for non-profit transportation programs; enhanced signage and the introduction of IVR capabilities to help improve productivity, safety and utilization.

Next steps, in addition to continued program management and development, will focus on establishing benchmarks or standards to guide each program – what are the targets towards which each is headed?

#### **VI. Items of Interest from the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, Washington DC, January 2016**

Heather Menninger reported on comments by Cabinet Secretary Anthony Foxx, U.S. Department of Transportation. Secretary Foxx talked about various high priority areas, including safety, freight movement and public and private partnerships to help move 70 million MORE people (and associated goods) over the next 30 years. The Smart City Challenge, issued this spring, will select a community and provide funding support to use data and technology to help more effectively move more people and goods, moving towards vehicle-to-vehicle technology of driverless autos.

Secretary Foxx identified three pillars of opportunity that help to build and sustain a strong economy: health, education and transportation. He talked about transportation as "place making", using the transportation network and infrastructure to help improve community design, good design that helps to make communities better. Related to transportation planning activities, Secretary Foxx indicated that Title VI guidance is here to stay as is its enforcement. Title VI regulation about inclusive planning is not an option but a very real requirement.

Transportation is about creating spatial connections. New technology is coming with driverless automobiles and this is an exciting time to be in transportation, another stage in its development, moving from foot, to horse, to wheel, to train, to car, and soon to driverless/ self-driving cars!

Heather Menninger also talked about a presentation on Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and the impact of the proliferating Uber and LYFT ride services. She reviewed a presentation made at TRB in response to *TCRP Special Report 319: Between Public and Private Mobility: The Rise of Technology-Enabled Services*. There was some discussion among PASTACC members of the opportunities and challenges that technology brings to transportation and specifically in relation to these private sector ride services.

## **VI. Reports from PASTACC Members and Public Comments**

- VVTA – Started up September 2015 the 45X Community College route that speeds travel between the 7<sup>th</sup> and Lorrain Transit Center and the Community College. Ridership has exceeded expectations.
- Mountain Transit – holiday weekend travel up to the mountains grows from the typical 45-minute trip to up to 4 hours. Very exciting new partnership developing with the new owners of the mountains. Plans for NO MORE PARKING. Plans to purchase bus passes for all employees and to seek improvements to transit.
- Victor Valley Community Services – reported that Kaiser Permanente outreach activities have identified transportation as a high priority need.
- VA Transportation – Murrieta pilot successful, a 28-passenger van traveling to 3 pick-up points and to bring them straight to the Loma Linda Veterans Administration. Looking for the next pilots to be the Hi-Desert Community Based Outpatient Community (CBOC) facilities.
- MBTA – Joe Meer reported that the new joint procurement process that MBTA manages is anticipating procurement of 5400 vehicles over the course of 5 years.
- Omnitrans - September saw the opening of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Transit Center and there has been a good response to this new transit center. It does seek to embody the principles of place making that Secretary Foxx talked about. The merger of VTrans and Omnitrans is going forward, anticipating that Omnitrans will have a new role around planning for and some provision of specialized transportation in the San Bernardino Valley. This reorganization anticipates the developing a further mix of programs.
- No public comments offered.

*Meeting adjourned 11:05 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Heather Menninger*