

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

DATE: Monday, April 10, 2023

LOCATION: Riverside County Transportation Commission
March Field Conference Room A
4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor, CA 92502-2208

VIDEO CONFERENCE SITES:

Palo Verde Valley Transit
415 N. Main Street
Conference Room A
Blythe, CA 92225

SunLine Transit Agency
32505 Harry Oliver Trail
Board Room
Thousand Palms, CA 92276

🌀 COMMITTEE MEMBERS 🌀

Lisa Castilone, **Chair**, GRID Alternatives, Western and Southwest Riverside County
Gloria J. Sanchez, **Vice Chair**, Meniffee Senior Advisory, Southwest Riverside County
John Krick, **Second Vice Chair**, T-Now Member, Northwest Riverside County
John Chavez, Retired Citizen, San Gorgonio Pass
George Colangeli, Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency, Palo Verde Valley
Alejandra Gonzalez, Norco Seniors on the Move, Northwest Riverside County
Jack Marty, Retired Citizen, San Gorgonio Pass
Mary Jo Ramirez, Workforce Development Member, Southwest Riverside County
Ivet Woolridge, Independent Living Partnership, Riverside County
Riverside Transit Agency, Western Riverside County
SunLine Transit Agency, Coachella Valley

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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AGENDA*

**Actions may be taken on any item listed on the agenda*

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Under the Brown Act, the Board should not take action on or discuss matters raised during public comment portion of the agenda which are not listed on the agenda. Board members may refer such matters to staff for factual information or to be placed on the subsequent agenda for consideration. Each individual speaker is limited to speak three (3) continuous minutes or less.*
4. **ADDITIONS/REVISIONS** *(The Committee may add an item to the agenda after making a finding that there is a need to take immediate action on the item and that the item came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. An action adding an item to the agenda requires 2/3 vote of the Committee. If there are less than 2/3 of the Committee members present, adding an item to the agenda requires a unanimous vote. Added items will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.)*
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - *All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Committee member(s) requests separate action on specific item(s). Items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.*

5A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 13, 2023

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6. **FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 – 2025/26 DRAFT SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN UPDATES**

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Overview

This item is for the Committee to receive and file Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 – 2025/26 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) updates from the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Corona, and Riverside; Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency (PVVTA); Riverside Transit Agency (RTA); SunLine Transit Agency (SunLine); and the Commission's Rail and Vanpool Programs.

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER / STAFF REPORT**

Overview

This item provides the opportunity for the Committee members, transit operators, and staff to report on attended and upcoming meetings/conferences and issues related to Committee activities.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 5A

MINUTES

RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CITIZENS AND SPECIALIZED TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 13, 2023

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Gloria Sanchez at 11:04 a.m. via Zoom ID 859 2177 6691. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, (March 18, 2020), the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee was only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Lisa Castilone
Christian Castro
John Chavez
Alejandra Gonzalez
John Krick
Mary Jo Ramirez*
Gloria J Sanchez

Members Absent

Jack Marty
Ivet Woolridge
Riverside Transit Agency
Sunline Transit Agency

*arrived after meeting started

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

None

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - *All matters on the Consent Calendar will be approved in a single motion unless a Committee Member requests separate action on specific item(s). Items pulled from the Consent Calendar will be placed for discussion at the end of the agenda.*

M/S/C (Castilone/Gonzalez) to approve the following Consent Calendar item(s):

5A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12, 2022

At this time, Mary Jo Ramirez joined the meeting.

6. MEASURE A SPECIALIZED TRANSIT PRESENTATION

This item is for the Committee to receive and file a presentation from Measure A Specialized Recipients, the City of Norco and United States Veterans (U.S. Vets).

Eric DeHate, Transit Manager, introduced Gage Zettelmeier from the city of Norco to present their specialized program.

Mr. Zettelmeier presented an overview of the programs offered at the Rose M. Elder Senior Center.

Vice Chair Castilone asked how the increase in gas prices has affected their budget.

Mr. Zettelmeier replied that gas price increase was not taken into consideration and they will have evaluate and look at further.

Chair Sanchez asked if the riders were encouraged to make donations or pay any fees.

Mr. Zettelmeier replied seniors are not asked to donate and drivers are instructed not to accept donations. The only time seniors are charged a fee is when there is a ticket price involved in the excursions.

John Krick asked if it was possible to get same day transportation or if they could only accommodate when given a weeks notice.

Mr. Zettelmeier responded the seniors can call to get a ride the day they need it but it cannot be guaranteed so they are advised to call in advance to make sure transportation is available.

Chair Sanchez requested a breakdown of where the riders are going.

Mr. Zettelmeier replied the majority of the rides are to medical appointments and the senior center itself.

Vice Chair Castilone inquired about the marketing and outreach for this program.

Mr. Zettelmeier responded they do 3-4 tabling events a year with the driver going to the senior living centers with information regarding all the programs and services they provide.

Mr. DeHate introduced Nicole Starks-Murray from U.S. Vets Inland Empire to present the programs they provide.

Ms. Starks-Murray presented an overview of the programs offered by the U.S. Vets Inland Empire.

Chair Sanchez asked what kind of pick ups are offered.

Ms. Starks-Murray stated that there are multiple types of pick ups provided. The person just needs to call in to request a ride.

Chair Sanchez commented that the veterans in the city of Menifee have trouble finding transportation to Loma Linda for appointments.

Ms. Starks-Murray discussed the various ways the veterans in the city of Menifee and various other areas can utilize their services.

Vice Chair Castilone asked if they are able to use the vouchers provided by places like Loma Linda.

Ms. Starks-Murray replied that if they are unable to transport the veteran then they provide alternate transportation and resources such as the Loma Linda voucher program.

Mary Jo Ramirez asked what size their fleet is.

Ms. Starks-Murray responded they currently have one 15 passenger and one 12 passenger van and a few smaller van fleets for the Colton and San Bernardino sites. We are a small but we are a 24-hour program.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item is for the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee to conduct an election of officers for 2023 – Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair.

M/S/C (Ramirez/Gonzalez) to elect Lisa Castilone as Chair.

M/S/C (Ramirez/Castilone) to elect Gloria Sanchez as Vice Chair.

M/S/C (Ramirez/Sanchez) to elect John Krick as Second Vice Chair.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF REPORT

8A. Chair Sanchez updated the committee on the pilot program in Menifee.

- 8B. Mr. DeHate reminded the committee the next meeting will be in person and gave an update on Commission meeting.
- 8C. Mr. DeHate updated the committee on LCTOP funds.
- 8D. Vice Chair Castilone asked if there were any news regarding the Menifee high school issues from the previous meeting.
- 8E. Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director, replied that all the comments were forwarded to RTA and they are doing a sustainable service plan study and we can ask them to share the results with us.
- 8E. Chair Sanchez asked about an update on the Temescal Valley comments that were received during the last meeting as well.
- 8F. Ms. Moe-Luna replied that RTA is working on that as well.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration by the Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director

AGENDA ITEM 6

MINUTES

<i>RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</i>	
DATE:	April 10, 2023
TO:	Citizens and Specialized Transit Advisory Committee
FROM:	Eric DeHate, Transit Manager
THROUGH:	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Multimodal Services Director
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Year 2023/24 – 2025/26 Draft Short Range Transit Plan Updates

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The SRTPs serve as the Commission’s primary justification for federal and state grants for transit operations and capital and provides a short-term vision of public transportation for the county including strategies that will help guide transportation decisions over the next three to five years. In Riverside County, there are seven public bus transit operators (Banning, Beaumont, Corona, and Riverside; RTA; SunLine; and PVVTA), and the Commission as a commuter rail and vanpool operator – a total of eight transit operators.

Under state law, the Commission is tasked with the responsibility to identify, analyze, and recommend potential productivity improvements to ensure federal, state, and local funds are allocated to transit operators to provide needed transit services for county residents. An annual SRTP update is a mechanism to meet this obligation and coordinate transit services throughout the county. The core components of each agency’s SRTP includes the operating and capital plans and project justifications that are utilized as the basis for receiving transit funding. The SRTPs also document each operator’s system and route performance data, which provide the basis for the Commission’s oversight activities to ensure compliance with the Transportation Development Act, federal regulations, state law, and Commission-adopted policies and guidelines.

Each operator will provide an overview of the major projects and activities anticipated in their FY 2023/24 SRTP update. The purpose of the presentations is to seek feedback and input from the CSTAC for future improvements. Staff will bring the final FY 2023/24 SRTP requests for funding approval to the Commission in June 2023.