



AGENDA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Advisory Council on Aging

Monday, July 6, 2026

1:00 PM

**500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.
Corner Conference Room**

Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Transportation Committee
<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/81323443518>

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1:00 Welcome – Jim Donnelly & Bryan Harris, Co-Chairs, SMAC

Self-Introductions – All Attendees

Roll Call – Dixie

1:05 Approval of May 2026 Meeting Minutes

SMAC Committee Minutes 05-04-26

[26-2900](#)

1:10 Presentation: Riki Juster, Lamorinda Spirit Van

Lamorinda Spirit Van Presentation | Lamorinda Spirit Van Brochure

[26-2901](#)

1:35 Preview of SMAC’s presentation to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

SMAC Presentation for AAC July 2026

[26-2902](#)

2:00 Break

2:15 Programming Reports/Updates

2:25 Public Comment

2:30 Adjournment

Next Transportation – Senior Mobility Action Council Committee Meeting:

- Monday, August 3, 2026 1:00pm – 2:30pm

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 26-2900

Agenda Date: 7/6/2026

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Advisory Council on Aging:

Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Committee Meeting Minutes 05-04-2026



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Monday, May 4, 2026

1:00 PM

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1:00 Call to Order: Jim Donnelly called the meeting to order at 1:12pm.

Present Chalo Buckman, Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Riki Juster, and Bryan Harris

Absent Deanna Perry, and Elaine Welch

1:05 Approval of April 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Harris

Second: Donovan

Aye: Buckman, Donnelly, Donovan, Juster, and Harris

Absent: Perry, and Welch

Result: Passed

SMAC Meeting Minutes 04-06-26

[26-1835](#)

1:10 Presentation on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) – Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe

- Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe provided an overview of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), including its vision for seamless, accessible, and dignified transportation services and its role in coordinating transportation efforts throughout Contra Costa County.
- The presentation reviewed current transportation initiatives, challenges, and funding sources, including ADA transportation planning, transportation needs assessments, provider coordination efforts, and the broader landscape of transportation services and advisory bodies within the county.
- Haleema highlighted current and upcoming transportation programs serving older adults, people with disabilities, veterans, caregivers, and families, including Low-Income Fare Equity (LIFE), One Seat Ride, One Call/One Click, TNC Access for All, Optimat, and Mobility Training programs.
- Presentation included a preview of the Ride Together countywide training program, including plans to develop a tiered and flexible transportation training model coordinated through Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), with phased implementation anticipated beginning in September 2026

Ride Together Program Concept | About CCTA OAE

[26-1836](#)

1:30 Discussion on how SMAC can augment the AAC

- The group discussed the differing structures and functions of SMAC and the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), noting that AAC meetings are often centered on staff updates, reports, and informational presentations, while SMAC operates as a more open and community-driven forum.
- Members noted that AAC consists of appointed positions, whereas SMAC participation is open to any interested individuals.
- The group discussed ongoing coordination between the two bodies, including the sharing of SMAC updates during AAC meetings by co-chair Bryan Harris.
- Members also discussed encouraging broader collaboration and communication between the groups, including inviting members to suggest future agenda topics and encouraging Bryan Harris to continue serving as a connector between SMAC and AAC.

1:50 Future Meetings

- The group discussed future meeting planning and potential presentations, including a presentation by Maisha Williams from Tri Delta Transit anticipated for the August meeting.
- Members discussed outreach efforts to encourage AAC participants to attend SMAC meetings during AAC’s annual August recess and explored inviting AAC members to participate as official seated SMAC members.
- The group also discussed presenting an overview of “What is SMAC?” at the June AAC meeting to strengthen coordination and awareness between the two groups.
- Additional ideas discussed included hosting a virtual town hall and a possible presentation by Riki Juster at an upcoming meeting.

2:00 Break

2:10 Newsletter (Re-Introduce) (Jim Donnelly & Bryan Harris)

- The group held an open brainstorming discussion regarding the possibility of developing a SMAC newsletter, though members noted it may be premature until the committee has additional accomplishments and content to highlight.
- Members discussed the possibility of producing the newsletter on a quarterly basis and noted that any publication would require review and approval through the Area Agency on Aging (AAA).

2:15 Programming Reports/Updates

- ~ Accessibility Advisory Council (CCTA) (Bryan Harris)
- ~ Virtual Transportation Town Hall Event (Introduce idea) (Bryan Harris)
- ~ Transportation Network Providers

2:25 Public Comment - None

Next Transportation – Senior Mobility Action Council Committee Meeting:
- Monday, June 1, 2026 1:00pm – 2:30pm

NOTE: June 1, 2026 Meeting was cancelled.
Special meeting scheduled Monday, July 6, 2026 1:00pm – 2:30pm

2:30 Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm

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Advisory Council on Aging:

- Lamorinda Spirit Van Presentation
- Lamorinda Spirit Van Brochure

Lamorinda Spirit Van

Enhancing Mobility & Independence for Our Senior Community

Presentation for Senior Mobility Action Council

Presented by Riki Juster, Program Coordinator, Lamorinda Spirit Van



20th
ANNIVERSARY
Lamorinda SPIRIT
Senior Transportation
2006-2026

Celebrating 20 Years of Service

- 2026 marks our 20th anniversary.
- Thousands of rides provided since 2006.
- Helping older adults remain independent and connected.

Why Lamorinda Spirit Van Exists

- ❖ Mission: Helping older adults continue to live independently and stay connected
- ❖ Transportation can become challenging as we age.
- ❖ Limited transportation options across Lamorinda
- ❖ Spirit Van fills a critical mobility gap

Who Does Lamorinda Spirit Van Serve?

- ❖ Individuals age 60+ and reside in Lafayette, Moraga or Orinda
- ❖ Persons with disabilities



Getting Started Is Easy

- Complete a registration form.
- Registration is free.
- Forms available today.



Our Service
Area

Lafayette

Moraga

Orinda

Walnut Creek

Pleasant Hill

Concord

Martinez

Where Can We Take You?

- ❖ Medical appointments
- ❖ Shopping and errands
- ❖ Personal Care (hair salon, nail salon)
- ❖ Exercise and enrichment classes
- ❖ Social visits
- ❖ Community activities
- ❖ Anywhere!



Hours of Operation

- ❖ Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00PM
- ❖ Flexible scheduling when possible



How to Schedule a Ride



Call or email at any hour of the day, even 2AM!



Provide the following information:

Your Name

Your phone number

Date and time of appointment

Destination address/es

Duration of appointment if a return ride is required



Schedule by 1 PM the prior business day



We'll take care of the rest!

Dispatcher Support



Dispatchers respond Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:30PM



Phone and email support



Our Fleet

- 3 wheelchair-accessible minivans
- 2 wheelchair-accessible larger vans
- Safe, comfortable, and well maintained
- Two new replacement vehicles coming in 2027

What Does It Cost?

- Lamorinda: \$5 one way / \$10 round trip
- Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Martinez: \$10 one way / \$20 round trip

Meet Our Drivers

- ❖ Drivers are carefully selected.
- ❖ Background checks.
- ❖ Comprehensive training.
- ❖ Mostly Volunteers
- ❖ Safe, reliable, compassionate.
- ❖ Door-to- and through-door assistance.



More Than Transportation

- Drivers and passengers often develop friendships
- Spirit Van is a community, not just a ride



A Life Saved

- ❖ One morning, a passenger didn't answer her door.
- ❖ Our driver alerted me immediately.
- ❖ Emergency responders arrived just in time.
- ❖ Because of our caring team and safety protocols, the Spirit Van literally saved a life.

Our Impact by the Numbers

5200+ rides in
2025

600+ registered
passengers

Growing demand
for social and
wellness outings

Serving Lafayette,
Moraga, and
Orinda



Questions?





Thank you!

lovelafayette.org/spiritvan
dispatch@lovelafayette.org
(925) 283-3534

Where Do We Go?

- Monday thru Friday - to destinations within Concord, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek.
- Shopping for food, sundries, clothes.
- Errands: bank, post office, etc.
- Medical & personal appointments.
- Lafayette Community Center, the Library, classes, exercise.
- Social visits: visit a friend, go to a restaurant or movie.
- Lunch at the Café Costa: Lunch is a donation of \$3—\$6.
- Lamorinda Movers monthly dinner.

INFORMATION, RESERVATIONS, FARES:

- Please contact us at 283-3534 or dispatch@lovelafayette.org to reserve your ride. As more people use our service, more advance notice is recommended. **WE LOVE TO SAY “YES”** so call early, preferably two business days (not less than one business day) in advance by 1:00 p.m. so we can prepare the route.
- We serve Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda older adults, age 60+ and people with disabilities. The schedule is subject to change based on driver availability.
- Rides within Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda are \$5 one way or \$10 round-trip (subject to change).
- Rides to Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek are \$10 one-way or \$20 round-trip.
- Low income - complimentary for all the above destinations
- Rides to Café Costa at Walnut Creek Sr. Center: \$2.50 one way; \$5r/t
- Rides to Lamorinda Movers monthly dinner - complimentary

**Lamorinda
Spirit Van
(925) 283-3534**

The Lamorinda Spirit Van is delighted to take Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda older adults and people with disabilities to lunch at Café Costa, to medical and personal appointments, errands, shopping, special events, social occasions, the movies, and to visit a friend.

Our vehicles are wheel-chair accessible and also accommodate ambulatory passengers, walkers, and groceries. We operate through a combination of staff and volunteer drivers.

This program is designed to help seniors, age 60+ and people with disabilities live in their own homes and age in place for as long as safely possible. Finding transportation becomes essential when a person no longer drives. Getting out and about helps people, not only to fulfill normal daily activities, but also to have a higher quality of life and stay engaged in the community. This is a door-to-door and door-through-door service.

This program is funded through van fares, grants, donations, and the City of Lafayette. To make a tax-deductible donation, please make your check payable to the City of Lafayette. Write “Spirit Van” on the memo line, and mail to:

**Lamorinda Spirit Van
Lafayette Community Center
500 Saint Mary’s Road
Lafayette, CA 94549**

**Lamorinda
Spirit Van
Passenger
Information**



925-283-3534
lovelafayette.org/spiritvan

LAMORINDA SPIRIT VAN—PASSENGERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF



Lunch at Café Costa

Special Events

Our Drivers Extraordinaire



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Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)

Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC)

Jim Donnelly

July 2026



What is the ACOA?

The Contra Costa County **Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA)** is a dedicated group of county residents committed to improving the quality of life for older adults throughout Contra Costa County.

The ACOA provides **leadership, advocacy, and a vital channel of communication on aging issues**. In partnership with the Area Agency on Aging, the Council helps coordinate countywide planning, collaboration, and resources to ensure older adults have access to the services and opportunities they need.

Our mission is to advocate for programs, legislation, and policies that support older adults, while also educating the community about the many resources offered by local non-profits and government agencies. We also serve in an advisory capacity to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on issues important to our aging population.

ACOA Committees

The ACOA is **comprised of 9 distinct committees**, each dedicated to addressing key issues impacting older adults in Contra Costa County.



General



Executive



Membership



Health & Elder
Abuse Prevention



Housing



Legislative



Planning



Technology



Transportation

What is SMAC?

SMAC is the ACOA Transportation Committee

Formed in circa 2009 when several transportation advocacy groups joined together:

- ACOA Transportation Committee
- Senior Transportation Forum
- Contra Costa For Every Generation (CCEG)- Transportation Initiative Group

What is SMAC?

Our mission

To address transportation barriers and gaps in service experienced by Contra Costa older adults through education, advocacy, and the promotion of effective coordination of services and mobility management that enhances the autonomy and independence of older adults in Contra Costa County.” (adopted 2014)

SMAC Actions

Advocacy-

Taking positions in support of issues affecting senior transportation.

- Provided comments to Accessible Transportations plans
- CCTA 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan Fact-Sheet
- Support papers for Transportation funding in Measure X
- Prepare White papers in support of Senior Mobility issues

SMAC Actions

Conferences Seminars

- 2016 Mobility Challenges Workshop
- 2017 Senior Transportation- More than Just a Ride
- 2018 Rossmoor Emergency Preparedness Seminar
- 2020 MPA Introduction to Contra Costa

SMAC Actions

Conferences Seminars

2016 Mobility Challenges Workshop- John Muir Medical Center's Auditorium

250 attended this workshop focused on the complexities of aging and driving.

- Dr. Patrick Arbore, Ed.D, Founder and Director of the Center for Elderly Suicide Prevention, Institute on Aging
- Rosemary Robles, the Ombudsman for the California Department of Motor Vehicles,
- Jim Frazier, California State Assembly Member and Chairman of the Transportation Commission.

SMAC Actions

Conferences Seminars

2017 Senior Transportation- More than Just a Ride John Muir Auditorium

200 attended this workshop focused on mobility services available in Contra Costa County

- Congressman Mark DeSaulnier
- Rod Diridon-Former executive Director Mineta Transportation Institute
- Peyer Engel- Director of Programs, Contra Costa transportation Authority
- Jim Wunderman- President & CEO Bay Area Council

SMAC Actions

Conferences Seminars

2018 Rossmoor Emergency Preparedness Seminar- Rossmoor

300+ attended this workshop focused on the emergency response and preparedness Mark DeSaulnier

- Presentations by Emergency Responders: CPH, Contra Costa Fire, Walnut Creek CERT, Office of Emergency Services Rossmoor Emergency Response team
- 250+ Fully Equipped Emergency Preparedness Kits provided to attendees.

SMAC Actions

Conferences Seminars

2020 Contra Costa Conference on Aging, Aging in Contra Costa- What's Next? *Cancelled due to Covid*

2022 Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in Contra Costa County Together- Pleasant Hill Community Center

300+ attended this workshop focused on the MPA in Contra Costa

Presentations by AAA, ACOA and MPA Consultants on making the plan real in Contra Costa



SMAC Actions

Other Activities

- SMAC Newsletter
- 2020 Transportation Infographic Mobility
- 2023 Transit Services Survey
- 2024 Post Covid Transit survey



Contra Costa County Older Adults and TRANSPORTATION

Transportation throughout Contra Costa County

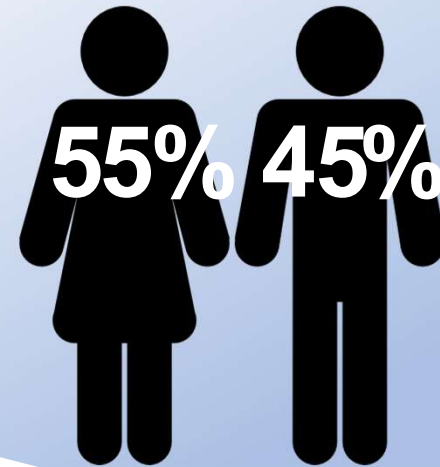
- Prepared by Senior Mobility Action Council, a Work Group of the Advisory Council on Aging

Who are our older adults?

170,000 Contra Costa County residents 65+

15%

- 37% live alone
- 25% have a disability
- 14% speak English “less than very well”
- 69% White, 16.4% Asian, 11.7% Hispanic, 7.7% Black
- 0.7% have no telephone service
- 6.5% live in poverty
- 4.5% receive CalFresh benefits

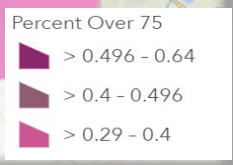
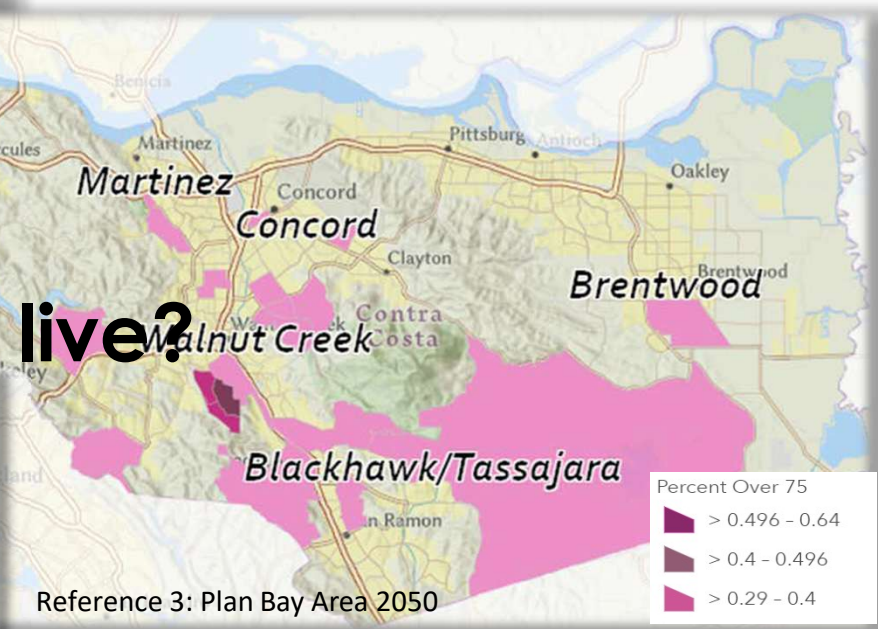


households without a vehicle

Reference 2: US Census data 2019,
ACS 1 year estimates



Where do our older adults live?



Reference 3: Plan Bay Area 2050



Where are transit routes?

Reference 1: ABAG & MTC

Moving Forward

- **Planning Regional Virtual Transportation Workshops**
- **Monthly presentations from transportation providers and interested parties.**
- **Participate in accessible transportation committees, forums, etc.**
- **Advocate for additional funds to promote, improve, and expand accessible transportation services for older adults and adults with disabilities**
- **Strengthen SMAC by recruiting diverse participants, additional transit providers and interested citizens.**

Interested in Getting Involved?

- Attend an upcoming **SMAC Meeting**

1st Monday 1:00-2:30

<https://contra-costa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

- For further information **Contact;**

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Thank you

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