



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Advisory Council on Aging

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Monday, March 2, 2026

1:00 PM

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

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Senior Mobility Action Council (SMAC) Transportation Committee  
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#### PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via webinar. Login information is provided above. ACOA members will also be participating from the following locations: 500 Saint Mary's Road, Lafayette | 28 Orinda Way, Orinda

1:00 Call to Order – Candace Evans, Chair, SMAC Workgroup

Introductions - All Attendees

Roll Call

- Elaine Welch attended virtually but did not meet the Brown Act requirements to qualify for remote attendance.

**Present** Jim Donnelly, Kevin Donovan, Candace Evans, Riki Juster, and Bryan Harris

**Absent** Deanna Perry

**Non-voting** Chalo Buckman, and Elaine Welch

1:05 Approval of February 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Harris

**Second:** Donovan

**Aye:** Donovan, Evans, Juster, and Harris

**Absent:** Perry

**Abstain:** Donnelly

**Result:** Passed

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## 1:10 Discussion To Improve Attendance With Transportation County Providers

- The committee discussed the decline in attendance and participation from county transportation at SMAC, and the need to re-engage organizations such as County Connection, TriDelta, WestCAT, BART, AC Transit, CCTA, Orinda Seniors Around Town, and Alameda Transit.
- Elaine noted that SMAC used to be very well attended, COVID had an impact, and attendance has since recovered to pre-COVID levels.
- Beyond COVID, attendance may have been affected by a shift in subject matter over the years, including fewer workshops, legislation updates, outreach efforts, and public speakers.
- Discussed outreach strategies, such as a “What is SMAC” flyer. This flyer can be made in collaboration with EHSD’s Marketing Team.
- Jennifer Cannon offered to help re-engage participants through the Transportation Working Group of OES, and SMAC may guest speak at the group’s next meeting, April 23rd at 10am.
- The group will create a list of all committees, task forces, and workgroups involved in transportation to identify duplicative efforts, complementary activities, and areas that require coordination.
- Members are asked to come to the next meeting with a variety of ideas to discuss and improve outreach and engagement.

## 1:35 SMAC Transportation Workshop Discussion

- No progress was made this month on the SMAC Workshop checklist.
- Concern was raised about being able to plan and execute the event by the proposed July date. No new date was confirmed by the committee and the event remains indefinitely postponed.
- Candace and Bryan discussed providing a complete plan and checklist, including delegation of tasks.

## 2:00 Break (1:55 -2:00pm)

## 2:10 Program Updates:

## LaMorinda Spirit Van (Riki Juster):

- Two new vehicles were awarded through the 5310 Department of Transportation Grant Program. They are expected to arrive in one to two years.

## Richmond ParaTransit (Bryan Harris):

- The City of Richmond will host its 3rd Annual Senior Transportation Workshop on April 30th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The keynote speaker will be Mobility Matters, followed by a Q&A on transportation with Debbie Toth and Bryan.
- City Managers have transferred the responsibility of transportation services from the Community Services Department to Public Works. New emergency evacuation policies are currently being developed.

## Mobility Matters (Elaine Welch):

- Awarded two highly competitive grants that will be used to fund a transportation and referral health line, the publication of a booklet, and a volunteer drive program.
- Although matching funds are typically required, this year the grants do not require a match and will be reimbursed at 100%.

## Conservation and Development (Samantha Harris):

- No update.

## 2:25 Public Comment

- The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) event held in February was discussed, and the SMAC committee described it as powerful and well-organized, with engaging breakout sessions, strong community building, and excellent speakers across both days.

## Next Transportation – Senior Mobility Action Council Committee Meeting:

- Monday, April 6, 2026, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

## 2:30 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18pm.

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