



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Monday, May 4, 2026

1:00 PM

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

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

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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

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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

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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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