



Transit Coordinating Committee meeting minutes

November 20, 2024 – TCC 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Hosted via Zoom

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Attendees:

Rich Frost, Roseville Transit
Nick Mastronardi, Polco
Anthony Adams, SacRT
Brian James, El Dorado Transit
Clint Holtzen, SACOG
Rowan Brandt, SacRT
Dan Bolster, EDCTC
Darren Conly, SACOG
Erik Bergren, El Dorado Transit
Jaime Wright, Placer County Transit
Jeff Flynn, Unitrans
Leo Torres, SACOG
Lisa Cappellari, Paratransit Inc.
Mike Costa, PCTPA
Greg Taylor, City of Sacramento
Matt Mauk, Yuba-Sutter Transit
Lynn Ly, Caltrans
Members of the public

1) TCC Coordination (All, 15-minutes)

- a. Brief introductions and sharing of significant news about transit systems
 - SacRT highlighted the transition to a new microtransit service, SacRT Flex, whose focus will be on vulnerable populations. The new service will cost a fraction of SmarT Ride, the existing microtransit service, while still accessible to at least half of existing riders. SacRT provided an update on competitive grants recently awarded to the agency, including to continue converting Blue and Gold Line stations to be accessible for low-floor trains, mobility hubs, and zero-emission bus facility.
 - Paratransit Inc. noted that its one-stop call center for regional transit information, MetroHub, is set to go live in early 2025.
 - The City of Sacramento noted funding received for Sacramento Valley Station, updates on the 8th Street protected bicycle track, and more.
 - Roseville Transit highlighted that its Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) was recently approved by the City's Transportation Commission.
- b. Update on Transit Asset and Grants Management Software (SaaS) vendor selection – B2Gnow (Blackcat)

2) SACOG Blueprint 2025 Update (Holtzen, Conly/All, 30-minutes)

- SACOG's Blueprint 2025 staff, Clint Holtzen and Darren Conly, provided an update on the effort, including a refresher of the transit service assumptions baked into the plan and how the team incorporated regional transit planning efforts like the Regional Transit Network (RTN), as well as input provided by the transit operators, into the plan.

- SacRT noted its support for bus expansion in the plan as opposed to solely light rail. The agency is exploring Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) concepts to extend rapid transit along existing dedicated right-of-way on the Blue and Green Lines. SacRT noted that this does not preclude light rail from being implemented in the future, though it will be contingent on funding becoming available.
- SACOG staff noted that light rail extensions are included as amendment priorities in the Blueprint Transportation Project List should funding be identified. SacRT reiterated that light rail extensions are not feasible without additional federal, state, or local funding.
- SACOG staff noted that the Blueprint leans heavily on land use assumptions and financial constraint. Staff encouraged the transit operators to use the Blueprint as support for projects seeking competitive grant funding.
- SacRT noted that the plan assumes 30% service increases by 2035 from existing levels and 100% service increases by 2050. These assumptions will provide the foundation for support for service expansion efforts.
- Yuba-Sutter Transit highlighted that the assumed service expansions by 2035 and 2050 will be challenging due to the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) zero-emission fleet transition rule that will require an increase in vehicle fleets even with existing service hours. The agency inquired whether these challenges will be highlighted in the narrative of the plan. SACOG staff noted these challenges will be included in the plan's narrative, along with an assumption that the state will provide additional funding to transit agencies to meet the ICT rule through a Road Usage Charge (RUC)/Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) fee which will replace the existing fuel-tax based system.
- SACOG staff noted that even with a RUC/VMT fee, along with more regional funding sources like managed lanes on the highway system, there is still not enough funding for all the region's capital needs.
- SacRT noted that the Transportation Project List is in PDF format which makes it difficult to sort projects. SACOG staff will distribute a sortable, spreadsheet version to the committee.

3) Artificial Intelligence in Transit (Polco/All, 30-minutes)

- Nick Mastronardi of Polco presented opportunities to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) in public transit and other transportation and land use efforts.

4) Potential Topics for Next Meeting and Set Next Meeting Dates (All, 15-minutes)

- a. Potential Topics for Next Meeting
- b. Next TCC meeting on December 11, 2024 – via Zoom
- c. Next TCC Special Topic meeting on January 15, 2025 – via Zoom
- d. Adjourn TCC Special Topic Meeting

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