

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY (ACA)

*Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 20, 2023*



**Location:** Board Room at Vivalon, 930 Tamalpais Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901

**Committee Members Present:** Patti Mangels, Terry Scussel, Marcela Vargas, Craig Yates

**Committee Members Absent:** Jaime Faurot

**District Staff Present:** Jon Gaffney, ACA Compliance and Program Manager; Roberta Regan, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department; Collette Martinez, Operations Manager, Ferry Division

**Visitors Present:** Kent Hinton, Interim General Manager, Transdev; Alex Casillas, Maintenance Manager, Transdev

1. **Roll Call and Introductions.** Patty Mangels called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Members, staff and visitors introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Craig Yates pointed out that a discussion from the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting about getting financial support from the Transportation Trust Fund for Golden Gate Transit and Golden Gate Ferry was missing from the minutes. With this change the minutes were approved.
3. **Ongoing Business.**
  - A. **District Ridership Post-COVID.** Jon Gaffney presented information on District statistics post-pandemic. Statistics presented were from the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>. Bridge traffic was down 9.7%, Ferry ridership was down 36.76%, and Bus Ridership was down 40.41%.
  - B. **Marin Access/Paratransit Service (Regional and Local).** Jon Gaffney provided Paratransit statistics for the month of May 2023. He explained that on-time performance for the service had increased to a level above 90%. Terry Scussel remarked that the Marin Catch-A-Ride program had been providing excellent service through UBER for his wife.
4. **New Business.**
  - A. **Discussion of the Brown Act.** Jon Gaffney gave a presentation on the Ralph M. Brown Act to the group. He explained how the Brown Act was created in 1953 to guarantee the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies.
  - B. **Review of ACA Bylaws.** Jon Gaffney announced that recent changes to the proposed Bylaws were not distributed with the meeting documents 72 hours prior to the meeting, as the Brown Act states. Therefore, they will be discussed at a future meeting.
5. **ACA Member Announcements.** Jon Gaffney explained to the group that the District was working on an update to their ADA Transition plan. He stated that he would be holding a

public meeting for input in the future and said he would present on that topic to the committee, as well.

Marcela Vargas stated that she had been personally looking for new members to join the committee but had not had any luck. Mr. Gaffney thanked her for her efforts.

6. **Public Comment.** None.

7. **Adjournment.** Patti Mangles adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Members were advised that the next meeting would take place on October 12, 2023. This meeting was later cancelled due to staff illness.