

# **BUS PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**



## ***Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 18, 2025***

**Location:** Vivalon – Caboose Room #1, 930 Tamalpais Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901

**Committee Members Present:** Dan Bell

**Committee Members Absent:** Patty Rodgers, Scott Kempf, Dave Troup

**District Staff Present:** Jessica Sandoval, Senior Planner; Mario Jacquez, Director of Transportation

**Guest Present:** Abby Smith, Marin Transit

**Prospective Members:** Deborah Materi; David Sorrel

- 1. Roll Call and Introductions:** Dan Bell opened the meeting at 6:14 p.m. One member was present.
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Approval of December 17, 2025, meeting minutes moved to next meeting.
- 3. Bus Stoppers:** None.
- 4. Ongoing Business:**
  - a. **MASCOTS Plan – Implementation:** Ms. Sandoval presented the implementation plan for the service changes to Golden Gate Transit (GGT) bus routes under the Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service (MASCOTS) Plan. Group discussion afterward included the following:
    - i. Mr. Bell raised several suggestions for staff to consider as part of the service changes. He asked that the bus stop near San Quentin continue to be served. He also suggested that some trips on regional routes could operate in San Francisco using the same routing as the commuter routes. Additionally, Mr. Bell recommended that the Route 101 bus stop at the Smith Ranch Road bus pads before continuing to the San Rafael Transit Center and onward to Novato. He also inquired whether the service changes would be reflected in the Transit App prior to April 12.
    - ii. Ms. Materi emphasized the need for travel options between Marin and Sonoma counties, citing her personal experience traveling from her home in Marin to late-night events in Petaluma. She noted that the proposed service changes would make inter-county travel at off-peak times more difficult, particularly for destinations not within walking distance of SMART stations.
    - iii. Mr. Jacquez reported on the activities Bus Operations is undertaking to prepare for the implementation of MASCOTS.

- iv. Ms. Smith reported on Marin Transit's service change plans and shared where this information can be found on their website.

**5. New Business:** None

**6. Announcements:** None

**7. Members' Forum:** Dan Bell requested that an update on the San Rafael Transit Project be provided at an upcoming meeting.

**8. Public Comment:** None.

**9. Adjournment:** Mr. Bell adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Members were advised that the next meeting will take place on May 20, 2026.