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ADA PARATRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING QUARTERLY MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.

**SIMI VALLEY SENIOR CENTER
3900 AVENIDA SIMI, SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approval of Minutes: January 19, 2023
5. Report of ADA Advisory Committee Chair
6. Representative Reports
 - A. Mayor (Fred Thomas)
 - B. Deputy Public Works Director(Transit) (Ben Gonzales)
7. Public Statements

This time is allotted for anyone who wishes to make a public statement or comment on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker, to allow everyone the opportunity to be heard.
8. Reports:
 - A. Update on Passenger Statistics (Transit Supervisor) (Eric Molina)

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9. New Business

A. Information Update for ADA/DAR Advanced Fare Payment (Ben Gonzales)

10. ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Member Comments

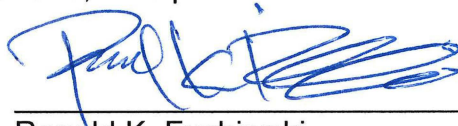
This time is allotted for Committee members to make a statement or comment on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee, which may include announcements and/or requests for future agenda items.

11. ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Coordinator's Report (Eric Molina)

12. Suggested Future Agenda Items

13. Adjournment

14. Next meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Location Senior Center.



Ronald K. Fuchiwaki
Public Works Director

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Theresa Lewis (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Karen Bobango	P
Ruth Lauro	P
Leanne Ford	P
Theresa Lewis	P
Isabel Huerta	P
Rosalie Burger (alternate)	A
Rebecca McCann (alternate)	A

P: Present A: Absent V: Vacant

Staff: Fred Thomas, Mayor
Eric Molina, Transit Supervisor
Janice Koch, Transit Dispatcher
Elsa Salazar, Transit Dispatcher

3. Agenda Review

No Revisions were made to the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January 19, 2023 were approved as submitted.

5. Report of the ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Chair (Theresa Lewis)

No Report was submitted.

6. Representative Reports

A. Mayor (Fred Thomas):

No Report was submitted.

B. Deputy Public Works Director (Transit) (Ben Gonzales): (Absent)

No Report was submitted.

7. Public Statements

There were no public statements made.

8. Reports:

A. Update on Passenger Statistics

Transit Supervisor Eric Molina went over the statistical rider data for the last quarter and reported ridership continuing to increase compared to the previous quarter.

Ruth Lauro stated that there has been a shortage of drivers for years, long before COVID and asked why there is a shortage all the time.

Eric Molina responded that there is a shortage of drivers country-wide due to some retiring, and some leaving for more money. He stated that Transit drivers are required to have a Class B license and a passenger endorsement, as well as, an airbrake endorsement. Mr. Molina stated that Transit isn't receiving many applicants, so filling positions is very difficult.

Ruth Lauro inquired as to why Transit can't have full-time ADA drivers.

Eric Molina responded that as Deputy Public Works Director (Transit) Ben Gonzales indicated at the last meeting, this is an issue that is being explored for solutions.

Theresa Lewis inquired about incentive programs for drivers.

Eric Molina responded that staff is looking in to different options/methods for recruiting. He stated that training drivers can take anywhere from one to two months.

Mayor Fred Thomas inquired if a Class B license was required for both small and large buses.

Mr. Molina responded that Part-time ADA drivers are required to have a Class B license so they can drive both types of vehicles allowing them to help cover operations during vacations and absences for the full-time drivers. He also stated that even part-time ADA drivers would still require training, passenger endorsement and Verification of Transit Training (VTT).

9. New Business

- A. Eric Molina stated that E-Fare was set to soft launch on February 13, 2023 and asked for volunteers to test the system. He stated that volunteers would pay with check or cash and the ride would be loaded to their account electronically. Eric will follow up with Ruth Lauro to volunteer.

10. ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Members Comments

Ruth Lauro asked about the conditions of the vans with regard to breakdowns.

Eric Molina responded that the garage still does monthly service and checks on all the vans and buses. He stated that there had been a suspension problem when the vans were first purchased and that was fixed by the manufacturer.

Isabel Huerta inquired about the pick-up policy and mentioned that when being picked up or dropped off, her driver went in the building to look for the passenger.

Eric Molina responded that policy is to wait two minutes, call dispatch, dispatch calls passenger to let them know; if no response, then driver continues in service. He stated rule is to wait four minutes before continuing in service. He also stated that everyone is given a Rider's Guide when they start using the service so that they are aware of the policies and procedures.

11. ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Coordinator's Report

No Report was submitted.

12. Adjournment: By consensus of the Committee present, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.