



## Social Services Transportation Advisory Council MINUTES

### DATE

**September 22, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council held September 22, 2020, via videoconference was called to order by Chair Allen Norris at 12:08 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Matthew Adams, Local Transit Operator – First Transit  
Wendy Campbell, Social Service Provider for Seniors  
Norma Cardona, Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means  
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager, Local Transportation Service Agency – The Bus  
Linda Dash, Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means  
Gayle Miller, Senior Transit Rider  
Allen Norris, Transit Rider with a Disability, Chair

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marty Christman, Transit Rider  
Chante Dobbins, Social Service Transportation Provider for Seniors  
Lynn Downum-Hanzal, Social Service Provider for Persons with Disabilities, Vice Chair  
Diane Mejia, Transit Rider  
Carrie Pitcock-Quirarte, Social Service Transportation Provider for Persons with Disabilities

### **MCAG STAFF PRESENT**

Natalia Austin, Associate Planner  
Matt Fell, Deputy Director – Planning  
Katherine Molthen, Assistant Transit Manager – The Bus  
Adam Perez, Multimedia Specialist  
Mauricio Torres, Assistant Planner

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

None

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**1. Roll Call**

At 12:08 pm, Chair Allen Norris called the meeting to order and instructed that the roll call for attendance be taken. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Election of Chair for FY 2020/2021**

At this time, nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2020/21 were called.

Norma Cardona moved to nominate Allen Norris to continue as Chair.  
Seconded by Linda Dash.

Roll Call Vote:

**Ayes: Matthew Adams, Wendy Campbell, Norma Cardona, Christine Chavez, Linda Dash, Gayle Miller, Allen Norris**

**Noes: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Christine Chavez moved to nominate Matthew Adams as Vice Chair.  
Seconded by Allen Norris.

Roll Call Vote:

**Ayes: Matthew Adams, Wendy Campbell, Norma Cardona, Christine Chavez, Linda Dash, Gayle Miller, Allen Norris**

**Noes: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Minutes of the October 17, 2019 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council meeting**

Norma Cardona moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Meeting.  
Seconded by Linda Dash.

Roll Call Vote:

**Ayes: Matthew Adams, Wendy Campbell, Norma Cardona, Christine Chavez, Linda Dash, Gayle Miller, Allen Norris**

**Noes: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Unmet Transit Needs FY 2021 - 2022**

Natalia Austin gave a presentation reviewing the schedule of the unmet transit needs hearings and what to expect at the hearings. The definitions of “unmet transit need” and “reasonable to meet” were considered and explained. Christine Chavez gave an update on what has been happening with The Bus for the past year and the transit agency’s covid-19 response.

## **6. Announcements**

Allen Norris asked if there would be closed captioning at the virtual public hearing on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Natalia Austin said MCAG staff would investigate providing it. Gayle Miller mentioned she had not heard any announcement on the paratransit buses regarding the unmet transit needs hearing. Christine Chavez said there are audio and video announcements regarding the unmet transit needs hearing on the fixed route buses, but they need to figure out a solution for the paratransit buses.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:56 p.m.**