



OPEN MEETING

**REPORT OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION  
MOBILITY AND VEHICLES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.  
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room  
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Tibbetts (Chair), Cush Bada, Maggie Blackwell, Egon Garthoffner, Pearl Lee, Sue Stephens (Alternate)

**ADVISORS:** Vashti Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Frankel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elsie Addington, Juanita Skillman, Bunny Carpenter

**STAFF PRESENT:** Robert Carroll, Francisco Perez, Liz Cortez

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgment of Media**

No media was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Agenda was approved by acclamation.

**4. Approval of Meeting Report for**

The regular meeting report of June 1, 2022 was approved by acclamation.

**5. Chair's Remarks**

None

**6. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

Marion Levine – requested a regular shuttle bus on Fridays for religious transportation and update on Age Well proposal

Mary Wall – questioned the operation hours of the Fixed Route program

Vashti Williams left the meeting at this time.

Susan Hashemi – commented on the bus transportation

Director Pearl Lee entered the meeting via zoom at this time.

## **7. Response to Member Comments**

Chair Tibbetts responded to member's comments.

## **Reports**

### **8. Director's Report**

Staff provided the committee with a current overview of the Laguna Woods Village Transportation ridership for the Fixed-Route, Journey and BOOST transportation programs.

Staff also provided a map of Laguna Woods Transportation boundaries. Staff is following guidance from County/State mandates for mask requirements in public Transportation as it relates to COVID-19 restrictions.

The committee was provided with a delivery update of the vehicles per the 2021 capital approved purchases. The delay of new vehicle deliveries is a result of a worldwide chip shortage and supply change issues.

Staff provided an update on the fleet right-sizing project. Staff is meeting with each department to evaluate opportunities to share vehicles across work centers, change vehicles where it makes sense, and reduce the number of vehicles. The goal of the assessment is to help ensure that the number and type vehicles included in the GRF fleet are appropriate for supporting VMS operations. Staff will provide an update on this project at the October meeting.

Director Garthoffner presented a power point presentation covering the benefits of electric and hybrid vehicles.

### **Items for Discussion**

Staff recommended to the committee the purchase of four replacement Ford Edge vehicles for the Security Department.

Director Stephens moved to defer the planned purchase of four Ford Edge vehicles recommended by staff for approximately 3-4 months to permit consideration of EV alternatives such as the Ford Escape. Director Garthoffner seconded motion. The motion passed by a vote of five to one. Director Tibbetts opposed.

Staff presented the proposed Vehicle Replacement policy to the committee. The policy provides guidance related to how vehicles are scheduled to be replaced, criteria for purchasing vs. leasing, criteria for purchasing used vehicles, and criteria for purchasing hybrid and electric vehicles. Discussion amongst committee members ensued.

**Items for Future Agendas:**

None

**Concluding Business:**

**Committee Member Comments:**

None

**Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday October 5, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

*Don Tibbetts*  
Don Tibbetts (Aug 31, 2022 10:53 PDT)







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