



OPEN MEETING

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

**Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tibbetts, Egon Garthoffner, Margaret Bennett, Reza Karimi, Elsie Addington, Reza Bastani, Craig Wayne

ADVISORS:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Diane Casey, Joan Milliman, Juanita Skillman

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Laugenour, Francisco Perez, Liz Cortez, Kelli Newton

- 1. Call to Order**
Chair Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.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 2, 2021 was approved by acclamation.
- 5. Chair's Remarks**
None
- 6. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**
No member comments.
- 7. Response to Member Comments**
None

Reports

8. Director's Report

Staff provided the committee with an update on Transportation ridership for the current year 2021 in comparison to year 2020. Fixed Route ridership has been relatively steady over the last three months. Numbers are anticipated to increase as stores and businesses continue to open. The Wellness Route, for medical destinations, is being utilized the most by residents. Route number three is the least utilized route by residents. Journey ridership has increased in number of rides since the beginning of 2021. BOOST ridership is low because of limited hours. Recently, in mid-June, hours have been extended to accommodate the opening of the Village. Staff highlighted the current issue with Lyft Inc. finding available local drivers.

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 review of the proposed vehicle purchases as part of the 2022 CIP budget process, which will be formally presented to the Board for approval in August and again in September.

A list of GRF vehicles sent to auction was provided to the committee. The newly contracted auction company not only sells locally but also on a national level. Director Karimi inquired about the insurance of GRF vehicles and asked to have the information provided at the next committee meeting.

In addition, staff provided the committee with the recent trial route modification, in which route three was consolidated it into Commercial One and Commercial Two routes in order to improve efficiencies and to accommodate current staffing challenges. The elimination of one route saves the Transportation department roughly \$60,000 a year.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

None

Items for Future Agendas:

9. Alternative Fuel Vehicles (Fall 2021)

12. DOJ 5310 Grant (Fall 2021)

Concluding Business:

10. Committee Member Comments

None

11. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 6, 2021

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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Don Tibbets (Aug 30, 2021 09:19 PDT)