



OPEN MEETING

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

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Tibbetts (Chair), Egon Garthoffner, Maggie Blackwell, Pat English, Cush Bhada, Jim Cook

ADVISORS:

MEMBERS ABSENT: No Members Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Bunny Carpenter, Elsie Addington, Jim Hopkins

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 1:36 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 October 6, 2021 was approved by acclamation.

5. Chair's Remarks

None

6. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Rhoda Lindner – commented on having more transportation options for the weekends and her fear in using BOOST, provided by Lyft Inc. rideshare, due to the pandemic.

7. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Laugenour responded to member comments stating the transportation program available to residents on the weekend is BOOST provided by Lyft Inc. rideshare. Transportation staff is available for assistance over the weekend.

Reports

8. Director's Report

Staff provided the committee with a current overview of the Transportation ridership for the 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 events begin to be reinstated and stores and businesses continue to open. The Wellness Route, for medical destinations, is being utilized the most by residents. Journey ridership has continued to steadily increase in number of rides since the beginning of 2021. Staff will begin discussion in a few months with Memorial Care to reinstate the approval process for the Journey program. BOOST ridership increased substantially in July 2021 and stayed relatively the same since then. In mid-June 2021, hours were extended in the evenings to accommodate the opening of the Village.

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 an overview of the surplus GRF vehicles sent to auction. To date, the vehicle sales has brought in roughly \$170,000.

In addition, the committee was provided with a list of the newly delivered vehicles per 2020 and 2021 capital approved purchases which include two Kawasaki Mules and one Ford F350 pickup truck to replace older diesel trucks in compliance with state guidelines. The delay in new vehicle deliveries is a result of a worldwide chip shortage.

Items for Discussion

9. None

Items for Future Agendas:

- **Alternative Fuel Vehicles**

Concluding Business:

10. Committee Member Comments

None

11. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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