

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2025**

CMAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Nelson
Panah Stauffer, Vice Chair
Juan Martinez
Damien Cole

Ryan Bernadette, Chair
Kelly Orr
Sierra Henderson

CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Hewen
Sue-Ting Cheng

Kathie Stanfield

RTC STAFF

Marquis Williams
Graham Dollarhide
Lolita Davis

Jim Gee
Alex Cruz
Josh MacEachern

CMAC GUESTS

Dora Martinez

1. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

The Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) meeting was conducted as a Zoom Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Marquis Williams.

2. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 219 (2023)

RTC staff read the instructions required for participating via Zoom and participating via telephone.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Amanda Nelson commented on issues faced by bus drivers regarding fare collection. She had previously advocated for free bus rides but were told it would be too costly. Currently, drivers are instructed not to argue with passengers who do not pay, leading to some passengers riding for free and others becoming frustrated about having to pay.

This has created a situation where many adults board the bus claiming "courtesy ride" and can be uncooperative if questioned, causing a challenging environment for drivers who risk disciplinary action for enforcing fare rules.

Amanda acknowledged that school children and other specific groups can ride for free, but the problem mainly involves adults taking advantage of the situation. The issue of courtesy rides was expected to be resolved with new barriers installed on buses, but that has not happened.

Amanda also mentioned a new law allowing security to remove disruptive passengers from transit, which has not been effectively implemented. Amanda stated recently she dealt with a threatening, unruly passenger but was instructed to allow that person back on the bus later. She suggested having security on buses could improve safety and help drivers manage unfair situations more effectively.

Damien Cole commented on the status of the biggest little bike network, which is reportedly 90% complete. However, the speaker is skeptical of this claim, seeing it as a way to maintain federal funding rather than a true reflection of progress. They expressed strong objections to using Vine Street for the bike lanes, arguing it is unsuitable due to its design for motor vehicles and lack of space. Instead, they proposed using Washington Street, which is closer and more conducive to bike facilities because it already has pedestrian amenities and fewer lanes.

The speaker highlighted that Washington offers better connectivity to parks and requires less work to implement bike lanes. They mentioned that Vine's design would necessitate lane reductions to create protected lanes, while Washington has an appropriate width and existing infrastructure. They argued that safety for children could be improved with a bike path next to the sidewalk. Additionally, the data used to choose Vine is outdated, and they urged a reconsideration of this choice based on current conditions.

4. APPROVE THE September 3, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The CMAC September 3, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.

ITEM 5.1: PROVIDE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FY 2026-2030 MOVE MORE WITH RTC PLAN AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE STAFF.

Alex Cruz, RTC Sr. Transit Planner, gave a presentation on the FY 2026-2030 Move More with RTC Plan.

Panah suggested the RTC could better utilize public resources like libraries, social media, and community spaces for outreach. She pointed out that the RTC heavily relies on its website, which she finds difficult to navigate for information about public meetings. Also, Panah emphasized the importance of using flyers and bulletin boards in public places, such as grocery stores, to reach a broader audience and urged RTC to incorporate informal outreach methods

such as surveys on social media and senior citizen locations. She proposed partnering with local agencies to amplify communication, utilizing social media outside of RTC platforms, and using public spaces for outreach in multiple languages. Vanessa Lacer, RTC Planning Director, appreciates the suggestions and mentioned that RTC is already implementing many of these ideas, noting a recent successful campaign that enlisted an influencer to reach a wider audience and mentioned she will try to get some of these suggestions included in the Public Participation Plan.

Damien expressed concern regarding the Zoom link for CMAC meetings that is on the meeting agenda. He mentioned it is not easy for the public to access as it is not clearly displayed. He suggested flyers be placed on buses to inform riders about the CMAC and include a QR code to the meeting page and possibly add the call in phone number on the webpage. Vanessa acknowledged Damien's concerns and will take back to staff to see what can be implemented in the changes happening with the website.

6. RTC STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marquis Williams, RTC Senior Technical Planner, announced plans for the committee's membership. An email will be sent to all members asking if they wish to continue participating. A lack of response will be taken as a no. There will also be a call for new members to bring fresh perspectives. Members are encouraged to share the email with anyone who might be interested.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doralee Martinez urges the committee to include people with disabilities, like Juan, in their planning discussions. She emphasized that designing accessibility from the start is more efficient and cost-effective. She expressed her intention to provide public comments on the website's issues and asks for contact information to discuss the inaccessible map. Doralee also inquired about website accessibility standards and suggested they upgrade to the latest version. She thanked Vanessa for her efforts and expressed appreciation for the app they received during a recent river walk.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.