



## CAM Meeting Summary

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 1:30 PM**

### **1. Introductions and Updates:**

- Chair Marilyn Greenblatt (JFS) welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Adrianna Yemhatpe (Traveler's Aid) said they received funds from CDGB to provide transportation to San Diego senior residents. Marilyn said JFS received their two new SANDAG grant awarded vans and they will be on the road shortly.

### **2. SANDAG Updates:**

- Ben Gemblar (SANDAG) gave an update regarding Cycle 2 Call for Projects. Access For All (AFA) is a grant funded by the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for individuals with disabilities who need on-demand wheelchair accessible vehicle access who are not adequately served by transit or paratransit. Call for Projects 2nd Cycle funding is over \$2 million. Ben presented evaluation criteria, timelines, and basic information to qualify for project funding. He pointed out that new criteria has been tailored to existing criteria in order to meet new WAV applicants' needs. SANDAG will hold a webinar on April 2, 2023 from 3:00 - 4:30pm that will go more into the Cycle 2 Call for Projects, and to allow more time for comments. He said more information regarding this webinar will be sent out soon. Ben welcomes feedback and comments regarding the AFA Cycle 2 funding.
- Aly Vazquez (SANDAG) said the SSTAC meeting has been postponed until May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **3. CAM Administrative Updates:**

- Marilyn said the ADA Subcommittee met on February 27<sup>th</sup>. A list of questions were submitted to Aly Vazquez and Zack Rivera. The Community Information Exchange (CIE) subcommittee will be sending out a date for a refresher demo on how referrals will flow to other programs and agencies through 2-1-1.

### **4. CTSA and FACT Services Update:**

- Budd Anderson said FACT continues to await the AFA contract. FACT was awarded American Cancer Society funding, and will continue to provide service to qualifying riders. FACT is applying for some new vehicles through the FTA 5339 program. Budd said RFPs for brokerage partners are still open on the FACT website.
- Arun Prem offered congratulations to everyone who was awarded specialized transportation funds. FACT supports SANDAG's evaluation and funding process and said FACT's stance is for SANDAG to find additional funds to provide transportation to those who need it most. Zack Rivera congratulated those agencies that received funding for Cycle 12 Call for Projects. He said Section 5310 funding will be higher for Cycle 13, due to the Infrastructure Law passed in Congress.
- Meagan Schmidt said the upcoming SSTAC meeting will be an unmet needs public hearing annual hearing. FACT contracted services continue to be highest for the cities of Escondido and San Marcos.

## **5. Upcoming Meetings, Conferences and Events:**

- Marcy Roke (Travelers Aid) reminded everyone the CalACT Conference will be April 17-20 in Truckee/Lake Tahoe.
- Marcy said a couple of rider Code of Conduct incidents have prompted concerns about referring them to other agencies. Her concern regarding referrals, privacy, and legal issues is a concern other agencies have also expressed. Aly Vazquez said this could potentially be seen as discrimination and each agency should consult their own legal team. Arun said a CAM subcommittee could form some questions to present for legal advice in addressing rider conduct concerns. The findings could be shared amongst agencies for compliance. Meagan requested that Marcy forward the Traveler's Aid Code of Conduct.