

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITIZENS MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2026**

CMAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Ryan Bernadette, Chair
Kathie Stanfield
Juan Martinez

Panah Stauffer, Vice Chair
Damien Cole
Sue-Ting Chene

CMAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelly Orr
Michael Lansborough

Sierra Henderson

RTC STAFF

Marquis Williams
Graham Dollarhide
Jim Gee
Lolita Davis

Vanessa Lacer
Shay League
Alex Cruz

CMAC GUESTS

Paul Malikowski
Dora Martinez

Member of the Public
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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 5:31 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

Paul Malikowski, member of the public, stated he is advocating for geographic equity in transit service as part of the Move More with RTC initiative. He mentioned specifically that W 4th Street down to Kietzke Lane is a transit desert and contradicts the Complete Streets philosophy. He compared it to the Somerset and Verdi FlexRide zones with similar conditions. He

requested inclusion of the Southwest area in the 2026 Transit Optimization Plan, consideration as a FlexRide zone and integration of transit infrastructure into upcoming road projects. He emphasized fairness between tax contributions and level of transit service access.

Damien Cole shared a 20-minute presentation link he created - Washington Street Bikeway proposal which is an alternative to Vine Street.

Dora Martinez stated concerns regarding the survey question about eliminating door-to-door service that will affect individuals with mobility, and visually impaired riders. She stressed the importance of equitable transportation access for people with disabilities. She also stated concerns regarding floating bus stops: potential safety conflicts with bike traffic, especially for disabled riders and lack of clear visual materials and maps.

4. APPROVE THE February 4, 2026, MEETING MINUTES *(For Possible Action)*

The CMAC February 4, 2026, meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS.

ITEM 5.1: PROVIDE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE STATUS AND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MOVE MORE WITH RTC TRANSIT PLAN.

Alex Cruz, RTC Senior Transit Planner, gave a presentation on draft recommendations of the Move More with RTC Transit Plan.

Panah Stauffer asked why so many routes require transfers and expressed a desire for fewer connections and wait times. Alex Cruz explained that route design is influenced by bus type, for example electric buses drive time are shorter, but these buses are being phased out and operational needs such as 45–50 minute loops for driver breaks and traffic uncertainty. RTC aims to improve connections. Panah mentioned reading that making public transportation free fare triggers a positive loop. People drive less, less traffic, transit moves faster and becomes more appealing.

Sue-Ting Chene advocated for fare reductions or free transit for charter and homeschooled students, stating some have very long commute times (2.5–3 hours). She suggested that some of the students that are eligible be allowed to participate in the free ride program now rather than wait until all students are eligible.

Ryan Bernadette supported integrating FlexRide and ACCESS services. Alex Cruz noted these services already share software and drivers, with some integration in place. RTC is exploring further efficiencies, with weekends identified as a good opportunity for pilot testing.

Juan – asked which cities already have ACCESS and FLEX riders mixed and sharing the same vehicles. Alex Cruz stated that he will compile a list of cities and send out to the committee. Juan also asked how it will be for ACCESS riders when you mix mentally disabled people

with the general public. The general public will know where the disabled kids live and when the driver exits the bus to escort a passenger, they will leave the general public alone with disabled passengers who may be robbed of their personal belongings. Alex Cruz explained that combining the two services will begin as a weekend pilot program giving curb-to-curb service only allowing drivers to remain in the vehicle for most of the time. This approach allows RTC to evaluate how the service operates, identify any issues, and make necessary adjustments before expanding the program to Monday through Friday.

ITEM 5.2: PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT CMAC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

Vanessa Lacer, RTC Planning Director, gave a presentation on the draft CMAC policies and procedures.

The committee confirmed they are comfortable sending suggestions and comments regarding the CMAC policies and procedures to Vanessa Lacer by March 20, 2026.

6. RTC STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no RTC staff announcements.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue-Ting announced that Truckee Meadows Bicycle Alliance (TMBA) is working with a few organizations to do a bike summit in Reno/Sparks. If anyone is interested, please contact her for more information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.