

Council Reports/Items

Month: June and July 2022

Submitted by: **Mayor Nancy Young**, (August 16, 2022)

These are monthly reports from meetings and events attended. Any additional asks will be made on the dais.

Meetings

6/2 & 6/16 **CVR-Safe Meetings** (for both agendas, see: <https://sacog.primegov.com/public/portal>)

6/2 - Approved Minutes from the 5/5 and Approve Final CVR-SAFE Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget (Initial Approval)

6/16 - Approved Remote Board Meeting, Approved of the Minutes of June 2, and Approved Final CVR-SAFE Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget

6/3 & 7/1 **San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (ACE) SJRRC Board Meeting June 3, 2022**
- <https://www.sjrcc.com/event/sjrcc-board-meeting-june-3-2022/>

<https://www.sjrcc.com/event/sjrcc-board-meeting-july-1-2022/>

6/3 Highlights:

ITEM 4- Platform Extensions

One of 5 for Tracy extended 170' so all doors can open for 8 car train. If more funding, will upgrade to run a 10 car train.

This is the design leading up to construction contract; mid year 2023. This part of the project is for construction management services.

Item 5- Vending stations for Intercity rail (The San Joaquins/Amtrak) cars. Already approved... this is to enter the contract for this. This will be a food rail car/food service. 14 of 49 cars is to have 2 cars with vending machines per train set. This will be vending versus a person serving. The ACE commission is responsible for procurement, but The San Joaquins will own. These are for trains that don't have attendant food cars.

Item 6- "Back Onboard" Theme for ACE new budget year

ACE Extensions- Stockton to Natomas

Stockton Diamond

Unified Valley Rail Station Design Criteria taken to station committee... to keep Unified look and feel for consistency for passengers.

Railcar midlife overhaul. Pre-covid was running almost 100% of trains and was slow to be able to retrofit and upgrade but doing a lot more and keeping people working.

Railcar purchase was delayed because of Covid but expect them to arrive Summer 2022.

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6/23 & 7/22 San Joaquin Council of Governments

<https://sjcog.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Highlight:

Regional Transportation Plan SJCOG Board Workshop

6/8 Tracy Unified Stem Community Collaborative Meeting

6/9 SJJPA Special Board Meeting

6/19 Juneteenth (gave certificates to scholarship winners)

7/13-15 **Cal Cities League Board Meeting – in Garden Grove**

Honored to serve on the Cal Cities Board and add my voice to advocate for our citizens across California. It's Imperative that we keep local control at the forefront of governmental decisions. Proud to have argued on two policies that were reversed in decisions so that we are not adding more taxes to our constituents and also give legal transfer opportunities.

6/21 **South San Joaquin County Fire Authority (JPA) SSJCFA Board Meeting-**
(<https://www.sjcfire.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/106/1084?toggle=allpast>) See agenda

Highlight: ADOPT PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

6/23 & 7/28 **San Joaquin Partnership (Executive Board and Board Meetings)**

Highlights:

Meetings on Three-County CERF Grant opportunity

Special Events (Attended)

6/7 Ground Breaking for Temporary Emergency Housing Facility

6/9 Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Str8linez Barbershop

6/9 Sister City Association of Tracy Meet and Greet

6/16 City/Schools Liaison Meeting

6/16 Central Valley Division Meeting, Lathrop with guest speaker Paul Mitchell and gave update on recent Cal Cities Board Meeting

6/17 DLA Change of Command Ceremonies (presented certificate)

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- 6/24 Police Explorers Event at Kimball
- 7/6 Meeting at the Mosquito Abatement Office
- 7/23 Woman of Color & Man About Town Awards (gave certificates)
- 7/26 TUSD New Educators Event (spoke)
- 7/28 Spoke at Breakfast Lions – City Update
- 7/30 UNeed2 Backpack Giveaway -spoke

Scooter tour highlights sidewalk problems

By Glenn Moore
Tracy Press

Dan Schack guided a motorized scooter down the sidewalk as he followed Liz Jackson's route along 11th Street late Tuesday afternoon.

He stopped near a crosswalk at Tracy Boulevard to check his notes as he joined a senior advocacy group looking for trouble spots on Tracy streets for people who travel on four wheels instead of two feet.

"It's given me an opportunity to see things from a different perspective," Schack said. "We can't visualize it until we're sitting in their seat. The general public doesn't have any idea of what they face without being in their shoes."

Schack, the president of the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation and Community Services Foundation, joined members of the Tracy Senior Advocacy that took part in the sidewalk check to find hazards for people who use scooters and their mobility devices.

Jackson, who has used a scooter to travel around Tracy since 2001, said that uneven pavement edges at the ramp at the southwest corner of Ninth and B streets near the Tracy post office, and similar problems elsewhere, created concerns for her and other scooter users.

"I was afraid I would fall over backwards," Jackson said. "They take me go into the street, and now they don't want us to go to the street."

The Tracy Senior Advocacy Association, formed in January 2013, promotes safety and health for older adults, provides resources and advocates issues important to them.

The president of the association, Brent Riddle, who works at Reich's Medical Supply, said the topic of unsafe streets and sidewalks had been mentioned several times, including by customers who rented scooters at the store.

Cracked sidewalks and unusable ramps, among other problems, were brought to the association's attention.

To test the streets and sidewalks firsthand, Riddle gathered several association members downtown with scooters on Tuesday. Riddle also planned to let members of the association check out scooters for a week at a time to check their neighborhoods.

"We want to identify and prioritize the problem areas, like the post office," Riddle said. "We realize the city can't fix them all, but we need to work on corners that are used the most."

Six people fanned out from Ninth and B streets, taking different paths that might be frequented by seniors on scooters. The riders traveled routes about one to two miles from downtown.

Destinations included Lolly Hansen Senior Center, doctors' offices, shopping centers and Sutter Tracy Community Hospital.

Riddle rode a scooter from downtown to the hospital and said he gained a view of what people who use scooters regularly have to deal with.

"It was a good start. Everyone found one or two trouble spots," Riddle said. "It was good to see things they come across from their perspective."

Each person with a scooter checked the sidewalk corridor — the part of the walkway from the edge of the road to the property line along side streets between street corners.

They were looking for narrow pathways, obstacles in the sidewalk, severe grades and slopes, uneven surfaces and protruding edges of ramps and roadways near crosswalks.

With a few blocks behind him, Schack said he had already found a misaligned crosswalk at 11th and B streets, cracked utility covers that caught at his scooter's wheels and a driveway obscured by bushes — a potential safety hazard.

"One of the purposes of this exercise is to identify existing obstacles residents face," Schack said. "Unless they are pointed out as an obstacle or problem, we don't know about it."

For information about the Tracy Senior Advocacy Association or the sidewalk safety program, call 200-8722 or go online to www.tracy seniors.org.

Contact Glenn Moore at 830-4252 or gmoore@tracypress.com



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EQUAL ACCESS: Dan Schack jots notes about sidewalk conditions on 11th Street as he rides a scooter along with Liz Jackson during a project by the Tracy Senior Advocacy Association to identify problem areas in town Tuesday.

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ROLLING TOUR: Above, Brent Riddle (far right), Tracy Senior Advocacy Association president, gives instructions to Liz Jackson (from left), Paul Ritter, Dick Stephenson and Dan Schack before heading out on sidewalks on scooters to identify problem areas in town Tuesday. At right, Kathy Rightholdy and Dick Stephenson ride scooters along B Street during the sidewalk and street tour by the Tracy Senior Advocacy Association.



Memorial Day service set for Monday

Press staff report

The sacrifices made by men and women in the U.S. Armed Services will be remembered in Memorial Day ceremonies Monday.

Ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. at Tracy Cemetery, 501 E. Schulte Road, with a proclamation presented by the city. The guest speaker will be Bob Elliott, chairman of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors.

Elliott, a former Tracy city councilman, retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army Special Forces, having served 30 years. He served as deputy commander of the 1st Special Warfare Training Group, as commander of the 4th Special Operations Support Command and at the U.S. Embassies in Japan and Korea.

New to this year's ceremony will be Bruce Haugland singing "Not Just Once a Year." Tracy Community

the Unknown Veteran grave, followed by the firing of three volleys. The playing of taps will end the ceremony at the cemetery, which will be led by John Treantos.

A short service at the Tracy War Memorial in Tracy Civic Center will follow 45 minutes later, including the roll call of honored dead will be read out loud and placement of a wreath.

Refreshments will be served afterward at the American Legion Hall, 1960 N. Tracy Blvd. sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Memorial Day ceremonies are organized by members of American Legion Post 172 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1537.

The Tracy Cemetery will have flags placed at veterans' graves Saturday by local Scout groups.

The Tracy Memorial Day observance has taken place for more than 30 years.

From: lserpa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Tracy City Council <tracycitycouncil@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: City Council Agenda Item 3.A.

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

Regarding Item 3.A. on tonight's City Council Regular Meeting Agenda, it is unfortunate that the severability provision of the second amendment was not implemented by the court, and as a result, we are disappointed that the City must take actions tonight to rescind the approval and implementing ordinance of that amendment.

We will be working constructively with the City attorney and City staff to discuss any items related to this which need to be addressed.

Best Regards

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