



LoopWorks

LoopWorks Quarterly Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm

Location: 1421 Yellowstone Ave, Milpitas **or online:** <https://zoom.us/j/8238203495>

Meeting Ground Rules: Work on consensus basis * Step up / Step back * Try on the process * Don't interrupt / raise hands / use a stack * Turn off cell phones * Talk to everyone (not facilitators) * Expect unfinished business * Leave your ego at the door * Lead by example

1. Welcome
2. Accomplishments since previous Quarterly Meeting:
 - Public outreach continued with comments posts on 12 San Jose Spotlight articles, 2 San Jose Inside articles, and several on Facebook: Milpitas Rants & Raves and Nextdoor postings.
 - Facebook advertising was tested with encouraging results.
 - The registration for LOOPWORKS INC / LM2GFE4JPZG2 / is now active in the U.S. federal government's System for Award Management (SAM).
 - The Milpitas PRT Community Presentation on Feb. 8 using this [slide deck](#) was advertised with announcements sent to PRT boosters, local political activists, and 5 Milpitas social media channels.
 - LoopWorks participated in both the public presentation and the City Council meeting discussion of the Milpitas Metro Specific Plan, and sent a **note** to Engineering Director Ned Thomas regarding points raised, along with portions of our Dec. 2021 [media release](#) entitled *Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) complements Milpitas Metro Specific Plan*.
 - Emails were sent to Council members regarding Metro Specific Plan and the plan for disbursing Broadband/fiber optic throughout the Metro Area.
 - Introductory remarks on behalf of LoopWorks to 9 City commissions were accompanied by our postcards (with our website and survey URLs).
3. Federal Funding Update: the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) grants may be unavailable due to FTA's definition of the term "public transportation" and "transit" — regular, continuing **shared-ride surface transportation** services that are open to the general public. Rob met with Tom Pyke, Rep. Ro Khanna's District Director, on 3/21 about the questionable legal situation and resolution options. **Rob will continue pursuing federal funding to ensure that others who want to replicate our success can follow our lead.
4. State Funding Update: California funds are reserved for specific purposes that don't include PRT, or for recipient classes that don't include mutual benefit corporations. Advanced transit was omitted from the Senate/Assembly Joint Transportation Committee hearing and its [Background Paper](#). What actions shall we pursue next? Contact our Sen. Aisha Wahab or Dave Cortese who are both on the Transportation Committee? Given the leverage potential of federal

funding, state funding is a back burner effort.

5. Milpitas City Council support: none of the 3 newly elected representatives publicly supports the Milpitas PRT project. How shall we approach the Council? The members have been put on notice that a LoopWorks representative will contact them. When is the time to request a City Council Transportation subcommittee Agenda opportunity? **Rob will pursue support coupled with public/business support.
6. Public Outreach: more City commission introductions and work plan meetings. Outreach to businesses is our top priority, and we've started with Bingham Badminton and Milpitas Food Pantry. **Rob will continue contacting businesses starting with Milpitas Charity Bingo (Livengood's email is bob.livengood22@gmail.com). **Rob will create (with Huntford) a smaller version of our poster (8.5" x 11" landscape). Rob will call for appointments to "talk 20 minutes about something that can benefit your business." At each meeting, offer a few postcards and/or poster/flyer (8.5" x 11" landscape) to leave/display in the office. **Rob will create a binder with our poster on front and pictures from website inside to use as a sales prop.
7. Upcoming elections: on-going search for President unfruitful so far. Suggestions? **Rob will contact SJSU (Buff Furman) and other candidates about the opportunity.
8. Conversation about strategy for creation of the Milpitas PRT (open discussion). **Carol will re-contact the foundations and investment groups we previously contacted. **Rob will check with Tam after April 18 to ensure we have satisfied tax filing requirements.
9. Adjournment

April 10 at noon is the next working meeting.