

# **EXPANDING SENIOR TRANSPORTATION**It Takes a Community!



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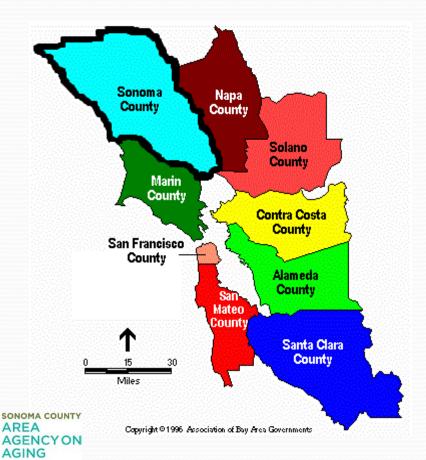


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## Sonoma County, Where Are We?

## One of 9 counties that make up the San Francisco Bay Area





## Sonoma County Seniors Age 60 and Older

2016 Population 60 and over 125,109 (25%) 2030 Projected Population 60 and over 161,001 (28%)

## **Ethnicity of Sonoma County Seniors Age 60 and Over**

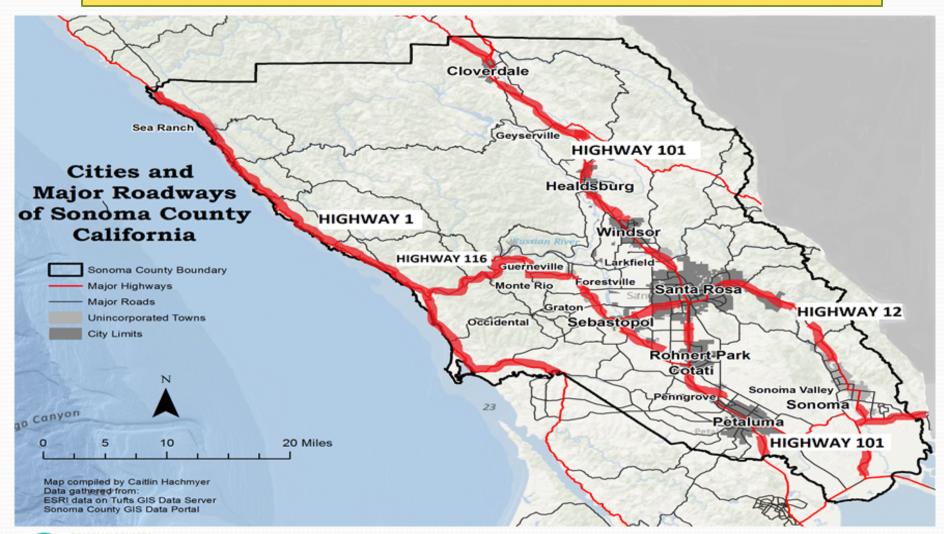
White (non-Hispanic)	106,121	85%
Hispanic/Latino	10,721	9%
Other	7,925	6%



# Sonoma County AAA: A Program of the Human Services Department

**Adult & Aging Services Division AREA AGENCY ON AGING Transportation** Senior Health Nutrition **Promotion Case Management Programs Caregiver Adult & Senior Legal Elder Protection Supports Alzheimer's Day Services Program** ONOMA COUNTY

## **Transportation Barriers in Sonoma County**





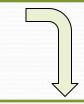
# Vision: Coordination and Provision of County-wide Transportation Options

Volunteer Driver
Programs Serving
all of Sonoma
County

Sustained transportation voucher program

Consolidated
Transportation
Services Agency

Increase outreach and travel training education



Expand the use of Sonoma Access website

Coordinate and link all existing services

Identify all gaps and barriers



## **AAA Collaborative Effort**





## 1st Volunteer Driver Program "rolls out" January 2008



## VOLUNTEER DRIVER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

In partnership with Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging

#### Remember when

giving a ride was the neighborly thing to do?

It still is!





## **Volunteer Driver Programs**

- 5 volunteer driver programs
- FY 16/17 provided 14,509 rides
  - to 1,037 seniors
- Ride-scheduling software



## **Volunteer Driver Program Outreach Activities**

Outreach Events

Public Messaging & Social Media

Flyers & Messaging





## **Volunteer Driver Recruitment and Rider Flyer**

#### For residents age 60 and older and people with disabilities













PETALUMA PEOPLE SERVICES CENTER

#### Catch a Ride!

Arrange for a **free** ride to local shopping or medical and social services appointments by a trained volunteer driver. Call the program that serves the area where you live.

> "I am filled with gratitude for this service and for the drivers who volunteer their time and gas."

#### Santa Rosa (Bennett Valley to Roseland)

Catholic Charities: St. Rose CARES Phone: (707) 528-2063 Web: srcharities.org/get-help/senior-services

#### Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Penngrove, Two Rock, Valley Ford Petaluma People Services Center: iRIDE Program

Phone: (707) 765-8488 Web: petalumapeople.org/seniors/transportation

#### **West Sonoma County**

Sebastopol Area Senior Center: Volunteer Driver Transportation Program Phone: (707) 829-2440 Web: sebastopolseniorcenter.org/transportation

#### Give a Ride!

Help your neighbors. **Volunteer** to drive local residents on your own flexible schedule in the comfort of your own car. Sign-up with the program nearest you. Must be 21 or older.

"Our ride clients are so grateful and so kind. Learning about their lives enriches me beyond compare."

#### Sonoma Valley (Sears Point to Kenwood)

Vintage House: Local Independent Mobility
Options Program (LIMO)
Phone: (707) 996-0311, ext. 308
Web: vintagehouse.org/programs-and-services/limo

#### **North Sonoma County**

Cloverdale Senior Center: Volunteer Driver Program Phone: (707) 894-4826 Web: cloverdaleseniorcenter.com

In collaboration with Sonoma County Human Services
Department Adult & Aging Division Area Agency on Aging









## **Travel Voucher Programs**

- Taxis
- Uber/Lyft



☐ FY 16/17 provided 1,096 Voucher Rides



## **Activities and Research**

## **Travel Trainings:**

- Driving Safely As We Age
- Transit Agencies
- Clipper Card
  (SF Bay Area Regional Transit)
- SMART Train
  (Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit)

# Driving Safely As We Age A Community Response



Age Alone
Is Not
A Reason
To Quit
Driving

## **Emerging & Best Practice Research:**

- TNCs (Lyft, Uber)
- Gogograndparents
- Regional transit connectivity
- Driverless cars?
- Technological advances



## **Transportation Funding**

\$77,000 – IIIB Supportive Services (On-going each fiscal year)



\$89,572 – New Freedom Cycle 5 +

\$33,854 – Local Match (FY 2014-2017)

\$451,975 – Caltrans 5310 (FY 2016-2018)

\$417,289 - Caltrans 5310 (FY 2018-2020)





## **Time Commitment**

## AAA Advisory Council

## **Meetings**

- Transportation & Mobility
   Committee Meetings
- Quarterly SACTS
   Consortium Meetings
- County-wide Advocacy
- Outreach

#### **AAA Staff**

## 160 hours/month

- County & grant funded
- Staff support to Advisory Council
- Develop programs
- Identify Grant funding & grant mgmt
- Liaison to County government boards
- Develop 5 and 10 year plans
- Assist Sonoma Access web development



## **Challenges**

- Coordinating with fixed route bus/paratransit providers
- Serving geographically isolated areas
- Coordinating trips between agencies
- Identifying existing transportation service options
- Recruiting and retaining volunteer drivers
- Sonoma Access website
- Funding





### **Successes**

- Secured funding for transportation
- Engaged the SACTS Consortium
- Expansion to new regions and partners



- Added new volunteer driver and travel voucher programs
- Outreach campaign activities



## **Questions for the Group**

- What are you doing in your community?
- How are your programs supported/funded?







## Questions for us?



## **THANK YOU!**



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