

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

The Atascosa Cowboy Connect Shuttle Service is running well. Our ridership is improving all the time. The program has done well, considering we started it in the middle of last summer's COVID outbreak. We were unable to set up shuttle signs at the stops in the three cities. I believe the shuttle signs are vital because we need schedules on them with the shuttle pickup times. For the shuttle to be the success I think it can be, it must have the times. The next step will be to further identify by clearly visible shuttle stops, benches, signs, etc. I think that will accelerate its use.

Sean Scott has left the employment of AACOG. He was the Director of ART, the Cowboy Connect Shuttle operator in Atascosa County. Sean not only did a great job but became a friend throughout the process. He has supported ART's shuttles assisting us in elections, and has been very easy to work with. I spoke with our new Director Tom Logan today. He seems to be eager to work with us.

I had a great visit with Pleasanton Mayor Clinton Powell about the Cowboy Connect. We met and drove the stops together. I am pleased he seems so excited about the program.

I have asked Tom Logan to contact each of the three Mayors (Poteet, Pleasanton, Jourdanton) and work with them on identifiable bus stops and making shuttle time signs to put on them. I hope every citizen will get behind this program and support it. Use it, too!

Anyone who does not live in the three cities can still use the ART system and tie it into the Cowboy Connect. In other words, if you live elsewhere, you can book ART to pick you up and bring you to one of the three cities. Then you can ride to any point (or points) in the three cities you need. Cowboy Connect is such a terrific asset to transportation in our county.

You can contact Cowboy Connect at 1-866-889-7433 or needaride@aacog.com, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thanks for listening. Your county government is getting better all the time.