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**Action Item:** Investigate option of shuttle van rather than buses to/from the Marriott Hotel to the Midway dinner in order to reduce overall transportations costs. (Dave)

**Response:** A 24 passenger mini-bus can be provided to shuttle classmates and guests from Springhill Suites to and from the Midway Museum. The cost of this van is \$450 for 4 hours (minimum) and \$125 per each additional hour or part of hour. Sundance Stage would sub-contract for this vehicle. We would pay Sundance as a part of our overall transportation package. The mini-bus is **not** ADA configured so does not have a lift available nor the seating configuration that would accommodate wheelchairs.

Multiple trip Shuttle transport to and from the Doubletree probably wouldn't make sense due to the transit time. We will need to address other ideas for the Doubletree.

**Recommendation:** Marriott Springhill Suites or Santa Fe depot to USS Midway museum is a comfortable 10-minute walk. Most people will choose to walk. Those coming by car will preferentially park in the ACE parking lot adjacent to Midway. Recommend taxi for those needing special assistance.

**Action Item:** Investigate option of providing a shuttle bus service to/from the Marriott and Double Tree Hotels to Mt Soledad on Friday PM and Sat AM. (Dave)

**Response:** It is doable. The most cost effective way to handle this would be to extend the Sundance Bus service to accommodate a trip to Mt Soledad after the Admiral Kidd lunch on Friday. We will pay \$120 per hour once we have exceeded the 4-hour minimum. Sundance prorates the hourly payment in 15 minute increments. I can envisage a scenario where up to 110 people (2 bus total) departs each hotel for Mt Soledad after the lunch, maybe for a 45-minute tour at Mt Soledad, then return to the hotels. Estimate 2.5 hours with two busses that would cost \$600 (\$300 per bus).

**Recommendation:** Should be offered only as a paid in advance option if we have sufficient interest. To cover the costs, we would have to assure that those taking the trip pay the entire \$300 per bus fee. Recommend survey the class for interest in bus transport to Mount Soledad.

**Action Item:** Determine what capability there is to provide transportation for classmates with special mobility challenges. (Dave)

**Response:** Sundance Stage has available three buses configured for ADA. These buses have lifts and accommodations for two (2) wheelchairs in the cabin. These buses bear the same cost as but carry about 50 passengers versus the 55 of the non-ADA configured buses. We will need to know person specific needs to plan the bus loading. Different loading depending if:

- individual needs to remain in the chair
- individual can get out of chair and can get to seat with assistance
- individual can get out of chair or doesn't need a chair but needs lift to get to seat

The 24-passenger mini-bus referred to above for the Hotel to Midway shuttle is **not ADA configured**.

**Recommendation:** The punch line is that we can accommodate special mobility challenges but we need to know beforehand. Sundance Stage busses, San Diego MTS trolley and ADA configured TAXI vans can all be employed as needed. Recommend that those needing special assistance identify that need on the registration and maybe in a pre-event survey so that we can plan accordingly.

**Action Item add on:** Should we consider using buses only for the Friday Itinerary, in order to limit costs?

**Response:** The Thursday dinner at the USS Midway museum is a comfortable 10-minute walk from the Springhill Suites for those staying there. Most people staying or parking at Springhill Suites will want to walk. Those bringing automobiles will preferentially park in the ACE parking lot adjacent to the USS Midway museum brow. Doubletree guests have easy access to the MTS Hazard Center Trolley for transport on the Green Line to the Santa Fe depot. From there, a 10-minute walk to Midway.

The Friday events require the use of buses for those not wanting to drive a private automobile. We should encourage bus use because there is not a lot of parking available at Fort Rosecrans. Also someone with a retired ID would be needed to gain entry to the base to the Admiral Kidd facility.

The Saturday game day transportation is best served by San Diego MTS Trolley (Green Line) departing from the Santa Fe Depot and from the Hazard Center Station. It is a comfortable walk from the hotels to the stations, and the \$3.00 (Cash only) Special Event one way pass to the stadium and return is cheap and efficient. Also, the first and last trolley cars are equipped to handle wheel chairs. Reasons for not using buses are:

- Cost is too high for some people
- Bus parking area is remote with a long walk to the tailgate.
- Some may not want to attend the tailgate for the full time or not at all and would not want to be constrained by the bus schedule for arrival
- Some may want to depart the game early and would not want to be constrained by the bus schedule for departure

**Recommendation:** Provide bus transportation for the Friday Events only.