

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Transportation Policy Workshop

MINUTES

Thursday, January 22, 2004

9:00 am

SCCRTC Conference Room

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Members Present:	Jan Beautz	Ellen Pirie
	Edenilson Quintanilla (Alt)	Scott Kennedy
	Pat Spence	Randy Johnson
	Andy Schiffrin (Alt)	Mike Keogh
	Richard De La Paz	Dennis Norton
	Emily Reilly	Mark Stone
Staff Present:	Linda Wilshusen	Pat Dellin
	Karena Pushnik	Kim Shultz
	Luis Mendez	Gini Pineda
	Tegan Speiser	

1. Introductions

Introductions were made.

2. Oral Communications

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Chair Johnson announced that there was a request to change the order of items on the Agenda and move the Closed Session the beginning of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – Taken out of order after Item 3

8. Conference with Real Property Negotiator for Acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line

- Property: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Watsonville Junction to Davenport

- Agency Negotiator: Kirk Trost, Miller, Owen & Trost
- Negotiation Parties: SCCRTC, Union Pacific
- Under Negotiation: All terms

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA (Pirie/Schiffrin)

4. Accepted Minutes of November 20, 2003 TPW Meeting

Commission Alternate Quintanilla and Commissioner Kennedy abstained from voting on the minutes as they were not in attendance at the meeting.

5. Accepted Status Report on Highway 1 Projects

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Fiscal Transportation Development Act (TDA) Audits of the SCMTD and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency

Executive Director Linda Wilshusen said that, in response to Commissioner Keogh's request at the January Regional Transportation Commission meeting, financial audits for two Transportation Development Act (TDA) claimants, Community Bridges and SCMTD, were provided for the Commission to review in anticipation of the Public Hearing on paratransit issues and potential solutions scheduled for February 5, 2004.

Commissioner Beautz asked how much TDA funding was expended on overhead and how much for transit.

Deputy Director Pat Dellin said that this information could be specified as part of the claim request when the TDA claimants ask for their funding.

Executive Director Wilshusen referred to a section of the TDA budget that indicated about 14% was allocated to overhead for Community Bridges. Ms. Wilshusen will verify the information.

Commissioner Keogh thanked staff for the information presented and said it was a good start towards analyzing how TDA funds were spend and would help with TDA claims next spring.

7. Update on State Budget Actions Related to Transportation

Executive Director Linda Wilshusen said that the funding situation in Sacramento did not seem to be getting better and referred to a list of local projects that had state money lapsing in June.

Commissioner Spence noted that some of the projects on the list were completed and it appeared that there was funding left over.

Director Wilshusen said that they were included on the list in the event that there was a final billing still outstanding.

Deputy Director Dellin said that the projects were included to show how the Commission is working with local agencies to fund local projects. Ms. Dellin said that these and other projects depend on many funding sources and are in various stages of completion. With the state budget crisis causing an ever changing environment, it can be complicated and time consuming to get every bit of available money from the various sources.

Commissioner Beautz questioned a statement saying that the SCMTD "should be" reimbursed for their new busses. Les White, SCMTD General Manager, said that they had received the reimbursement and that the approval had come within 4 hours of the deadline. He credited Caltrans and especially Charles Sanchez and Dave Murray for the successful reimbursement. Staff noted that the comment referenced was made prior to the resolution of payment.

Commissioner Keogh asked about the status of the Broadway/Brommer bike path and Commissioner Kennedy said it was moving forward.

9. Next Meetings / Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next regular RTC meeting will be held Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

A Public Hearing on Paratransit Issues is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop will be held Thursday, February 18, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the RTC Office, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

It was decided that a Public Hearing on the Recreational Rail Environmental Impact Report will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff