

Paratransit Coordination Task Force

Minutes

Meeting # 1: May 19, 2004, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

ABC Rooms of the Civic Auditorium

Members:

Mardi Wormhoudt, Chair
Michael Bradshaw
Scott Bugental
Richard Camperud
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Alternates (* - voting):

Kirk Ance *
James Monroe
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Andy Schiffrin

Staff:

Bryant Baehr, SCMTD
Mark Dorfman, SCMTD
Peggy Gallagher, SCMTD
Eileen Hooten, Community Bridges
Steve Paulson, SCMTD
Karena Pushnik, SCCRTC
Tegan Speiser, SCCRTC
Link Spooner, Community Bridges
Sam Storey, Community Bridges
Les White, SCMTD

Others:

April Axton, SCMTD
Susan Hogue, Epilepsy Network
Camilla Shaffer, Laidlaw Transit

1. Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were none.

3. Process of Decision Making

The Task Force discussed and agreed to the following by consensus (in priority order):

Quorum Required: A quorum of the Task Force must be present for the meeting to be held and any decisions to be made. A quorum is defined as 50% + 1 of the 24-member Task Force. Therefore, the presence of 13 or more members/alternates will constitute a quorum for this Task Force.

- I. The group will aim to reach consensus on issues.
- II. The Gradients of Agreement, as presented by SCMTD Director Reilly, will be used when consensus cannot be reached.

- III. Voting will be used if the other two methods are not successful. A motion will pass with a simple majority (50% + 1) of the voting members present. A tally of votes on each motion will be recorded for the meeting minutes including the number of yeses, nos and abstentions.

4. Identify Overall Purpose & Goals

By consensus, the following issues were added or amended to the goals forwarded by the SCCRTC (shown in underline/~~strikeout~~ format). The group indicated a desire to prioritize identified actions and differentiate between short and long term goals.

Goal 1: The paratransit System will use funding as efficiently and effectively as possible.

- Make the ~~bus~~ transit system and related infrastructure more accessible (e.g. sidewalks, coordination with planning/public works departments on land use, etc.)
- Increase ridership amongst those with functional abilities (e.g. Mobility Training)
- Maintain fair funding allocations without disadvantaging one group over another
- Encourage accessible multi-modal transportation choices

Goal 2: The paratransit system will strive to maximize customer service and satisfaction.

- Customer service (phone hold times, ~~timeliness of~~ eligibility determination, etc.)
- Countywide availability of accessible vehicles (including taxi scrip)
- Clear transportation system understanding/expectations and community outreach (riders, caseworkers, counselors) *This item moved from Goal 1*

Goal 3: Legal mandates shall be observed.

- Assurance that legal requirements will be met (ADA, Area Agency on Aging, MediCal, TDA, CTSA, Motor Vehicle laws)

Goal 4: Increase funding for specialized transportation services.

5. Review and Approve Issues, Draft Work Plan & Meeting Schedule

The Goals and Issues were addressed as one item in #4.

By consensus, the Task Force agreed to the following:

- The June meeting will include a review of current services including funding and existing local/statewide programs.
- The July meeting is cancelled.
- The August meeting will focus on Goal 3: Legal Mandates and Constraints. Peggy Gallagher (Metro Staff) will provide materials and give a presentation at the meeting.
- Future meetings will focus on discussing the remaining goals, formulating recommendations, developing an action plan and designating responsibilities.
- Andy Schiffrin will be the vice chair.

6. Information Items

The Expenditure Plan for the ½ cent sales tax measure to be placed on the November 2004 ballot was discussed and a few people noted that the funding level included in the Plan for Elderly and Disabled Transportation is not adequate. Attendees were encouraged to attend the RTC's June 3 evening public hearing or send written comments to the SCCRTC.

Other suggestions for staff follow up:

- Expand the current services matrix to include current funding for services
- Explore creative funding opportunities such as Project Action and Easter Seals
- Allow time during discussions for brainstorming to be followed by reality checks

7. Announcements

Association for Monterey Bay Area Governments Elderly & Mobility Conference (6/25/04) draft agenda distributed.

The binder contents were reviewed.

8. Review future meeting time/date

By consensus, it was agreed that future meetings will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium ABC Room. The next meeting will be June 16, 2004.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Karena Pushnik and Tegan Speiser, SCCRTC Staff