

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's  
**Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**  
Social Service Transportation Advisory Council/Paratransit Advisory Council Meeting

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**Tuesday, June 8, 2004 ~ 1:30 pm**  
SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Downtown Santa Cruz

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Members Present: Lisa Berkowitz (CTSA - Community Bridges), Michael Bradshaw (Social Service Provider – Disabled), Lois Connell (Persons of Limited Means), John Daugherty (SCMTD), Michael Molesky (County Social Service Provider – Disabled), Robert Pesce (1<sup>st</sup> District), Camille Pierce (Potential Transit User – Disabled), Link Spooner (CTSA – Lift Line), Bob Yount (MASTF)

Alternates Present: Scott Bugental (1<sup>st</sup> District), Sandra Coley (4<sup>th</sup> District), Steve Paulson (SCMTD)

Others Present: Paul Marcelin-Sampson (Metro Riders Union)

Staff Present: Karena Pushnik

Excused Absences: Clay Kempf (Social Service Provider – Seniors)

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Chair Michael Molesky called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

These were made.

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Sandra Coley reported that the Watsonville Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee is distributing a Walkability Survey with utility bills in south county.

John Daugherty reported that Metro is considering service cuts and will hold public hearings in June at four locations throughout the county. The cuts will take effect in the fall. There was interest in an analysis of how the bus service cuts would affect ADA Paratransit, which mirrors fixed route service. Steve Paulson responded that cuts to only one route might affect the ADA Paratransit service area, Route 79 near Salsapuedes School. The estimated number of people affected is three and none of the three were identified as regular riders. In addition, there are two eligible riders in Paradise Park that may be affected by service hour reductions. The E/D TAC requested information about the exact impacts to the ADA Paratransit service area footprint.

**Action: SCMTD will contact currently eligible riders who may be affected by service area changes and will provide information about changes to the service area footprint to the next E/D TAC.**

### **3. Additions and Deletions**

There were none.

### **4. Consent Agenda (Spooner/Bradshaw - unanimous)**

- 4.1 Approved Minutes of April 13, 2004 E/D TAC meeting
- 4.2 Accepted Transportation Development Act fund projections as of January 04
- 4.3 Accepted Highlights from May RTC meeting
- 4.4 Accepted Letter from E/D TAC Chair to SCCRTC regarding the draft Expenditure Plan
- 4.5 Accepted Draft minutes from the 5/19/04 Paratransit Coordination Task Force
- 4.6 Accepted Monterey County's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council's Annual Report
- 4.7 Accepted Caltrans Standard Plans of Curb Ramp Details and Accessible Parking (*sent to all Public Works departments*)
- 4.8 Accepted Agency Updates (other than items on the regular agenda)
  - 4.8.1 Volunteer Center
    - FY 03-04 Third Quarter Report
  - 4.8.2 Private Operators
  - 4.8.3 Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
    - FY 03-04 Second Quarter Report
  - 4.8.4 Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
  - 4.8.5 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

### **5. Expenditure Plan of Projects Update (oral report)**

Karena Pushnik provided an overview of the status of the Expenditure Plan development including the SCCRTC's increase in Elderly & Disabled Transportation funding from 3% to 4% of the total Sales Tax revenues.

Scott Bugental expressed satisfaction at the increased percentage for E/D transportation and suggested that a plan for how the funds would be expended be developed if the measure passes.

### **6. City of Scotts Valley TDA Funding Request for Glen Canyon Road Sidewalk Project**

Karena Pushnik reviewed the City of Scotts Valley's Transportation Development Act (TDA) claim in the amount of \$36,900 for sidewalk improvements on Glen Canyon Road. The E/D TAC requested that future TDA claims include more specificity about curb cuts, streetscape amenities, etc.

**Action (Daugherty/Spooner – unanimous): The E/D TAC approved the TDA claim from the City of Scotts Valley for pedestrian improvements on Glen Canyon Road.**

## **7. Accessible Taxi Information**

In the absence of a representative from either private operator, Karena Pushnik reviewed the information gathered about accessible taxi availability from both Yellow and Courtesy Cab companies. Link Spooner noted that currently Courtesy Cab is only authorized to provide ParaCruz (ADA Paratransit) service. The shortage of drivers is a real issue affecting the availability of service. Bob Yount noted his concern about the amount of taxi drivers who smoke. The Taxi Scrip program works best if taxi operators have flexibility about pick up locations countywide.

***Action: James Monroe, new owner of Yellow Cab company will be invited to the next E/D TAC meeting. E/D TAC membership applications should be sent to representatives from both Courtesy Cab and Yellow Cab to fill the vacant position representing Private Operators. Staff will try to secure taxi ordinance language from the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville.***

## **8. Unmet Needs Update**

Karena Pushnik reviewed the draft list of Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs. John Daugherty and Steve Paulson explained that the Transit District was working on developing a list of transit needs to be included in the Unmet Needs list.

## **9. Existing Services/Role of Governing Boards/Related Committees**

Karena Pushnik distributed the draft matrix of existing specialized transportation services, which includes number of annual rides, service provider and coordinator, eligibility, fares, funding, unmet demand, governing board, and advisory committees. It was requested that Community Bridges provide detailed information at the next meeting about Transportation Development Act funds including number of rides provided.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm.

*Prepared by: Karena Pushnik, SCCRTC Staff*

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