

AGENDA: October 6, 2005

TO: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: Paratransit Coordination Task Force Recommendation Update

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Review the Community Bridges response to the Paratransit Coordination Task Force Recommendations;
 2. Direct staff to contact the entities who have not yet responded to the Task Force recommendation to obtain a status report on their response; and
 3. Direct staff to return to a future RTC meeting with recommendations from the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) and a status report on further responses to the Task Force recommendations.
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BACKGROUND

At the April 2005 meeting, the RTC approved a four point plan for the Paratransit Coordination Task Force Recommendations.

1. Direct staff to forward the recommendations to the entities responsible for implementing the short and long term recommendations for their consideration and with a request that they provide a response to the Commission as soon as practicable;
2. Direct staff to return to a future RTC meeting with responses to the Task Force recommendations for which the RTC is responsible including any follow-up recommendations;
3. Request that the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) review the Task Force recommendations and provide the Commission with any recommendations they may have in response; and
4. Return to the October RTC meeting with an update on the information received from implementing entities about the recommendations.

DISCUSSION

The Paratransit Coordination Task Force's recommendations were mailed to all potential implementing entities one week after the April RTC meeting with a request for a response (Attachment 1). To date only Community Bridges has responded. Their response is attached

(Attachment 2). Staff recommends that the RTC review the Community Bridges response and direct staff to contact the remaining entities to obtain a status report on their response.

The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee has been going through the recommendations and developing implementation strategies for those where either the RTC or the E/D TAC is listed as the implementing entity. The committee had hoped to complete their work at their September meeting. However that meeting was postponed to October 11 and the E/D TAC implementation strategies are not yet available. These will include follow up ideas for recommendations for which the RTC is responsible.

Staff recommends that the RTC direct staff to return to a future RTC meeting with recommendations from the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) and a status report on further responses to the Paratransit Coordination Task Force recommendations.

SUMMARY

The Regional Transportation Commission requested an update on the response to the Paratransit Coordination Task Force's short and long term recommendations for specialized transportation serving seniors and people with disabilities in Santa Cruz County. One response has been received and staff recommends contacting entities who have not yet responded and returning to a future RTC meeting with a status report.

Attachments:

1. Response from Community Bridges dated 8/24/05
2. Memo sent with Paratransit Task Force Recommendations dated 4/14/05

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