



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Date: April 14, 2005

RAIL/TRAIL
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To: Specialized Transportation Partners (see attached list)

From: Pat Dellin, Acting Executive Director

RE: Paratransit Coordination Task Force Recommendations

COMMUTE
SOLUTIONS

The attached short and long term Recommendations were developed by a 24-member Paratransit Coordination Task Force that met over the course of ten months to seek ways to improve the specialized transportation network for seniors and people with disabilities. Goals included using funding as efficiently and effectively as possible, striving to maximize customer service and satisfaction, observing legal mandates and increasing funding.

TRANSPORTATION
POLICY WORKSHOP

At its April 7, 2005 meeting, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) approved a plan to distribute these recommendations to the entities that could implement them with a request that they be considered and that the entities respond back to the Commission regarding the recommendations as soon as is practicable .

BUDGET &
ADMINISTRATION
PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE

Your agency, group or provider was identified as an entity that could potentially implement one or more of the recommendations. Please review the recommendations and provide a response to the RTC.

INTERAGENCY
TECHNICAL
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Background materials including the following can be found on the RTC's web site (<http://www.sccrtc.org/packet/2005/0504/TCAgenda0504.htm> , scroll to item #31): Paratransit Coordination Task Force membership, goals, minutes from meetings, matrix of existing services, Americans with Disabilities Act mandated Paratransit legal mandates, Community Bridges/Lift Line information, Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) designation statutes and information about other CTSA's in California, Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs in Santa Cruz County, population and demographic presentation materials and information about other paratransit services in the state.

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Thank you very much for your assistance in improving transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities in Santa Cruz County. If you have any questions, please contact Karena Pushnik of my staff at 460-3210.

ELDERLY & DISABLED
TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Attachment: Paratransit Coordination Task Force Recommendations

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Distribution List for Paratransit Coordination Task Force Recommendations

(in the order listed in the recommendations)

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
Community Bridges/Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
Central Coast Alliance for Health
Stroke Center
Yellow Cab Company
Courtesy Cab
Volunteer Center
Red Cross
Laidlaw
Cabrillo College Disabled Student Services
University of California, Santa Cruz Disability Van Services
Mental Health Client Action Network
Veterans Services
Community Traffic Safety Coalition
Social Service Agencies
City of Santa Cruz
City of Scotts Valley
City of Watsonville
City of Capitola
County of Santa Cruz
Potential Partners for Mobility Training Program
School Districts
San Andreas Regional Center
Central Coast Center for Independent Living
Realtors, Property Managers, high density residential managers
Residential developments
Area Agency on Aging
Valley Transit Authority
Monterey-Salinas Transit
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Association for Monterey Bay Area Governments
San Benito Council of Governments
Community Groups representing E/D communities
Santa Cruz Area TMA
Pajaro Valley TMA
TMA employers