

AGENDA: January 11, 2006

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee Appointment

RECOMMENDATION

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) and staff recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Approve Virginia Butz as a new member to the committee representing Potential Transit Users (60+);
 2. Approve changing the representative on the committee from the Metro Accessible Transit Services Forum to the Metro Advisory Committee; and
 3. Assist the committee in obtaining nominations for the vacant positions representing a county social service provider for seniors, social service providers serving disabled individuals, and representatives for the third and fourth Supervisorial Districts.
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BACKGROUND

A goal of the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) is to fill all membership and alternate positions.

DISCUSSION

At its December meeting, the E/D TAC approved recommending Virginia Butz for the position representing potential transit users (60+). Ms. Butz currently volunteers for the Foster Grandparent program. An application for Ms. Butz is attached (Attachment 1).

Currently the E/D TAC bylaws specify membership for the committee. Included is a representative from the Metro Accessible Services Transit Forum (MASTF). This group disbanded over the course of the last year and a new committee now advises the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro). This committee is called the Metro Advisory Committee or MAC. Attached are the bylaws with the proposed revision (Attachment 2). **The E/D TAC and staff recommend that MAC replace MASTF on the E/D TAC roster and, if approved, solicit a new member for this position.**

There was some discussion at the December E/D TAC about whether the board of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency is also required to approve changes to the Bylaws. Staff researched this and found that the last version of the bylaws (1990) did include a requirement that “the bylaws can be amended by a majority vote of the (E/D TAC) committee members with the approval by the Transportation Commission and CTSA Board of Directors.” However, bylaws for the Regional Transportation Commission and all its committees underwent major revisions in 2001. Deletion of the CTSA Board approval of bylaws changes was spelled out specifically in the staff reports and the revised committee bylaws were approved by each of the advisory committees and the RTC.

In addition, the E/D TAC also seeks Commissioners assistance in filling vacancies for the following positions:

- Social Service Provider – Seniors (County)
- Social Service Provider - Disabled
- 3rd Supervisorial District
- 4th Supervisorial District

Currently the committee lacks bilingual/bicultural representatives and is seeking at least one nominee that that can represent these interests. A copy of the membership application is attached ([Attachment 3](#)). In addition, a copy of the revised roster is attached ([Attachment 4](#)).

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission approve the new member, change the membership in the Bylaws to reflect the new transit advisory committee and nominate individuals to fill other E/D TAC vacancies.

Attachments:

1. E/D TAC Application from Virginia Butz
2. E/D TAC Bylaws with the proposed revision
3. Blank E/D TAC Application
4. E/D TAC Roster