

Committee: ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (E/D TAC)

Committee Objectives: Serves as the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council pursuant to Transportation Development Act statutes 99238. Advises the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro), the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) and the local jurisdictions in Santa Cruz County on transportation issues, policies, plans, programs and projects for the elderly, disabled (includes physical and mental disabilities) and persons of limited means populations. (Committee duties specifically referenced in other documents are as noted: A - Transportation Development Act Statutes, B - 1992 Paratransit Implementation Plan)

1. Assists in the determination of transportation needs of the elderly, disabled and persons of limited means populations, including the annual assessment of unmet transit needs (A, B);
2. Solicits input of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons, including elderly, disabled and persons of limited means, for the unmet needs assessment process pursuant to Transportation Development Act statutes 99238.5 (A);
3. Reviews claims submitted to the Commission that deal with specialized transportation services or pedestrian issues;
4. Advises the SCCRTC, Metro, CTSA, the County, Cities and other providers in a timely manner on policy decisions including but not limited to the coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services, paratransit and other transportation for the county's elderly and disabled residents and residents of limited means (B);
5. Reviews specialized transportation planning and the pedestrian sections of studies and plans prepared by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency, the local jurisdictions and other agencies, as necessary (A, B);
6. Reviews recommendations for the specialized transportation, transit and pedestrian sections of the Regional Transportation Plan, including policies, programs and capital improvement projects (A);
7. Reviews and advises implementing agencies on transportation capital improvement projects with pedestrian elements with regards to accessibility for projects which are either funded by the SCCRTC or are otherwise major, regional level transportation projects. Project review by the E/D TAC involves review of the proposed concept and proposed design for the accessible pedestrian features of the transportation project. Local implementing agencies may seek the advice of the E/D TAC for more localized, locally funded pedestrian projects at their discretion.

8. Monitors programs concerning transportation needs of elderly and disabled persons and persons of limited means initiated by the implementing agencies and proposes methods of using transportation to integrate the elderly, disabled and persons of limited means populations into the community (A, B);
9. Operates as a forum for communication between public and private agencies, users, and providers (B);
10. Assists in the pursuit of local, state and federal funds for specialized transportation and pedestrian projects and advises the Commission on project priorities for funding and grant applications for pedestrian projects and other projects and programs addressing transportation for the elderly, disabled and persons of limited means populations;
11. Serves as advocates on behalf of the elderly, disabled and persons of limited means populations regarding transportation related issues.

Committee Membership:

<u>Representatives of:</u>	<u># of voting members</u>
potential transit users who are 60 years of age or older	1
potential users who have a disability	1
local social service providers for seniors, including one representative of the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission	2
local social service providers for people with disabilities, including one representative of the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities	2
local social service provider for persons of limited means	1
for each of the five supervisorial districts, specifically representing elderly populations and/or persons with disabilities and or persons of limited means	5
private, for profit transportation agency	1
Santa Cruz County Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA)	2
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro)	1
Metro Accessible Services Task Force (MASTF) Advisory Committee (MAC)	1
Total	17

Appointments: Members representing agencies specified above are appointed by that agency and accepted by the Commission; all other members are appointed by the Commission based on an open application process.

Quorum: A quorum is nine members, assuming that there are no vacant positions.

Meeting Frequency: Every even numbered month; second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. Additional meetings on the off-month can be called as needed.

Meeting Location: At least one meeting annually will be scheduled for an appropriate location outside of the City of Santa Cruz and in proximity to a major transit route.

Bylaws Approval: Bylaws must be recommended for approval by the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and approved by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.

See Bylaws for Commission Committees for further guidance on membership, terms of office, officers, committee staff, meeting procedures and conflict of interest disqualification.

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