

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Approve the appointment of Thom Onan as a new member to the committee representing Social Service Providers for the Disabled;
 2. Approve the appointment of Patty Talbot as a new alternate representing Social Service Providers for Seniors;
 3. Approve the reappointments of Clay Kempf as the member representing Social Service Providers for Seniors and Lisa Berkowitz as the member representing the Community Bridges services of the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency; and
 4. Reassign the appointment of Barbara Schaller from the member representing the 3rd Supervisorial District to the Social Service Providers for Seniors (County) as she also serves on the County's Seniors Commission.
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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 June meeting, the E/D TAC discussed potential reappointments and new appointments to the Committee. The E/D TAC approved the following recommendations:

- **Thom Onan – New Member representing Social Service Providers for People with Disabilities**
- **Patty Talbot – New Alternate representing Social Service Providers for Seniors**
- **Clay Kempf – Reappoint Member representing Social Service Provider for Seniors**
- **Lisa Berkowitz – Reappoint Member representing the social service programs operated by Community Bridges which operates at the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency**
- **Barbara Schaller – Reassign her appointment**

Attached are applications for these individuals ([Attachment 1](#)).

In addition, the E/D TAC is happy to report only two member vacancies on the 16-member committee. Commissioner assistance in filling vacancies for the following positions is greatly appreciated:

- 3rd Supervisorial District
- 4th Supervisorial District

Currently the committee lacks bilingual/bicultural representatives and is seeking at least one nominee that that can represent this community. Membership applications can be found on the RTC's website.

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission approve new members/alternates and reappointments. In addition, the RTC is requested to reassign Barbara Schaller from the 3rd Supervisorial District to the Social Service Provider (County) position and assist in nominating individuals to fill other E/D TAC vacancies.

Attachments:

1. E/D TAC Applications from Thom Onan, Patty Talbot, Clay Kempf and Lisa Berkowitz

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