

TO: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner

RE: Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee 2007 Annual Report

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Commission:

Accept the 2007 Annual Report for the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Each year the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) prepares an Annual Report outlining its accomplishments from the previous year and its direction for current and future years (Attachment 1). This process includes the delineation of unmet paratransit and transit needs which is included in another item in this agenda packet.

## **DISCUSSION**

Over the last year, the E/D TAC participated in its usual duties consisting of: monitoring the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit program, assisting in program development and review, reviewing of grants and contracts, supporting coordinated transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities, and identifying future areas of interest. The E/D TAC meets every two months unless there are urgent matters which require that additional meetings be scheduled.

The main endeavors for the E/D TAC in 2007 were:

- Making recommendations about Transportation Development Act claims from local jurisdictions for pedestrian improvements
- Advising the Regional Transportation Commission about priority projects for inclusion in funding plans
- Active participation in the Transportation Funding Task Force
- Input on the Regional Transportation Commission's state and federal legislative agendas
- Ensuring the inclusion of accessible features in the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network development efforts
- Reviewing Transportation Development Act funding allocations to the Volunteer Center and Community Bridges

- Ensuring coordination between paratransit services and maximizing efficiencies, where possible
- Securing federal paratransit capital funds (Section 5310)
- Advising the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District on ParaCruz issues as a vital component of the network of specialized transportation services in the region
- Supported the Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant application by Community Bridges to provide the Mobility Outreach and Education Program
- Addressed taxi regulation inconsistencies as they relate to seniors and people with disabilities

**The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and staff recommend that the Commission accept the E/D TAC's 2007 Annual Report.**

**SUMMARY**

Annually the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC) prepares an Annual Report to highlight the committee's actions over the last year. The E/D TAC and staff recommend acceptance of the 2007 Annual Report.

Attachment:

1. 2007 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee Annual Report

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