



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes – Final

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

Regional Transportation Commission Office
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz (2nd Floor)

1. **Call to Order** at 1:37 pm
2. **Introductions** –Small group did not necessitate introductions.

Members Present:

Kirk Ance, CTSA Lift Line
Hal Anjo, Potential Bus Rider
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Mike Molesky, Social Service Provider Disabled
Patti Lou Shevlin, 1st District

Alternates Present:

Others Present:

Excused Absences:

Sharon Barbour, 5th District
Debbi Brooks, Soc. Serv. Provider-
Persons of Limited Mean
Sally French, Soc. Serv. Provider-
Disabled (HOPE)

RTC Staff Present:

Cathy Judd
Karena Pushnik

3. Oral Communications

Veronica Elsea attended the first meeting of the Caltrans Accessibility Advisory Committee. The group will work on pedestrian issues such as: standardized detectable warnings such as truncated domes, sidewalk surfaces and video training for law enforcement. The group will meet 3 – 4 times per year.

The following announcements were made:

- The latest issue of Santa Cruz METRO's Headways is available;
- Weekend service to Waddell Creek and Big Basin State Park is postponed until March 2014;
- Community Bridges is helping with enrollment for the Affordable Care Act and hired Raymon Cancino as the new Director beginning on January 2, 2014;
- The RTC approved funding for three projects on Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Train Network and provided comments on the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Senior Housing Complex to be constructed at the site of the St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Santa Cruz.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The motion (Elsa/Daugherty) - - to approve the consent agenda - - carries unanimously.

5. Approved minutes from October 22, 2013 meeting
6. Received Transportation Development Act (TDA) Revenues Report as of Dec 2013
7. Received RTC Highlights through Nov 2013
8. Received E&D TAC Ad Hoc Committee Funding Input
9. Received Information Items
 - a. San Mateo County Paratransit User Guide
10. Received Agency Updates
 - a. Volunteer Center
 - FY 2013/2014 First Quarter Report
 - b. Community Bridges serving as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
 - c. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
 - Nov 2013 ParaCruz Report
 - Nov 2013 Mobility Management Report
 - Past Metro Reports
 - d. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
 - e. Private Operators

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Metro's Short Range Transit Plan input by Pedestrian Safety Work Group

Veronica Elsa discussed the E&D TAC's Pedestrian Safety Work Group subcommittee concerns about the Metro's Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).

Discussion included:

- Lack of a mission statement to balance the needs of both choice and transit dependent riders
- Local conditions versus industry standards
- local data sources
- Changes to distance between bus stops without taking into consideration conditions such as terrain, origins/destinations, etc.
- Customer service considerations such as travel time, sitting/waiting time, and distance and walkable access to routes/stops

Action: The motion (Elsa/Shevlin) - - for the E&D TAC to send a letter to Metro requesting that the following be considered and incorporated into the Short Range Transit Plan before it goes out for public review and that METRO staff return to the next (February 2014) E&D TAC meeting

- *Request that a mission statement be included in the SRTP that would include a commitment to meet the needs of both people with and without other transportation choices*

- *Request that the SRTP be based on local conditions, not industry standards. If current and local data is available where people are currently getting on and off, would be helpful if it were analyzed, referenced and included in an appendix of the SRTP. If local and current data is unavailable, there is a concern about the basis for decisions about service parameters (route, stops, etc.)*
 - *Request that the changes proposed to the distance between bus stops include language that is a target, rather than a minimum; and that conditions – such as origins, destinations, populations and topography/hills – be taken into account.*
 - *Assuming the goal is to increase ridership, customer service targets – such as total travel time, sitting/waiting time, distance and walkable access to routes/stop - should be included in the SRTP*
- carries with John Daugherty abstaining.*

12. Review Results of Committee Member Survey

Karena Pushnik discussed the results of the E&D TAC survey saying that overall, the committee members seem to agree with the goals and purpose of the committee, timely receipt of meeting materials, preparation of the minutes, and meeting frequency.

Results indicate three main areas where there may be room for improvement:

- Committee representative respect, support, value
- Advance preparation and use of meeting time
- More feedback about the results of the committee's advisory function

13. Receive Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update

Veronica Elsea provided an update of the Pedestrian Safety Work Group. The group discussed:

- Metro's Short Range Transit Plan
- Motorist brochure being reviewed by RTC staff
- San Lorenzo Valley Transportation Recommendations
- FAQ's in process

14. San Lorenzo Valley Transportation Recommendations

Hal Anjo discussed the San Lorenzo Valley Transportation Recommendations. He supplied members with a draft response to be considered.

Issues discussed:

- Importance of lighting on Highway 9 in the Boulder Creek area
- Bulbouts to reduce pedestrian crossing distances
- Better reflective marking for crosswalks
- Crosswalk beacons

Mr. Anjo will provide a draft report and submit the information for the February 2014 E&D TAC meeting.

15. Adjourn 3:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Judd, RTC Staff