



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 1:30 p.m.

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

1. **Call to Order** at 1:30 pm

2. **Introductions**

Members Present:

Kirk Ance, CTSA Lift Line
Hal Anjo, Potential Bus Rider
Sharon Barbour, 5th District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
Debbi Brooks, Soc. Serv. Provider-Persons
of Limited Mean
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Sally French, Soc. Serv. Provider-Disabled
(HOPE)
Clay Kempf, Social Service Provider
Mike Molesky, Social Service Provider
Disabled
Patti Lou Shevlin, 1st District

Alternates Present:

April Warnock, Metro ParaCruz

Excused Absences:

Others Present:

Raymon Cancino, Community Bridges
Erich Friedrich, Metro
Patty Miller, La Posada Resident
Sarah Schiffrin, La Posada Resident

RTC Staff Present:

Ginger Dykaar
Cathy Judd
Karena Pushnik
Tegan Speiser

3. **Oral Communications**

The following information was discussed or announced:

- Add a discussion item to the April 2014 E&D TAC agenda regarding a recent accident involving an 89 year old pedestrian at Forest Street and Highway 9 in Boulder Creek
- Add an information item to the April 2014 E&D TAC agenda regarding Metro's Triennial review and update of the ParaCruz Customer Guide
- The list of 2014 Project SCOUT Tax Assistance Sites was distributed
- Upcoming Trivia Challenge fundraiser for the Helping Hands Senior Home Repair Program to be held at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium on February 21st
- February 26th meeting in the San Lorenzo Valley regarding pedestrian safety
- Letter distributed to E&D TAC Chair and members regarding a request to Metro for a bus stop on Route 68 at La Posada

- Add an urgency item to this agenda to send a letter to Metro to endorse making Route 6 shuttle permanent and include a bus stop on Frederick Street, Route 68 to allow the community better access to the greater community

Action: (Kempf/Barbour) — due to the timely nature of the item, the committee approved adding an emergency item to the agenda to take action on the bus service to the Frederick/Gault neighborhood letter.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Hal Anjo, Sharon Barbour, Debbie Brooks, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Clay Kempf, Mike Molesky, Patti Lou Shevlin, April Warnock
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Abstain: John Daugherty

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Handouts included:

- E&D TAC Appointment Application for Sheryl Hagemann, alternate for Sally French, representing Social Service Provider for Disabled Persons
- Updated E&D TAC roster for committee members/alternates
- RTC's 2013 Year-At-A-Glance with information about the RTC's delivery of eight major milestones aimed at improving access and providing convenient transportation choices for the community

4a. Transit Service to the Frederick/Gault Neighborhoods

La Posada senior apartment residents Patty Miller and Sara Schiffrin discussed the 2/11/2014 letter from the Committee for La Posada Bus Service thanking the committee for their support of the temporary Route 6 bus shuttle to downtown Santa Cruz and asking for support to request a stop by the Route 68.

Action: (Kempf/Shevlin) -- for the E&D TAC committee to send a letter to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District endorsing La Posada resident's proposal to make the Route 6 shuttle permanent and to include a stop on Frederick Street on Route 68 to allow senior residents, apartment dwellers, people visiting churches and medical offices transit access to not only downtown Santa Cruz, but also to the Capitola Mall and other points along the way – carries.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Hal Anjo, Sharon Barbour, Debbie Brooks, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Clay Kempf, Mike Molesky, Patti Lou Shevlin, April Warnock
Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The motion (Barbour/Elsea) - - to approve the consent agenda - - carries.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Hal Anjo, Sharon Barbour, Debbie Brooks, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Mike Molesky, Patti Lou Shevlin, April Warnock
Nays: None
Abstain: Clay Kempf

5. Approved minutes from December 10, 2013 meeting

6. Received Transportation Development Act (TDA) Revenues Report as of Feb 2014
7. Received RTC Highlights through Jan 2014
8. Accepted Year End Attendance Report
9. Accepted Year End Pedestrian Hazard Reports
10. Approved Committee Appointment Recommendations
 - Kirk Ance
 - Patti Shevlin
 - Bonnie McDonald
 - Sheryl Hagemann
11. Received Information Items
12. Received Agency Updates
 - a. Volunteer Center
 - FY 2013/2014 Second Quarter Report
 - b. Community Bridges (Consolidated Transportation Services Agency)
 - FY 2013/2014 First Quarter Report
 - c. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro)
 - Jan 2014 ParaCruz Report
 - Jan 2014 Mobility Management Report
 - Past Metro Reports
 - d. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
 - RTC's 2013 At-A-Glance
 - e. Private Operators

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan & EIR

Ginger Dykaar, RTC Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Specifically, pedestrian and accessible transportation amenities were evaluated. The Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report are scheduled for release on February 12, 2014, starting the 55-day review period which will end on April 8, 2014. The documents will be available on the RTC website and notices will be sent to interested parties. Staff recommends that the E&D TAC review and provide comments on the Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan individually by April 8, 2014. The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for April 8 providing an opportunity for the committee to submit comments as a group. The RTC is scheduled to review comments on the plan on May 1 and adopt the 2014 RTP on June 19, 2014 at the RTC's Transportation Policy Workshop meeting.

14. Short Range Transit Plan Update

Erich Friedrich, Metro, provided an overview of the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP), a five year plan that focuses on projects that can be implemented in a short time-frame. Metro will look at:

- Transit Emphasis Corridors (TEC)

- Route Performance Standards and Review (PSR)
- Route Deviation Standard (RDS)
- Bus Stop Spacing (BSS)

Discussion addressed and reiterated points from the 12/10/13 letter from the E&D TAC to the Santa Cruz METRO.

Comments are due by March 13, 2014 and Metro staff will return to the E&D TAC with specific actions taken by the SRTP.

15. Year End Review of TDA Claimant Performance for Volunteer Center and Community Bridges

Karena Pushnik provided an overview for the FY 2012-13 Transportation Development Act (TDA) year end review. The overall TDA goals for the fiscal year were met by both the Volunteer Center and Community Bridges, with the exception of TDA medical rides for the latter. The fiscal budget for FY 2014-15 was recommended for approval by the RTC's Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee, and will be before the full RTC board at its March meeting.

Raymon Cancino, new Executive Director for Community Bridges, introduced himself and provided information about his background prior to his appointment to Community Bridges.

16. Receive Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update

Veronica Elsea, Chair of the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup, provided a committee update. The text for the brochure for pedestrians and motorists was approved and the committee is working on the graphics, printing and distribution. In addition, the committee has sent suggested feedback to the CTSC on their brochure regarding pedestrian/cyclist safety in construction zones. The next meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Work Group is March 3rd from 10 am to noon.

17. Chair and Vice Chair Election at April Meeting

Mike Molesky, E&D TAC Chair, announced that committee elections will be held during the April E&D TAC meeting and noted that nominations are encouraged.

18. Committee Topics for Year

This item will be continued at the April E&D TAC meeting.

19. Demonstration of New Flyer Transit Buses

The committee toured the New Flyer transit buses and was provided a brief ride. Participants appreciated the low floor, access ramp ease of use, wide aisles, ease of wheelchair securement and comfortable seats.

20. Adjourn 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff