



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 1:30 p.m.

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

1. **Call to Order** at 1:38 pm

2. **Introductions**

Members Present:

Kirk Ance, CTSA Lift Line
Hal Anjo, Potential Bus Rider
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
Debbi Brooks, Soc. Serv. Provider-Persons of
Limited Means
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Sally French, Soc. Serv. Provider-Disabled (HOPE)
Clay Kempf, Social Service Provider

Mike Molesky, Social Service Provider Disabled

Alternates Present:

April Warnock, Metro ParaCruz

Excused Absences:

Sharon Barbour, 5th District
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Patti Lou Shevlin, 1st District

Others Present:

Raymon Cancino, Community Bridges
Tom Hiltner, Metro

RTC Staff Present:

Grace Blakeslee
Ginger Dykaar
Cathy Judd
Karena Pushnik

3. **Oral Communications**

The following information was discussed or announced:

- Leslie Wright, volunteer trainer for Metro drivers, passed away. She was honored by Metro with a special recognition for her service
- Information was shared about the Open Streets event in Capitola scheduled for May 4. The RTC is a major sponsor of the event and will participate.
- Bike to Work Week event is scheduled from May 2 through May 9

4. **Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas**

Add on pages were provided for Item 17.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ayes: Mike Molesky, John Daugherty, Lisa Berkowitz, Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Kirk Ance, Clay Kempf, Hal Anjo

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. Approved minutes from February 11, 2014 meeting

Amendments to February draft minutes:

- *Lisa Berkowitz's name will be added as present*
- *John Daugherty's abstention will be noted under Item 4a.*

6. Received Transportation Development Act (TDA) Revenues Report as of Mar 2014

7. Received RTC Highlights through Mar 2014

8. Accepted letter dated 2/13/14 from the E&D TAC to METRO appreciation for opportunity to preview new transit buses

9. Accepted letter dated 2/13/14 from the E&D TAC to METRO regarding transit service to the Frederick/Gault area to serve residences, medical, school, seniors, places of worship

10. Approved Committee Renewal Recommendations

- Michael Molesky, (Co) Social Service Provider for Disabled Individuals
- April Warnock, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (alternate)

11. Received updated RTC E&D TAC bylaws to be approved April 3, 2014

12. Accepted letter from the City of Watsonville amending their Transportation Development Act claim for the 2011 Curb Ramps

13. Received information items

- a. Article in TakePart online titled "See the Electric Car That Allows a Wheelchair to Roll Right In"

14. Received Agency Updates

- a. Volunteer Center
- b. Community Bridges (Consolidated Transportation Services Agency)
- c. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro)
 - Mar 2014 ParaCruz Report
 - Mar 2014 Mobility Management Report
 - Past Metro Reports
- d. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
- e. Private Operators

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Chair and Vice Chair Election

Mike Molesky volunteers to serve as Chair for another year.
Debbi Brooks volunteers to serve as Vice-chair for a year.

By unanimous roll call vote Mike Molesky was voted as Chair and Debbi Brooks as Vice-chair.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Lisa Berkowitz, Clay Kempf, Hal Anjo, John Daugherty, Mike Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: None

16. Provide Comments on Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan – RTC Staff

Ginger Dykaar, RTC Staff, reiterated some of the key points presented at the last meeting about the Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan stating that today, April 8, is the last day for public comment. Comments will be provided to Commissioners at their May 1 meeting.

17. Approve Transportation Development Act Claim for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) – Metro Staff

Tom Hiltner provided a detailed overview of the Metro Transportation Development Act Claim for \$6,377,610. Metro's claim increased by 8% over last year's budget funding additional staff, increased rates for labor contracts, increased medical premiums, and increased fuel, oil and tire costs. Members questioned the large transfer of reserve funds to cover the wage increases and whether that revenue source for that purpose was sustainable.. Mr. Hiltner will follow up to provide the total amount in the reserves and the target for reserve percentages.

Other related budget discussion topics included:

- Federal transit legislation that may provide additional funding
- Farebox recovery ratio, 20% is considered the industry minimum and Metro is at 21.7%

Action: The motion (Brooks/Kempf) - - to recommend to the Commission approval of Metro's TDA claim for \$6,377,610 - -carries.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Lisa Berkowitz, Clay Kempf, Hal Anjo, John Daugherty, Mike Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: None

18. Approve TDA Claim for Community Bridges – Community Bridges Staff

Kirk Ance provided an overview of the \$626,572 TDA claim for Community Bridges to provide approximately 34,950 one-way trips to eligible clients over FY 2014-15 and an additional 53,760 trips using other funding for a total of over 88,700 one-way trips. TDA funded service is recommended to be provided for the following services:

- 2,400 rides for Taxi Scrip
- 4,300 rides for In-County Medical

- 8,625 rides for Meals on wheel
- 11,444 rides for Elderday
- 7,444 for the Winter Shelter Program
- 734 rides for Sam Day Medical

Additional discussion included:

- Whether Medical Same Day rides and Medical TDA will merge, and what will happen when the grant funds run out for Same Day rides
- Rationale for the reduction in Elderday rides
- Potential impacts of reduced Taxi Script allocations
- Request for more information and targets be provided on the Community Bridges quarterly reports

Action: The motion (Anjo/French) - - to recommend approval to the Commission for Community Bridges TDA Claim for \$626,572 - - carries.

Ayes: Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Clay Kempf, Hal Anjo, John Daugherty, Mike Molesky

Nays: None

Abstain: Lisa Berkowitz, Kirk Ance

19. Approve TDA Claim for Volunteer Center

Debbi Brooks provided an overview of the Volunteer Center Transportation Development Act Claim for \$74,592. The Volunteer Center fills the gap for other services that do not meet geographic or physical criteria for people who need rides to medical appointments, shopping, etc. The services are provided by volunteers who use their own vehicles, receive mileage reimbursement, and have their own insurance. The Volunteer Center provides secondary insurance. Changes from last year include more intensive service in Watsonville due to the addition of a new person providing more outreach in the Watsonville area.

Action: The motion (Daugherty/Kempf) - - to recommend approval to the Commission for the Volunteer Center TDA Claim for \$74,592 - - carries.

Ayes: Sally French, Clay Kempf, Hal Anjo, John Daugherty, Lisa Berkowitz, Kirk Ance

Nays:

Abstain: Debbi Brooks

20. Receive Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update

Hal Anjo said that the Pedestrian Safety Work Group continues work on the Pedestrian/Driver brochure. Mr. Anjo mentioned that he will work with designer Linda Levy at the Tannery to help develop and format the brochure. Karena Pushnik mentioned that the RTC will expend a maximum of \$500.00 toward printing of the brochures

21. Adjourn 3:37 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff