



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission**

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

**Regional Transportation Commission Office
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

1. **Call to Order** at 1:35 pm

2. **Introductions**

Members Present:

Donald Hagen, 4th District
Kirk Ance, CTSA Lift Line
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
Debbi Brooks, Soc. Serv. Provider-Persons of Limited Means
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Sally French, Soc. Serv. Provider-Disabled (HOPE)
Patti Shevlin, 1 District

Alternates Present:

April Warnock, Metro ParaCruz

Excused Absences:

Others Present:

Brent Gifford, Citizen
Leslyn Syren, Santa Cruz Metro

RTC Staff Present:

Grace Blakeslee
Karena Pushnik

3. **Oral Communications**

The following information was discussed or announced:

- Recognition of Les White as long time director of Santa Cruz Metro on cover of Headways
- Transit service to Big Basin State Park is available during the summer
- Santa Cruz Metro is providing free rides for youth during the summer
- Highway 17 Express connects to VTA Train 902 to provide service to the 49ers stadium
- Welcome Donald (Norm) Hagen as a member of the E&D TAC
- Introduction of Brent Gifford, citizen interested in serving as 1st District Alternate on E&D TAC

4. **Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda** - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The motion (French/Shevlin) - - to approve the consent agenda as amended - - carries.

Ayes: John Daugherty, Lisa Berkowitz, Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Kirk Ance, Clay Kempf, Veronica Elsea

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. Approved minutes from June 10, 2014 meeting
 - Amend draft minutes, Item #15: Correct Pedestrian Safely Workgroup to Pedestrian Safety Workgroup
6. Received Transportation Development Act (TDA) Revenues Report as of July 2014
7. Received RTC Highlights through June 2014
8. Received Calendar of E&D TAC Items
9. Receive Information Items
 - a. Letter from Santa Cruz County Taxi Commission – July 10, 2014
 - b. AARP Article, "Making Streets Safe", April 2014
 - c. Letter from California Council of the Blind Letter Regarding AB 1193
 - d. Highway 1/9 Intersection Improvement Initial Study, RTC Staff Comments
10. Received Agency Updates
 - a. Volunteer Center
 - b. Community Bridges (Consolidated Transportation Services Agency)
 - 3rd Quarter FY 13/14 TDA Report
 - c. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro)
 - April 2014 ParaCruz Report
 - Past Metro Reports
 - d. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
 - Passenger Rail Survey
 - e. Private Operators

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Reviewed Older Adult and Persons with Disabilities Fixed Route Discount Fare Program (AR- 1028)

Leslyn Syren, Santa Cruz Metro, presented proposed revisions to the Adult and Persons with Disabilities Fixed Route Discount Fare Program and associated application form. E&D TAC discussed additional contact information requested on the revised discount fare card application form and discount fare eligibility requirements. E&D TAC recommended removal of question related to use of a service animal on the revised application. E&D TAC discussed locations and hours for purchasing metro passes in Felton and Watsonville.

Action: The motion (Elsea/Ance) to recommend E&D TAC send a letter to the Santa Cruz Metro stating that the E&D TAC supports the revisions to the Older Adult and Persons with Disabilities Fixed Route Discount Fare Program as proposed by Santa Cruz Metro staff and removal of the question related to use of service animal on the revised application -- carries.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Lisa Berkowitz, Veronica Elsea, Patti Shevlin
Nays: None
Abstain: John Daugherty

12. Receive Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update and Draft Pedestrian and Motorist Brochure

Veronica Elsea presented the draft Pedestrian and Motorist Brochure. The E&D TAC considered comments received from Mission Pedestrian to add the word "marked" before the word "crossings" in the brochure. E&D TAC appreciated Hal Anjo for his leadership in designing the brochure.

Action: The motion (Elsea/French) to approve the draft Pedestrian and Motorist Brochure with the inclusion of the word "marked" before the word "crossings" in the brochure.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Patti Shevlin

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Veronica Elsea discussed next steps to print and distribute the Pedestrian and Motorist Brochure. E&D TAC discussed locations for distributing the brochure and outreach ideas.

Action: The motion (Daugherty/Berkowitz) to recommend that the RTC approve the Pedestrian and Motorist Brochure for printing and distribution.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Patti Shevlin

Nays: None

Abstain: None

13. View Proposed New Paratransit Vehicles

April Warnock, Santa Cruz Metro, described new paratransit vehicles under consideration for purchase by Santa Cruz Metro. E&D TAC viewed a van and a minivan under consideration.

Action: The motion (Elsea/Hagen) to recommend that E&D TAC send a letter to Santa Cruz Metro to recommend purchase of the proposed new paratransit vehicles.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Debbi Brooks, Sally French, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Patti Shevlin

Nays: None

Abstain: None

17. Adjourn 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Grace Blakeslee, RTC Staff