



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee
(Also serves as the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council)

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

1:30 – 3:30pm

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

In-Person Meeting

1101 Pacific Avenue, Suite 250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. Vice Chair Michael Pisano called the meeting to order at 1:34pm

Members Present

Patty Talbot, Social Services Provider – Seniors
Elizabeth Byrd, Social Services Provider – Seniors (County)
Stephanie Auld, Social Services Provider – Disabled (County)
Ares Wakamo, Social Services Provider – Persons of Limited Means
Jesus Bojorquez, CTSA Lift Line
Caroline Lamb, Potential Transit User (Disabled)
Katie Nunez, 4th District (Hernandez)

Members Remote, voting under Just Cause or Emergency

Michael Pisano, Vice Chair, Potential Transit User (60+)

Members Remote, not voting

Tara Ireland, Social Services Provider – Persons of Limited Means

Unexcused Absences

Phil Kipnis, 1st District
Portia Ramer, 5th District
Michael Bois, SCMTD (METRO)

RTC Staff Present

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner

Sierra Topp, Transportation Planning Technician
Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner
Riley Gerbrandt, Associate Transportation Engineer
Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner

Guests Present:

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola PW
Matt Saltzman, Ready Steady Transportation
Cameron Compton, County of Santa Cruz
Kelly Curlett, County of Santa Cruz
Raymon Cancino, Community Bridges

2. Introductions

3. Consider AB2449 request(s) to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances (a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person)

Michael Pisano, Vice Chair, is participating in the meeting remotely due to a family emergency

4. Oral communications

No oral communication.

5. Additions or deletions to the consent or regular agenda

No action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Received Information Items

- a. Ready Steady Transportation Services

7. Received RTC Meeting Highlights

8. Approved Minutes from April 8, 2025

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Consent Agenda, including approval of the meeting minutes, was not acted upon and will be continued to the next regular meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. FY 2025/26 Vision Zero Program TDA funding request

Committee Members Katie Nunez and Jesus Bojorquez arrived at the meeting.

Kelly Curlett, from the County of Santa Cruz, presented an overview of the Vision Zero program TDA funding request and answered questions from the Committee.

Committee members asked if the bicycle and pedestrian data used is based on per capita numbers. A request was made to include people in wheelchairs in presentations and marketing materials to raise awareness and highlight visibility. There was a request to endorse in favor of rail and trail to enhance safety for vulnerable users.

Motion (Auld/Lamb) to recommend that the RTC approve the County of Santa Cruz's 2025/26 TDA claim. The motion passed unanimously with committee members Michael Pisano, Stephanie Auld, Caroline Lamb, Patty Talbott, Elizabeth Byrd, Ares Wakamo, Katie Nunez, and Jesus Bojorquez voting "aye".

10. 41st Ave Multimodal Improvements and Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola Public Works, presented updates on the 41st Ave Multimodal Improvements and Pavements Rehabilitation Project. Committee members expressed concerns over the need for safer crossings, especially near the highway's on and off ramps.

No action taken.

11. Rural Highways Safety Plan Existing Conditions

Brianna Goodman, RTC Transportation Planner, reviewed the progress thus far on the Rural Highway Safety Plan project and presented the findings from the existing conditions assessment.

The committee provided comments regarding incorporating art and visuals to slow traffic and shared concerns over pedestrian crossings on Highway 1 to access beaches, cars safely re-entering the highway from parking spots, and a need for increased overhead lighting at crosswalks and bus stops on all rural highways.

No action taken.

12. 2025 Consolidated Call for Projects Process & Evaluation Criteria

Amy Naranjo, RTC Transportation Planner, reviewed with the committee the 2025 consolidated call for projects process & evaluation criteria. Ms. Naranjo requested feedback from the committee about the criteria and what the priorities should be for reviewing projects.

The committee asked if the criteria are being updated from a previous version or if it is brand new. Ms. Naranjo explained it is existing criteria being updated. To rank projects RTC staff will balance the weight of program benefits and project readiness.

Any additional comments or concerns on this process can be submitted to programming@sccrtc.org.

No action taken.

13. Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project Update

Riley Gerbrandt, RTC Associate Transportation Engineer, presented updates on the Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail project and requested feedback on station locations.

Committee members commented that the west side of the city of Santa Cruz needs reliable and permanent public transit service. Committee member Caroline Lamb noted that bus routes can change but a train would be permanent. Committee member Stephanie Auld commented that it is crucial to connect Santa Cruz County to inter-regional transit to access medical appointments, such as in San Jose.

Committee members noted resources that could help determine stops and amenities like Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH). CCAH connects medical facility representatives and people with disabilities to regional transit options.

Committee members also expressed a need for better marketing to show benefits of rail transit. A marketing plan could show benefits to individuals with disabilities, families, and other groups. The use of icons or avatar personas could show who will be using the rail line and be used for targeted outreach.

Lastly, there is a request to continue trying to reach people who are disabled and not able to as easily participate in public engagement. Committee members commented that project managers need to be exposed to voices who are unable to attend meeting and workshops.

No action taken.

14. Receive Program Updates

- a. Volunteer Center
- b. Community Bridges
- c. Santa Cruz Metro
- d. SCCRTC
 - i. Otter.ai
 - ii. Capitola Wharf
 - iii. Unmet Needs List
- e. Pedestrian Ad-hoc Subcommittee
 - i. Pedestrian Hazard Report

This item was moved to the next E&D TAC meeting on August 12, 2025 due to time constraints.

No action taken.

3:52 pm — Adjourn

The June E&D TAC meeting is cancelled.

Next meeting: 1:30 pm, August 12, 2025, located at the SCCRTC office at 1101 Pacific Ave, Suite 250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Visit www.sccrtc.org for updates.

Respectfully submitted, Sierra Topp, Transportation Planning Technician