



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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

1. Call to Order – 1:32 pm
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kirk Ance, CTSA, Community Bridges,
Lift Line
Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
Debbi Brooks, Social Service
Provider – Persons of Limited Means
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Sally French, Social Services Provider-
Disabled
Clay Kempf, Social Service Provider for
Seniors
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User

Alternates Present:

April Warnock, Metro ParaCruz

Excused Absences:

Unexcused Absences:

Michael Molesky, Social Service
Provider Disabled

Others Present:

Kari Beuerman
Kathy Digrazia, Caltrans
Raymon Cancino, CTSA/Community/
Bridges/Lift Line
Bertha Roman, Caltrans

RTC Staff Present:

Cory Caletti
Cathy Judd
Karena Pushnik

3. Oral Communications
 - Latest Metro's *Headways*, good through June 2016, now available including a large print edition
 - Updated Metro ParaCruz Customer Guide available, including a Spanish version, with E&D TAC listed as an official advisory body
 - Metro Forward Transit Plan flyer distributed. The goals are to establish strategies and programs designed to make the area's bus system more efficient and cost effective, and to increase the number of bus riders
 - Metro provides, at no charge, yellow securement straps. Contact Metro Accessible Service Coordinator, John Daugherty, for information
 - ParaCruz Report in the Metro Board packet will now be included on a quarterly basis
 - Regarding E&D TAC terms ending in 2015, applications were provided to affected members and alternates
 - An updated Draft *Guide to Specialized Transportation Services* in both English and Spanish were circulated for final review. Printed editions will be available for distribution before the December E&D TAC

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda
 - Handout - Review of strategies for cost management in paratransit services throughout the Country
 - Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network project status page and map hand-out for Agenda Item 14

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The motion (Ance/Berkowitz) to approve the Consent Agenda, Item 5, with a correction to the minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting for the Scotts Valley Transportation Development Act Claim (Item 16 in that agenda) that should state that having no audible pedestrian notification is unsafe for blind and visually-impaired pedestrians -- carries.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Pam Arnsberger, Lisa Berkowitz, Debbi Brooks, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Clay Kempf, Cara Lamb
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Action: The motion (Brooks/Kempf) to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6-12 -- carries.

Ayes: Kirk Ance, Pam Arnsberger, Lisa Berkowitz, Debbi Brooks, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Clay Kempf, Cara Lamb
Nays: None
Abstain: None

5. Approved minutes from August 11, 2015 meeting
6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
7. Received RTC meeting highlights
8. Received 08/19/15 letter from E&D TAC to Metro regarding Revisions to ParaCruz Customer Guide
9. Received CTC staff recommended Active Transportation Grant (subject to CTC Board approval on 10/27/15)
10. Received Information Item
11. Received Agency TDA Reports
12. Received Agency TDA Reports
 - a. Volunteer Center
 - b. Community Bridges
 - c. Santa Cruz Metro – September 25, 2015 packet

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Caltrans Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Upgrades to Local Highways

Kathy Digrazia and Bertha Roman, Caltrans District 5, discussed the planned pedestrian components on local highways in Santa Cruz County. Ms. Digrazia mentioned that based on a lawsuit the State (Caltrans) is upgrading pedestrian crossing devices, and installing accessible push button pedestrian systems. All projects

must meet ADA compliance. Anytime there is a pavement rehabilitation or compliance project they must bring the pedestrian facilities up to ADA pedestrian compliance. Ms. Roman stated that curb ramps and pedestrian push button compliance projects will begin November 3rd.

Veronica Elsea reminded members to go on the Caltrans ADA site to log complaints and grievances, which are Caltrans first priority.

Members were assured that Caltrans will follow guidelines for pedestrian safety in construction zones and were informed that at times Caltrans does temporary construction accessibility for special cases.

Members asked if information regarding how and when Caltrans receives pedestrian injury and fatalities data and if these statistics are available. Karena Pushnik suggested that there could be a demonstration of UC Berkeley's Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) at a future E&D TAC meeting. (More information is available here: <http://tims.berkeley.edu/>)

Members also asked for the best way to highlight pedestrian needs and Ms. Digrazia recommended writing a letter to Caltrans and they will investigate to determine safety issues and ADA compliance.

15. Class IV Bikeways (*this item was taken out of order*)

Veronica Elsea, E&D TAC Chair, explained the process for establishing statewide Class IV bikeways mentioning that Caltrans invited people to a summit to provide design input. Ms. Elsea is on the subcommittee to respond to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines saying that Caltrans expects to have a plan in place by January 1, 2016. Ms Elsea wants to make sure that accessibility components are not afterthoughts, specifically how to traverse bikeways to get to bus stops. She doesn't feel that she has seen good designs yet, and that individuals with accessibility needs are not feeling like they are being heard. There are no specific guidelines yet to protect individuals to get through bikeways.

Ms. Elsea said that all input is due by December 31 and she will come back to the E&D TAC when the guidelines are drafted. Ms. Elsea also stated that she will not advocate for the safety of one group at the expense of another group. She returns to the subcommittee in Sacramento on November 6.

14. Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Update (*this item was taken out of order*)

Cory Caletti, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail (MBSST) project and explained projects underway comprising about 25% of the trail sections on the rail line. Ms. Caletti also reviewed the new MBSST fact sheet and background information.

Members asked:

- What the E&D TAC can contribute to help move this project along
- How this project might impact Highway 1

Other discussion included member appreciation for the multi-modal approach and the health benefits of using trails.

16. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update

Veronica Elsea, Pedestrian Safety Work Group Chair said that distribution of the brochure for *What Pedestrians and Motorists Want Each Other to Know* continues and

that the next project for this committee is a brochure for *What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know*.

Ms. Elsea mentioned that the Pedestrian Safety Work Group is looking for another member with the next meeting scheduled for 10:00 am on October 21, 2015 in the RTC Conference Room.

17. Adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff