



**Santa Cruz County  
Regional Transportation Commission**

**Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**

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**Minutes – Draft**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 1:30 p.m.**

**Regional Transportation Commission, 1523 Pacific Ave, Santa Cruz**

1. **Call to Order** at 1:37 pm
2. **Introductions**

***Members Present:***

Hal Anjo, Potential Bus Rider  
Kirk Ance, CTSA Lift Line  
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA (Community Bridges)  
Debbi Brooks, Volunteer Center  
John Daugherty, Metro Transit  
Clay Kempf, Social Services Provider  
Patti Lou Shevlin, 1<sup>st</sup> District

***Excused Absences:***

Veronica Elsea, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Sally French, Soc. Serv. Prov.-Disabled (Hope Services)  
Michael Molesky, Social Services

***Others Present:***

Debbie Smith, Funeral Consumer Alliance, Monterey Bay  
Jack Sohriakoff, County Public Works

***RTC Staff Present:***

Cathy Judd  
Karena Pushnik

***Alternates Present:*** None

3. **Oral Communications**

Lisa Berkowitz announced the annual coin drive for Meals-on-Wheels taking place through the end of February and said that donations can be made at Bay Federal Credit Union.

Clay Kempf announced the 2nd workshop on *How to Hire and Manage a Caregiver* at Innerlight Church, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm.

Debbie Smith, Funeral Consumer Alliance of Monterey Bay, provided a brochure for education on keeping the cost of dying down. Ms. Smith provided her phone number for further information.

John Daugherty said that Metro Board received a petition from over 100 La Posada residents along with a letter from Supervisor/Commissioner Coonerty regarding restoration of bus service on Frederick Street in the City of Santa Cruz. Karena Pushnik noted that the link to this item in the board packet was emailed to E&D TAC.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

John Daugherty read Veronica Elsea's response to the County Elections Department.

### CONSENT AGENDA

*Action: The motion (Anjo/Shevlin) - - to approve the consent agenda - - carries unanimously.*

5. Approved Minutes from Jan 2013 meeting
6. Receive Transportation Development Act (TDA) Revenues Report as of Jan 2013
7. Received RTC Highlights Through Jan 2013
8. Received summary of Pedestrian Hazard Reports
9. Received current E&D TAC Roster
10. Received E&D TAC Letter to County Elections dated 12/12/2012
11. Received Santa Cruz County Elections Response Letter dated 1/16/13
12. Information Items (links provided, hard copy circulated at meeting)
  - a. Seniors Drive Infrastructure Spending 1/30/13 article in Mass Transit magazine
13. Received Agency Updates
  - a. Volunteer Center
  - b. Community Bridges serving as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report for FY 2012-13 Transportation Development Act Report
  - c. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Metro)
    - ParaCruz Operations Status Report: Jan 2013
    - Accessible Services Report: Jan 2013
    - Past Metro Reports
  - d. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
  - e. Private Operators

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 14. Select Section 5310 Grant Application review committee

Karena Pushnik provided background about funding available from federal grant sources to serve accessible transportation needs saying funding is available from Section 5310: Elderly & Disabled Specialized Transportation for the purchase of specialized transportation vehicles and related equipment. Ms. Pushnik said that grant applications are due March 11, 2012 to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and must be approved by the Commission at its May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and forwarded to Caltrans by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Pushnik solicited volunteers to help score the applications. Members Hal Anjo and Clay Kempf agreed to assist.

John Daugherty will solicit Metro and the County Commission on Disabilities for volunteers and will inform Ms. Pushnik.

### 15. Accept Aptos Village Plan Accessibility and Design Features

Jack Sohriakoff, County Public Works, provided background of the Aptos Village Plan accessibility and design features saying that the county was appreciative of the E&D TAC's support at the January 15, 2013 meeting of the Aptos Village Plan in the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) with the inclusion of accessible sidewalks.

Mr. Sohriakoff pointed out ADA and other features of the various design plans of the project showing streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and other features of the Aptos Village including:

- Parade Street at Soquel Drive
- Aptos Creek Road
- Trout Gulch Road
- Sidewalks and access ramps
- Additional traffic signals
- Moving existing crosswalk
- Moving inbound bus stop across street from outbound stop closer to Bay Federal
- All ADA standard sidewalk/bus stop improvements

Members asked:

- What prompted this project?

Mr. Sohriakoff said that the project has been on the books since 1991 and Barry Swenson Builders has been working on it for 10 years.

- Has the County met with Village merchants?

Mr. Sohriakoff said that the County has met with Village merchants several times.

- Does the County have to mitigate impacts to businesses?

Mr. Sohriakoff said definitely.

- What entity makes decisions about railroad crossings?

Mr. Sohriakoff said that Iowa Pacific and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) make the decisions about railroad crossings.

- When will construction start?

Mr. Sohriakoff said that the County is still lining up funding, and that PUC applications will take 12 months.

Mr. Sohriakoff said that the Aptos Village Plan is available for viewing on the County Planning Department website and that the County portion is \$3.3 million for improvements.

16. Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update

- a. Letter from Pedestrian Safety Work Group to Realtors Association dated 1/18/13

John Daugherty said that the Pedestrian Safety Work Group sent a letter to the Realtors Association regarding placement of their sidewalk signs. Mr. Daugherty mentioned that the group has been working to inform property owners of their responsibility for sidewalk maintenance/safety and they have revised a set of FAQ's which will eventually be posted on the RTC website.

17. Next meetings: Karena noted that the next meeting will be April 9 at the RTC and the June meeting will be at a mid or south county location

18. Adjourn – 3:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Judd, RTC Staff