



## Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

### Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

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#### Minutes – Draft

Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

**Regional Transportation Commission Office  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

1. **Call to Order** at 1:32 pm
2. **Introductions**

***Members Present:***

Kirk Ance, CTSA Lift Line  
Hal Anjo, Potential Bus Rider  
John Daugherty, Metro Transit  
Veronica Elsea, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Sally French, Soc. Serv. Provider-Disabled  
(HOPE)  
Mike Molesky, Social Service Provider Disabled  
Patti Lou Shevlin, 1<sup>st</sup> District

***Alternates Present:***

Bonnie Mc Donald, Community Bridges  
April Warnock, Metro ParaCruz

***Excused Absences:***

Sharon Barbour, 5<sup>th</sup> District

***Unexcused Absences:***

Debbi Brooks, Volunteer Center  
Clay Kempf, Social Services Provider

***RTC Staff Present:***

Grace Blakeslee  
Ginger Dykaar  
Cathy Judd  
Karena Pushnik

3. **Oral Communications**

John Daugherty announced the passing of Dennis "Pop" Papadopulo. Mr. Daugherty said that Metro would present a resolution at its meeting on September 27 to recognize Mr. Papadopulo for his service to Metro.

Veronica Elsea announced her recent appointment to the Caltrans Accessibility Committee. The committee meets 4 times per year and she will provide committee meeting information to members.

Karena Pushnik announced that the RTC is hosting a La Fonda Bridge re-opening event on Saturday, August 24 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and invited all to attend. The new bridge includes improved sidewalks and bike lanes. Ms. Pushnik said that the RTC would send an eNews announcement about the event.

Ms. Pushnik mentioned that links are included in the agenda for Item 9, Information Items and that hard copies are being circulated at the meeting. Ms. Pushnik reminded members that comments on the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan are due to AMBAG by August 21.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Action: The motion (Elsa/Daugherty) - - to approve the consent agenda as corrected- - carries unanimously.*

5. Approved minutes from June 11, 2013 meeting – John Daugherty asked for a spelling correction to Item 3, Oral Communications, correcting the spelling of Bob Lagaugh to Bob McGau.
6. Received Transportation Development Act (TDA) Revenues Report as of Aug 2013
7. Received RTC Highlight through June 2012
8. Received 07/02/13 Letters to John Daugherty and Veronica Elsa expressing appreciation for their service as E&D TAC Chair and Vice Chair
9. Received Information Items:
  - a. Mass Transit article titled “Paratransit Made Efficient” 07/11/13
  - b. Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Plan – Comments due to AMBAG by 08/21/13
10. Received Agency Updates
  - a. Volunteer Center
    - FY 2012-13: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and Year End TDA Report
  - b. Community Bridges serving as the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
    - FY 2012-13: Revised 1st Quarter TDA Report
    - FY 2012-13: 2nd Quarter TDA Report
    - FY 2012-13: 3rd Quarter TDA Report
  - c. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
    - ParaCruz Report
    - Mobility Management Report
    - Short Range Transit Plan materials
    - Past Metro Report
  - d. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
  - e. Private Operators

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

11. Review Final Draft of Constrained Project List for RTP

Ginger Dykaar, RTC Transportation Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Review Final Draft of Constrained Project List for 2014 update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Ms. Dykaar provided information on the transportation investment that will be considered for the first priority or “Constrained” Project List as part of the scenario planning for the 2014 RTP and three-county 2014 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Final Draft of the Constrained Project List will be presented to the Commission for approval at its August 15 Transportation Policy Workshop meeting in Watsonville. Ms. Dykaar provided detailed information about the projects in the preferred scenario.

Ms. Dykaar said the next steps are:

- September 2013 – AMBAG Board will consider approving the preferred scenario, which will determine the transportation projects on the “constrained” list that will be evaluated in the program-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the MTP/RTP. RTC staff will bring the final RTP project list to the RTC at the September Transportation Policy Workshop
- February 2014 – The draft RTP, MTP and EIR released for public review
- June 2014 – Final RTP approved by the RTC and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)/MTP approved by AMBAG

Member discussion included:

- Where audible and visual pedestrian signals fit into the pedestrian portion of the final scenario including updating audible and count-down signals at street crossings
- The need for safer intersection crossings
- How road rehabilitation also addresses pedestrian issues
- Whether sidewalk issues, not addressed in this planning scenario, will be considered

Veronica Elsea thanked Ms. Dykaar and the RTC staff for their outreach effort to solicit input from the community and to reflect the needs of the community.

Ms. Dykaar said she would come back to E&D TAC with the draft plan before the plan is final.

## 12. Review Complete Streets Guidebook

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, provided a Power Point presentation on the Draft Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook. The Guidebook serves as a resource for local jurisdictions and project sponsors as a regional approach to reducing vehicle miles traveled and green house gas emissions. Ms. Blakeslee is requesting E&D TAC provide input on the Guidebook and requests that the committee recommend that the RTC adopt the Guidebook.

Guidebook:

- Outlines a strategy for transitioning auto oriented streets to complete street particularly in areas that have been identified for growth and more intensified use
- Goals were established on input from local jurisdictions, the public and stakeholders during the development of draft regional transportation plan goals and policies
- The Guidebook is designed to be adopted in full or in part by local jurisdictions and regional agencies to guide the planning and design of streets
- RTC and other regional transportation planning agency staff would like to provide opportunities for project sponsors and committee members to exchange ideas and learn about techniques and skills that support implementation of complete street

Member discussion included:

- Speed limits associated with different street designation, i.e. street, boulevard, etc
- Removal of non-native plants and/or the debris they produce
- Street furniture
- Neighborhood shared streets
- Intersections safety

The next steps:

- August - input from the public on the draft guidebook via email notification
- September – AMBAG to accept Final Monterey Bay Area Guidebook and incorporate into sustainable communities strategy

- Fall/Winter – RTC staff works with Project sponsors to provide training opportunities to support implementation of the guidebook
- Ongoing \_ RTC staff works with local jurisdictions to adopt the guidebook, all or in part, to support implementation of complete streets

*Action: The motion (Elsea/Daugherty) - - to approve the Draft Monterey Bay Area Complete Streets Guidebook in its current form - - carries unanimously.*

### 13. Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update

Veronica Elsea, Pedestrian Safety Work Group Chair, announced that the new in-bus signs, in English and Spanish, are on all fixed route buses and ParaCruz vehicles. The signs encourage riders to report pedestrian and bicycle hazards via the RTC's online Hazard Report.

Ms. Elsea mentioned that the final draft of the Pedestrian/Motorists brochure will be discussed at the August 28 (*rescheduled to Sept 10*) meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Work Group.

Ms. Elsea said that she provided input for the update of the CTSA document regarding pedestrian safety in construction areas.

Karena Pushnik mentioned that Theresia Rogerson could attend an upcoming meeting of the E&D TAC to discuss that document.

FAQ's for sidewalk maintenance will be discussed at a future meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Work Group.

### 14. Transit Service to La Posada

Karena Pushnik, RTC Transportation Planner, informed members that the Metro Transit Board took action at its June 14 meeting regarding reinstatement of fixed route service to La Posada. Ms. Pushnik said that Metro opted to reinstate fixed route service to the La Posada/Gault Street neighborhood area for a one year trial basis contingent upon receipt of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds received in excess of the auditor/controller projections. The RTC will consider decisions about the TDA fund surplus at their October meeting when they take action on the RTC's revised budget.

### 15. Adjourn 3:27pm

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Judd, RTC Staff