



**Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission**

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

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

1. Call to Order – 1:35 pm
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kirk Ance, CTSA, Community Bridges,
Lift Line
Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Sally French, Social Services Provider-
Disabled
Brent Gifford, 1st District
Clay Kempf, Social Service Provider for
Seniors
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User

Alternates Present:

April Warnock, Metro ParaCruz

Excused Absences:

Debbi Brooks, Social Service
Provider – Persons of Limited Means

Unexcused Absences:

Michael Molesky, Social Service
Provider Disabled

Others Present:

Claire Fliesler, City of Santa Cruz
Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley
Leslyn Syren, Metro

RTC Staff Present:

Cathy Judd
Rachel Moriconi

3. Oral Communications
 - Pam Arnsberger will email a summary document to Karena Pushnik to add to the October E&D TAC meeting agenda regarding paratransit use around the country.
 - Claire Fliesler thanked committee members for support letter for Bay Street Sidewalk Completion Grant application.
4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The motion (Berkowitz/Ance) carries -- to approve the consent agenda.

*Ayes: Kirk Ance, Lisa Berkowitz, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Brent Gifford, Clay Kempf,
Cara Lamb*

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. Approved minutes from June 9, 2015 meeting

6. Received 6/18/15 letter from E&D TAC to Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District regarding Structural Deficit
7. Received letter from E&D TAC to City of Santa Cruz supporting Bay Street Sidewalk Completion Grant application
8. Recommended that RTC approve changes for First District Representative (Patti Shevlin to Brent Gifford)
9. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
10. Received RTC meeting highlights
11. Received Information Item
 - a. Article: Role of Transportation for Older Adults
 - b. Article: Volunteer Senior Ride
12. Received Agency TDA Reports
 - a. Volunteer Center – 3rd Quarter FY 14/15
 - b. Community Bridges – 3rd Quarter FY 14/15
13. Received Agency Updates
 - a. Volunteer Center
 - b. Community Bridges
 - c. Santa Cruz Metro – June 26, 2015 packet

REGULAR AGENDA

14. Active Transportation Plan – Claire Fliesler, City of Santa Cruz, provided background on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for the City of Santa. The Active Transportation Plan is optional; however, elements align with the current funding program, include and expand on the requirements of the Bicycle Transportation Plan, and can serve as a tool to implement components of the City's General Plan and Climate Action Plan. Public outreach is scheduled for August and September 2015. A stakeholder group of active transportation users and advocates will meet regularly to provide input on specific components.

Ms. Fliesler asked members to share information about the Active Transportation Plan providing a short statement and/or forwarding the link to the City's webpage; www.cityofsantacruz.com/activetransportation for the plan, where comments may be submitted.
15. Revisions to ParaCruz Customer Guide – April Warnock, METRO, discussed the Draft METRO ParaCruz Customer Guide approved by the METRO board that includes changes for efficiencies and alignment to METRO fixed route service.
Discussion included:
 - Opposition to wording in the Draft METRO ParaCruz Customer Guide that refers to door-to-curb service as it raises concerns about the safety of individuals with cognitive impairments. Members would like to make sure that door-to-door service be maintained and stated in the Draft METRO ParaCruz Customer Guide
 - Include a sentence for clarity to the 'Will-Call Returns' information to let riders know that re-dispatching rides will cost \$16.00
 - Include in the Draft METRO ParaCruz Customer Guide that the E&D TAC be included as an Advisory body to METRO
 - Add information that guest fares will cost the same as the fee for the rider
 - Concerns about no-shows and/or re-dispatching a ride and the ability of the rider to pay the fee without prior information regarding the fee

Action: The motion (Kempf/Arnsberger) carries -- for the E&D TAC to write a letter in opposition of door-to-curb service in the Draft METRO ParaCruz Customer Guide and request that METRO ParaCruz maintain door-to-door service.

Ayes: Lisa Berkowitz, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Brent Gifford, Clay Kempf, Cara Lamb

Nays: None

Abstain: Kirk Ance, April Warnock

Action: The motion (Berkowitz/Lamb) carries -- to approve the Draft METRO ParaCruz Customer Guide as presented with recommended changes to include:

- Fare information in the 'Quick Guide' for re-dispatching rides*
- Adding the E&D TAC as an advisory committee to METRO ParaCruz*
- Fee information for guest fares*

Ayes: Lisa Berkowitz, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Brent Gifford, Clay Kempf, Cara Lamb

Nays: None

Abstain: April Warnock

16. Scotts Valley Transportation Development Act Claim – Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley Public Works discussed the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim for the City of Scotts Valley to install rectangular rapid flashing beacon style crosswalks at three heavily traveled unprotected locations in Scotts Valley:

- 241 Kings Village Road
- 8 Bean Creek Road
- 151 Vine Hill School Road

Members discussed that a speech message alone is unsafe for unsighted pedestrians and not sufficient for ambient sounds near the crosswalks.

Action: The motion (Gifford/Ance) carries -- for the E&D TAC to approve the TDA claim for the City of Scott Valley contingent upon adding recommended modifications for audible accessible pedestrian component beacons at all three locations.

Ayes: Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Brent Gifford, Clay Kempf, Cara Lamb

Nays: None

Abstain: None

17. Update Guide for Specialized Transportation – Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Planner, discussed the update for the 'Guide to Specialized Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities'. RTC staff is working on updates and requested update information to complete this project and requested that information be submitted within a week. Members requested that the font size be increased for ease of use.

18. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update – Veronica Elsea, Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Chair mentioned that the group is continuing distribution of the brochure 'What Pedestrian and Motorists Want Each Other to Know'. The group is in the early stages working on a draft brochure for 'What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know'. Ms. Elsea mentioned that there is still a vacancy on the workgroup. The next meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup is on September 8 at 10:00 am in the RTC conference room.

19. Adjourned at 3:48 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff