



**Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission**

**Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**

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**Draft Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 08, 2015**

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

1 Call to Order: 1:32 pm

2. Introductions

***Members Present:***

Pam Arnsberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA  
John Daugherty, Metro Transit  
Veronica Elsea, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Sally French, Social Services Provider- Disabled  
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User

***Alternates Present:***

Brent Gifford, 1st District  
Laura Diaz, Community Bridges, Lift Line  
Patty Talbott, Senior Services Provider

***RTC Staff Present:***

Grace Blakeslee  
George Dondero  
Ginger Dykaar  
Cathy Judd  
Rachel Moriconi

***Excused Absences:***

Debbi Brooks, Social Service Provider- Persons  
of Limited Means

***Unexcused Absences:***

Michael Molesky, Social Service Provider  
Disabled  
Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit User Disabled

***Others Present:***

Raymon Cancino, Community Bridges  
Daniel L Zaragoza, SCMTD

3. Oral Communications

- Metro Headways available in large print
- Metro offers free stoke securement straps upon request
- Metro is revising its bylaws and will change the frequency of its meetings which will affect how items are added to Metro Board and committee agendas

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda

- Move Item 10, 2016 Transportation Ballot Measure-Expenditure Plan Update from the Consent Agenda to Item 14a on the Regular Agenda
- Add on pages provided for Item 8, E&D TAC Member Reappointments, and Item 14a, 2016 Transportation Ballot Measure-Expenditure Plan Update

## CONSENT AGENDA

*Action: The motion (Arnsberger/Daugherty) - - to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015, E&D TAC meeting - - carries.*

*Ayes: Pam Arnsberger, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Cara Lamb, Brent Gifford, Laura Diaz, Patty Talbott*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Action: The motion (Daugherty/Lamb) - - to approve the consent agenda Items 6 through 13, moving Item 10 from the Consent Agenda to Item 14a on the Regular Agenda - - carries.*

*Ayes: Pam Arnsberger, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Cara Lamb, Brent Gifford, Laura Diaz, Patty Talbott*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: None*

5. Approved minutes from October 13, 2015 meeting
6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
7. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
8. Recommend RTC Approve E&D TAC Member Reappointments
9. Received Information Regarding the Highway 1 Project – Tier I and Tier II Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment
11. Received Information Items
  - a. Letter on October 23, 2015 from E&D TAC to City of Watsonville Regarding Support for Funding City of Watsonville Complete Streets Plan
12. Received Agency TDA Reports
  - a. CTSA FY14-15 Final Report
  - b. Volunteer Center FY14/15 Final Report
  - c. Volunteer Center FY 15/16 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report
13. Received Agency Updates
  - a. Santa Cruz Metro
    - i. ParaCruz Report for August & September 2015
    - ii. Accessible Service Report for July, August & September 2015

## REGULAR AGENDA

- 14a. Received November 2016 Transportation Ballot Measure-Expenditure Plan Update (**moved from the Consent Agenda**)

George Dondero, RTC Executive Director discussed the November 2016 Transportation Ballot Measure-Expenditure Plan Development. At the December 3, 2015 meeting, the Regional Transportation Commission approved a Transportation Expenditure Plan for a ½ cent sales tax measure for the November 2016 ballot, including percentages of revenues for five transportation

investment categories: Neighborhood Projects, Highway Corridors, Mobility Access, Active Transportation, and Rail Corridor.

Members discussed:

- How funds are apportioned to Metro
- How Metro will decide how funds are used
- If TDA funds would be freed up to apply to paratransit
- How and when the E&D TAC could express input/provide comment
- Invite Metro to the February E&D TAC meeting to discuss the Expenditure Plan

14b. Provided Input on Draft 2016 State and Federal Legislative Programs

Rachel Moriconi, Senior RTC Transportation Planner discussed the Draft 2016 State and Federal Legislative Programs and reported on Fixing Americas Surface Transportation, FAST Act. E&D TAC members were asked to provide input on Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Draft 2016 State and Federal Legislative Programs and identify any legislative issues or shortfalls in funding that the RTC should pursue or monitor in 2016. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is schedule to approve the Legislative Programs in early 2016.

15. Received Rail Transit Feasibility Study – Final Report

Rachel Moriconi, Senior RTC Transportation Planner discussed the Rail Transit Feasibility Study – Final Report. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) was awarded a transit planning grant to analyze rail transit service along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line. The study included cost, ridership, and funding information for a range of public transit service scenarios within the most populated sections of the rail corridor. Based on comments received on the draft study, the study was updated to provide clarification and additional information on several topics.

16. Provided Input on 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Ginger Dykaar, RTC Transportation Planner discussed the 2040 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is responsible for developing the Regional Transportation Plan for Santa Cruz County. The next RTP will be a minor update to the 2014 RTP and is planned for adoption in June 2018 in coordination with AMBAG and the 2040 MTP/SCS. RTC staff requests input from Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) on the draft goals, policies and targets for the 2040 RTP. RTC staff request that the E&D TAC review the 2014 RTP project list for which at least 10% of the estimated project cost related to pedestrian, transit, or paratransit and provide new project ideas for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan. Comments are due to Ms. Dykaar by December 22 and she will come back to the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) in February.

Members offered:

- That they would like to see an option included in public transportation of the need for riders to carry groceries or packages on the bus
- If there would be an upgrade or change to parking facilities due to changes in how people drive
- To include a county-wide policy to increase awareness of accessible components (pedestrian beacons, etc.) considered during construction

17. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update

Veronica Elsea, Chair for the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup mentioned that the committee continues its work on *What Bicyclists and Pedestrians Want Each Other to Know* brochure. The Committee will be working with the Bicycle Advisory Committee on input for this brochure. The Workgroup also continues plans for distribution options for *What Pedestrian and Motorists Want Each Other to Know* brochure. The next meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup is Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the RTC conference room. Ms. Elsea continues her representation of the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) for the Active

Transportation Plan Committee for the City of Santa Cruz, and the State Caltrans Accessibility Committee and the Class IV Bikeways Design Committee. Ms. Elsea mentioned that this Committee has a vacancy and encourages members to consider attending the next meeting.

18. Adjourn 3:20 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff

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