



# Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

## Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

---

### Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

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

1 Call to Order: 1:31 pm

2. Introductions

***Members Present:***

Kirk Ance, Community Bridges/Lift Line  
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA  
Debbi Brooks, Social Service Provider- Persons  
of Limited Means  
John Daugherty, Metro Transit  
Veronica Elsea, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

***RTC Staff Present:***

Grace Blakeslee  
Ginger Dykaar  
Cathy Judd  
Karena Pushnik

***Excused Absences:***

***Unexcused Absences:***

Pam Arnsberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Michael Molesky, Social Service Provider  
Disabled  
Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit User Disabled

***Others Present:***

Ciro Aquirre, Metro  
Lori Welch Bettencourt  
Tom Duncanson  
Paul Elerick  
Juan Jaimez, UCSC Student  
Eduardo Montesino, SMART/UTU 23  
Ernestina Saldana  
Leslyn Syren, Metro  
Veronica Torres, UCSC Student  
Daniel L Zaragoza, Metro

3. Oral Communications

- The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Trivia Challenge benefitting Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County Senior Programs will take place on Friday, February 26, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 307 Church Street, Santa Cruz
- Due to legal matters the Caltrans Accessibility Committee is on hold

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda

- Add on pages for Item 16 Transportation Expenditure Plan – Mobility Access Funding Category
- Remove Item 8 Approve Appointment of Alya Ross as 4<sup>th</sup> District E&D TAC Committee Member

## CONSENT AGENDA

*Action: The motion (Berkowitz/Lamb) - - to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015, E&D TAC meeting with a correction to Item 3 Oral Communications 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point to read Metro is revising bylaws for the Metro Advisory Committee (MAC) - - carries.*

*Ayes: Lisa Berkowitz, Debbi Brooks, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Cara Lamb*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: Kirk Ance, Clay Kempf*

*Action: The motion (Daugherty/Brooks) - - to approve the consent agenda Items 6 through 13, removing Item 8 from the Consent Agenda - - carries.*

*Ayes: Kirk Ance, Lisa Berkowitz, Debbi Brooks, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Sally French, Clay Kempf, Cara Lamb*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: None*

5. Approved Minutes from December 8, 2015
6. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
7. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues
8. Approved Appointment of Alya Ross as 4<sup>th</sup> District E&D TAC Committee Member
9. 2016 E&D TAC Roster
10. FY16/17 TDA Claims Funding Cycle Calendar
11. Received Information Items
  - a. Nation Council on Disability November 2015 - Self Driving Car Report Executive Summary, full report available:  
[https://www.ncd.gov/sites/default/files/NCD\\_AutomatedVehiclesReport\\_508-PDF](https://www.ncd.gov/sites/default/files/NCD_AutomatedVehiclesReport_508-PDF)
12. Received Agency TDA Reports
  - a. Volunteer Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY15-16 TDA Report
  - b. Community Bridges – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 15-16 TDA Report
  - c. Santa Cruz Metro
13. Received Agency Updates
  - a. Volunteer Center
  - b. Community Bridges
  - c. Santa Cruz Metro
    - i. ParaCruz Report
    - ii. SCMTD Board Items

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 14. E&D TAC Committee Report 2012-2015

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, requested members provide input on the draft report, direct RTC staff to present the final Committee Report 2012-2015 to the RTC and, recommend locations for distributing the Committee Report 2012-2015. Committee members recommend additions to the Committee Report to reflect tasks completed by the Pedestrian Safety Work Group, the E&D TAC review of Transportation Development Act Claims, and to include links to documents developed by the Pedestrian Safety Work Group. Committee Members recommended distributing the report to libraries and the Community Safety Traffic Coalition.

### 15. Review 2016 Preliminary Draft Unmet Needs

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, discussed the Preliminary Draft 2016 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list and schedule for development and approval of the final 2016 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list. Ms. Blakeslee reported that a comprehensive update of the Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list was completed in 2015. Mr. Kemp requested that a need for free and low cost paratransit and transit rides be listed as an unmet need.

### 16. Transportation Expenditure Plan – Mobility Access Funding Category

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner provided information about the November 2016 Transportation Investment Plan – Mobility Access Category of the ballot measure.

Members discussed the:

- intent of the Mobility Access Category
- voter support for transportation solutions for seniors, disabled individuals, and veterans
- Santa Cruz Metro Board of Directors action regarding expenditure of the potential new funding source
- transportation services provided by ParaCruz and Lift Line to seniors and people living with disabilities
- alternative allocations of funding to Santa Cruz Metro and Lift Line
- role of paratransit and transit services working together to meet the transportation needs of seniors and disabled individuals
- possibility of Santa Cruz Metro addressing structural deficit by reducing service for fixed route and ParaCruz services
- obligation to the community to be clear about the use of any new funding sources and delivery of expected transportation services
- funding for improvements to the highway corridor and other transportation needs
- endorsements and stipulations for the Investment Plan received from Capitola City Council and various other entities
- timing of information for the ballot measure provided to E&D TAC
- calling a special meeting of the E&D TAC if new information about the ballot measure needs to be relayed to the E&D TAC

### 17. Santa Cruz Metro Title VI Program Report

Leslyn Syren, Santa Cruz Metro Legal Counsel, provided an update on the Santa Cruz Metro Title VI Program. Metro is considering modification to the Title VI Regulation and Title VI Program Report. The Title VI Program Report is on Santa Cruz Metro's website and available for public inspection at Metro's Administrative Offices, 110 Vernon Street from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Mon.-Fri. through March 25, 2016. Metro's Board of Directors will consider adoption of the proposed Title VI Programs Report at the Public Hearing on March 25, 2016.

18. Transit Planning for All Grant Application

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner discussed the Transit Planning for All: Inclusive Planning Impact Grant and requested that the E&D TAC provide input on outreach to seniors and people living with disabilities in rural areas of Santa Cruz County.

19. Pedestrian Safety Work Group Update

Veronica Elsea, Pedestrian Safety Work Group Chair, informed members that the Committee continues its work on the brochure, 'What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know'. Ms. Elsea mentioned that she experienced difficulty using the online pedestrian hazard "Pin Drop" feature. The next meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Work Group is February 16, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in the RTC conference room.

20. 2016 E&D TAC Meeting Schedule

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, discussed the E&D TAC 2016 Meeting Schedule and meeting topics. The 2016 Meeting Schedule identifies a September 6, 2016 meeting and canceling the regular August 9, 2016 meeting. Ms. Elsea requested the addition of a May 10, 2016 meeting to discuss Santa Cruz Metro's proposed changes to transit service. Ms Elsea also requested the option of a special meeting prior to the regularly scheduled April 12, 2016 meeting if new information about the Transportation Investment Plan is available. Mr. Kemp requested that the RTC Legislative Program be added to the list of meeting topics.

*Action: The motion (Lamb/Kempf) - - to approve the 2016 E&D TAC calendar, to schedule a special May 2016 meeting of the E&D TAC, request that Santa Cruz Metro come to present proposed transit service changes on May 10, 2016 at public meeting of the E&D TAC, and maintain the option to schedule a special meeting, if needed, prior to the April 12, 2016 meeting- - carries.*

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

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: None*

21. Notice Chair and Vice Chair Election at April Meeting

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, reminded members that election for Chair and Vice-Chair of the E&D TAC will be held at the April 12, 2016 meeting of the E&D TAC.

22. Adjourn 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff