



**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's  
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee  
Social Service Transportation Advisory Council  
Paratransit Advisory Council Meeting**

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**MINUTES - Final**

Thursday, February 9, 2010

**1. Call to Order**

John Daugherty called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm

**2. Introductions**

**Members Present:**

Hal Anjo, Social Service Provider-Seniors (County)  
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA-Community Bridges  
Sharon Barbour, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
John Daugherty, Metro  
Veronica Elsea, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Sally French, Social Service Provider -Disabled (Hope Services)  
Clay Kempf, Seniors Council  
Mike Molesky, Social Service Provider - Disabled  
Catherine Patterson Valdez, Community Bridges

**Alternates Present**

Sandra Coley, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
April Warnock, Metro

**Excused Absences:**

Debbi Brooks, Volunteer Center  
Tom Crain, Potential Transit User (Disabled)

**Others Present:**

Charlie Dixon  
Harlan Glatt, Metro  
MaryLou Goeke, United Way  
Theresia Rogerson, County Health Services, CTSC  
Majid Yamin, City of Scotts Valley

**Staff Present:**

Cory Caletti  
Cathy Judd  
Karena Pushnik

**3. Oral Communications**

Cory Caletti presented the draft online version of the Hazard Report Form for both bicycle and pedestrian hazards. She requested feedback from E&D TAC members by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. She pointed out the features of the form including the ability to insert a picture. Cory said that the second phase could include monitoring feedback from the local jurisdictions and informing members of the public on actions taken. She addressed the RTC's role as a clearinghouse for the hazard reports saying that often individuals are confused about the location of the hazard... The RTC facilitates this reporting process so that the complaint is submitted to the correct department, jurisdiction or agency.

Lisa Berkowitz told members about classes presented by the Caregiver Action Group available at Cabrillo College Extension from March through May and open to family caregivers or career minded individuals. Individuals will be certified once they have completed all four of the classes.

Lisa also announced the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Meals on Wheels coin drive which is happening through the end of February. Donations can be made at any Bay Federal Bank branch in the County.

Catherine Patterson Valdez let members know that the steering committee for the Access to Health Care is a direct outcome of the Mobility Outreach and Education Project (MORE) and they are offering transportation, medication, and housing services for individuals with cancer living in the Salinas area.

John Daugherty said that a lawsuit between the California Department of Transportation and Californians with Disabilities Rights along with others has been settled with an agreement to budget more funding for access improvements throughout the state.

Charlie Dixon informed members that the Arana Gulch Master Plan including ADA trails will go before the Coastal Commission in March on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. He requested that Chair John Daugherty and Vice-chair Tom Crain testify in support of elderly and disabled access before the Coastal Commission at that meeting. In light of the committee's earlier position of support for the Master Plan, he supplied sample letters and requested members to submit them individually to the Coastal Commission in support of the Arana Gulch Master Plan by Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Karena Pushnik informed members that the cover story for the current Good Times is a series of articles regarding the different alternative transportation and commute solutions programs administered by the RTC and other agencies, along with a pull out section resource guide.

**4. Additions and Deletions - None**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Action: The motion (Elsea/Patterson Valdez) to approve and accept the consent agenda carried unanimously.*

- 5. Approved Minutes from December 8, 2009 meeting**
- 6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report as of January 2010**
- 7. Received RTC Highlights from December 09 and January 2010**
- 8. Approved letter from E&D TAC to Metro regarding input on the Draft Title VI Policy/Program and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals**
- 9. Received letter from RTC to Coastal Commission dated 1/21/10 regarding support of Arana Gulch Park Master Plan**
- 10. Received Information Items circulated at meeting:**
  - a. Easter Seals Project Action Mobility Planning Service**
  - b. Governor Schwarzenegger appointment to State Rehabilitation Council**
  - c. Santa Cruz Sentinel article dated 12/20/09 titled: Mayor rebuts 'facts' on Arana Gulch Plan**
  - d. Santa Cruz Sentinel article regarding women cabbies**

## 11. Received Agency Updates

- a. Volunteer Center
- b. Community Bridges/CTSA
  - FY 09-10 First Quarter Report and January CTSA Board Report
- c. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)
  - ParaCruz Operations Status Report: December 09 – January 10
- d. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
- e. Private Operators

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 12. TDA Claim from City of Scotts Valley

Majid Yamin, City of Scotts Valley Public Works Department, provided an overview of the TDA claim for the City of Scotts Valley in the amount of \$93,315 to install sidewalks on Bean Creek Road along the frontage of Scotts Valley Middle School. He said that bike lanes using Bicycle Transportation Account funds had been transferred to fund this sidewalk project but there was not enough to complete the project due to the slope of the embankment. He requested that the E&D TAC recommend that the RTC approve Scotts Valley's share of TDA funds to complete the project. Any remaining money will be used to install curb ramps or other sidewalks in locations within the City of Scotts Valley to be decided by the City Council after priorities have been determined.

*Action: The motion (Molesky/Elsea) to recommend to the Commission to approve the TDA claim for the City of Scotts Valley for sidewalk installation on Bean Creek Road with the reserve to be used to implement ADA compliant sidewalk projects in Scotts Valley carried unanimously.*

### 13. METRO Website Update – Metro Staff

Harlan Glatt provided a detailed overview of the proposed new Metro website including a new feature which allows the viewer to toggle from English to Spanish text with the click of a button on the home page. He pointed out details on each page and showed members how to navigate to features of interest and provided the link, <http://beta.scmttd.com> to access the beta site. Members were informed that they could access the beta version of the website and view all features and provided instructions if they were interested in sending feedback (click the **Beta Testers** button on the home page and register to join the group once in the **Santa Cruz Metro Website Beta Test Community**). Harlan added that new laminated stickers showing specific routes, maps and timetables would be installed at all bus stops throughout the county and a new system map would be included in the **Headways**.

Members voiced concerns pertaining to ADA-compliant color contrast for web pages on the site, the height of the new route/timetable sticker installation at bus stops for ease of viewing by those in wheelchairs, turn-by-turn route information for sight impaired, the name of the customer service/report request form ("ticket" confusing), and problems with the *captcha* (anti-spam code) at the bottom of the customer support ticket submittal page for the sight impaired to report an incident.

Harlan took notes on items discussed and will take the information back to see what changes, if any, could be implemented. An update will be presented at the May or July E&D TAC meeting.

#### **14. MORE Program Report – Community Bridges**

Due to the length of the Metro website update, Catherine Patterson Valdez was not able to stay and present her information but asked members to read the report and call or email her with questions or comments. Her presentation will be rescheduled for the July E&D TAC meeting.

#### **15. Regional Transportation Plan update – RTC staff**

Karena Pushnik provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update saying that the Draft 2010 RTP and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) are scheduled for release and public review from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>. The documents will be available for review on the RTC website and at most public libraries. The RTC will hold a public hearing on the draft plan at its April 1, 2010 meeting. Since the April E&D TAC meeting is a few days before the comment period closes, she wanted to give the E&D TAC advanced notice and recommend that members be prepared to review and provide comments on the document before deadline.

#### **16. Plan for Draft Annual Report/Unmet Needs List – RTC staff**

Karena Pushnik provided an overview of the update process for the Unmet Needs list saying that it is not necessarily project specific, but can help identify and prioritize projects to be included in RTP and/or to pursue as funds become available. Included in the list are transit needs also. The committee will have another opportunity to review/augment the list in April with the E&D TAC Annual Report. The Commission will adopt the Unmet Needs list at its May meeting to be held at the Capitola City Council Chambers. Members discussed reprioritizing specific needs and matching the high priority ranking to that used by the Transit District .

#### **Action: Motions were taken individually on each of the following items and carry unanimously.**

- Item 2 moves from H to H1 priority (*Berkowitz/Molesky*)
- Item 7 moves from M to H priority and Items 1, 3, 4, 8 move from H to H2 (*Kempf/Molesky*)
- Item 9 moves from H to H1 priority (*Barbour/Anjo*) with Clay Kempf abstaining.
- Items 10 and 11 move from H to H1 (*Kempf/French*)

**Action: The motion (*Barbour/Elsea*) to extend the meeting for an additional 15 minutes carried unanimously.**

**17. E&D TAC Position Update – RTC Staff**

Chair John Daugherty said that Ben Morada who represents private operators will be submitting his resignation which will leave his position and his alternate position along with others vacant. RTC Staff Karena Pushnik will be doing some outreach to fill positions. Karena asked for those who opted to renew their committee membership to return their signed renewal applications.

**18. Receive oral status report about Pedestrian Safety Work Group – Work Group Chair**

Veronica Elsea reported that the Pedestrian Safety Work Group is preparing their draft report regarding sidewalk maintenance issues to present to the Commission at its May meeting. She said that it will be brought before the E&D TAC in April for input. She said that there have been 2 rounds of meetings with the all local jurisdictions within the County and that draft report lays out the status of sidewalk networks in the County with primary focus on property owner responsibility for maintenance and how the cities and county oversee the process for ensuring safe and accessible sidewalks. Karena Pushnik mentioned that local jurisdictions will have a chance to review the draft document before it becomes a public document via its inclusion in the April E&D TAC agenda.

**19. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 1:30 pm. Note MEETING LOCATION: United Way, 1220 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Capitola (Items: TDA claims, Ped Safety Work Group Draft Report, Finalize Unmet Needs list)**

**20. Adjourned at 3:50 pm**

*Prepared by: Cathy Judd, SCCRTC Staff*