



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

MINUTES-DRAFT

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

1. Call to Order

John Daugherty called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm

2. Introductions

Members Present:

Donella Bloebaum, 2nd District
Debbi Brooks, Volunteer Center
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA-Community Bridges
John Daugherty, Metro
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Sally French, Soc. Serv. Prov. -Disabled (Hope Services)
Clay Kempf, Seniors Council
Patti Shevlin, 1st District

Alternates Present

Kirk Ance, CTSA, Community Bridges
Michael Lewis, 1st District Alternate
April Warnock, Metro

Excused Absences:

Hal Anjo, Social Service Provider-Seniors (County)
Sandra Coley, 4th District
Tom Crain, Potential Transit User (Disabled)
Mike Molesky, Social Service Provider - Disabled

Others Present:

Ciro Aguirre, Metro
Tom Hiltner, Metro
Lynn Gallagher
Robert White, 5th District

Staff Present:

Cathy Judd
Karena Pushnik

3. Oral Communications

Clay Kempf informed members that on Thursday, June 10th the Senior Round Table of Santa Cruz is holding a workshop at the Dream Inn from 8:00am to 9:00am, *Understanding Your Silent Clients*, pertaining to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered seniors.

John Daugherty said that the In-Home Supportive Services Commission is looking for members. This group advises the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors meets bi-monthly and offers a transportation stipend.

John also mentioned that he attended a conference in Denver, Colorado, The Institute of Travel Training, hosted by Easter Seals Project Action and funded by the Federal Transit Administration. It brings the message and information of the ADA to the public and transit agencies. As this is an emerging field, participants are seeking to be certified and learn from other travel trainers.

Karena Pushnik told members that she received information about the Stroke Center's move from DeLaveaga Park to Cabrillo College. She will provide new contact phone numbers to committee members via email.

4. Additions and Deletions

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The motion (Elsea/Berkowitz) -- to approve and accept the consent agenda -- carried unanimously.

5. **Approved Minutes from April 13, 2010 meeting**
6. **Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report as of June 2010**
7. **Received RTC Highlights from May - June 2010**
8. **Accepted letter from E&D TAC to Santa Cruz Metro dated 5/4/10 regarding FY 2010-11 Transportation Development Act Claim and Service Cut Proposal**
9. **Accepted letter from E&D TAC to Santa Cruz Metro dated 5/4/10 regarding Input on Senior/Disabled Discount Bus Pass Policy**
10. **Accepted letter from E&D TAC to United Way dated 5/4/10 regarding support of the 2-1-1 Information and Referral Service**
11. **Accepted letter from E&D TAC to Governor Schwarzenegger dated 5/4/10 regarding Retention of Social Services by Closing Corporate Loopholes**
12. **Approved application for Sheryl Hagemann for Social Service Provider–Disabled as alternate position for Sally French**
13. **Received Final Annual Report/Unmet Needs List**
14. **Received Progress Report on 2-1-1 Information and Referral System**
15. **Received Agency Updates**
 - a. **Volunteer Center**
 - **FY 09-10 Third Quarter Report**
 - b. **Community Bridges/CTSA**
 - **FY 09-10 Second Quarter Lift Line Program Report**
 - c. **Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)**
 - **ParaCruz Operations Status Report: May 2010**
 - **Purchase of 5 new Paratransit Minivans using Federal Recovery funds**
 - **ParaCruz subcontractors**
 - d. **Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission**
 - **Final 2010 Regional Transportation Plan and Supplemental EIR**
 - e. **Private Operators**

REGULAR AGENDA

16. **Elect Chair/Vice Chair**

The floor was open for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Clay Kempf nominated Mike Molesky for the position of chair or vice-chair and Lisa Berkowitz nominated John Daugherty as Chair and Mike Molesky as Vice-Chair. John Daugherty accepted the position as Chair and accepted Mike Molesky for the position of Vice-Chair.

17. Consider Recommendations to RTC for New E&D TAC Application Received

An application was received from Robert White to serve as the 5th District Alternate. Mr. White also serves on the City of Scotts Valley's ADA committee.

Action: The motion (Kempf/Elsea) -- to recommend that the RTC approve Robert White as the Alternate for the 5th District -- passes unanimously.

18. METRO's Public Notice regarding the proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 (FFY11) – Santa Cruz Metro Staff

Tom Hiltner discussed the details of Metro's Proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal opportunities, primary objectives, certification requirements with the State of California, compliance with Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulation, Part 26, and methodology to establish its DBE goal for calculating the annual anticipated percentage level which include underutilized DBE's. He also explained how the local goal of 2.12% was determined and supplied a spreadsheet for committee members of potential contracts used in calculating the goal.

Tom said that Metro's public comment period is for 45 days, that it opened on May 28th and that a public hearing will be held on June 25th at the board meeting of the Santa Cruz City Council. Metro will review and respond to all comments and present the comments and responses to the Metro board on July 23rd and the board will consider adopting the goal for the next year.

A member asked what happens if Metro does not reach its goal and Tom replied that if their goal is not reached they will be required to submit an explanation to the Federal Transit Administration who will determine if they want to consider Metro's plan and revisions. A member asked whether the Metro works with other transit jurisdictions or partners to reach their goals and Tom replied affirmatively. It was clarified that disabled does not qualify for disadvantaged.

19. Update on Fixed Route Service Cuts (oral update) – Santa Cruz Metro Staff

Ciro Aguirre said that as of June 4th Metro has performed 14 outreach public hearings from Watsonville to Boulder Creek regarding the proposed route reductions. Giro noted that all the input is recorded and reviewed to present to the Metro board. Most of the concerns pertain to the early runs of Route 91x, Route 56 in the Seabright and Seacliff areas, and the changes in timing proposed for Route 68 and the change in timing. Giro said that the final date for input is June 11th and that the Metro board will make its final determination on June 25th. He also mentioned that the only change to the proposed cuts is that UCSC will fund their entire service for the night-owl service for routes 16, 19 and 21.

20. Overview of Bus Stop Upgrade Efforts (oral report) Santa Cruz Metro Staff

Ciro Aguirre said that he did not have any information at this time on bus stop upgrade effort and that Tove Beatty, who would have given the update, is in Sacramento working on grant applications. Karena Pushnik said that she had spoken to Tove and that the plan for upgrades is to try and find what can be accomplished for a large number of stops with the funding that is available to "get the biggest bang for the buck."

John Daugherty asked if there is a list of priorities being assembled and April Warnock said yes but that the committee has not met yet. Karena Pushnik asked what the best method for the E&D TAC to provide input and April said that members could either send a letter or an email.

Attendees voiced concerns over routes that they would like reinstated, specifically the route formerly serving the La Posada senior living complex and the Dominican Rehabilitation Facility. Ciro mentioned that, as previously presented to the E&D TAC, the cost to reinstate service to this area, factoring in ParaCruz service costs, is prohibitive. He said that there is a venue online to request reinstatement of service issues.

Karena Pushnik said that the Pedestrian Working Group has identified priority origins and destinations used by seniors and people with disabilities that includes proximity to bus stops. She will forward the list via email today to Ciro, April Warnock and Tove Beatty as well as Robert Cotter who is the primary Metro staff working on bus stop issues, with the hope that one of the considerations used to determine which bus stop improved will be the use by transit dependent individuals, as specified in item # 23 in the FINAL Unmet Needs List. The E&D TAC requested that the bus stop improvement plan be discussed with the committee before final improvement plan is adopted.

Action: The motion (Kempf/Berkowitz) -- to send the list of improvements from the Pedestrian Working Group to Robert Cotter, Metro staff working with the Bus Stop Advisory Committee and extend an invitation to Metro staff for the August 2010 meeting to discuss the bus stop improvement process and receive input from committee members before the final priority is adopted on improvements -- passes with John Daugherty abstaining.

21. Pedestrian Maintenance Report Update (oral) – Pedestrian Safety Work Group Chair

Veronica Elsea said that the Sidewalk Maintenance Report by the Pedestrian Working Group was presented to the Regional Transportation Commissioners at the June 3rd meeting and was well received with many good questions and input from Commissioners. She said that the Watsonville City Council representative requested a presentation and she feels that there will be more follow-up over the year. She feels that the report produced a very positive outcome.

Karena Pushnik voiced her thanks for the incredible job that Veronica did on her presentation. She said that Veronica was particularly effective in going through the report point-by-point relating to specific geographical areas to make the report relatable to the Commissioners.

Veronica commended the Pedestrian Working Group Committee members and offered that the Pedestrian Working Group would be available to speak to any other interested committee or group. Clay Kempf, along with his thanks to the group for what they accomplished, said that this report could be presented around the State to show what a citizen group can accomplish.

22. Support H.R. 4722 Active Community Transportation Act of 2010 – RTC Staff

Karena Pushnik said that a federal bill was introduced in March 2010, H.R. 4677. The bill is in the early stages of the legislative process but said that the intent is to encourage a mode shift to active transportation options by providing priority funding to bicycle and pedestrian projects. She suggested that the bill be monitored and that the chair be authorized to send subsequent letters of support as the bill progresses, assuming that the intent is unchanged.

Action: The motion (Kempf/Berkowitz) -- to write a letter of support of the current bill and concept, and recommend that the RTC also write a letter of support -- passes unanimously.

23. Adjourn – 2:48pm

Prepared by: Cathy Judd, SCCRTC Staff