



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes Tuesday, December 13, 2016

RTC Offices
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, 95060

- 1 Call to Order: 1:30 pm
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Kirk Ance, Community Bridges, Lift Line,
CTSA
Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Sally French, Hope Services
Clay Kempf, Social Service Provider,
Seniors

Alternates Present:

Tom Duncanson, 2nd District
April Warnock, Metro Transit/ParaCruz

Excused Absences:

Lori Bettencourt, 5th District
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User

Unexcused Absences:

Michael Molesky, Social Service Provider
Disabled (County)

RTC Staff Present:

Grace Blakeslee
Ginger Dykaar
Nestor Guevara
Cathy Judd
Rachel Moriconi
Karena Pushnik
Kim Shultz

Others Present:

Jean Brocklebank
Jim Burr, City of Santa Cruz
Sylvia Caras
Natalie Diaz, City of Watsonville
Patrick Fung, City of Santa Cruz
Michael A. Lewis
Dulce Lizarraga-Chagolla, CCCIL
Sean Vienna, AMBAG

3. Oral Communications

- Pedestrian hazard of debris spray by buses on Capitola Road between Soquel Avenue and 7th was reported. Referred to the Pedestrian Safety Work Group and the Metro Advisory Committee.
- Metro service changes to begin on December 15, 2016 and new Metro Headways guide is available.
- Area Agency on Aging services is out to bid and the letter of intent is due on December 27, 2016.
- Veronica Elsea serves on the Caltrans Accessibility Advisory Committee and for 2017 the Committee will focus on Design Bulletin #89 Class IV Bikeway Guidance (Separated Bikeways/Cycle Tracks) and pedestrian islands. Talking pedestrian beacon signals were installed by Caltrans on Mission Street at various locations. A new signal at Mission and Bay needs volume adjustment.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda

Grace Blakeslee supplied 2 add on pages for Item 12b, 1 replacement page for Item 13, and 3 hand out pages for Item 18.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: A motion (Daugherty/Berkowitz) was made to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Ance, Arnsberger, Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, French and Kempf voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

5. Approved Minutes from August 9, 2016
6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
7. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
8. Recommend the RTC approve Dulce Lizarraga-Chagolla for the member position representing Social Service Provider – Seniors (County)
9. Received resignation from Brent Gifford
10. Received E&D TAC Roster
11. Received Information Items
 - a. Report – Mineta Transportation Institute, Improving Pathway to Transit for Persons with Disabilities, August 2016
 - b. Blog – Innovations in Public Transit: West Salem Connectors Flexible On-Demand Service, June 2016
 - c. Article – On-Call Partners with Lyft for Enhanced Customer Experience in Non-Emergency Transportation – One Call Care Management, August 2016
 - d. Article – Pedestrian May Run Rampant in a World of Self Driving Cars UCSC News, October 2016
12. Received Agency Updates
 - a. Volunteer Center – FY15/16 4th Quarter TDA Report
 - b. Community Bridges – FY15/16 3rd Quarter TDA Report, 4th Quarter and Final Report
 - c. Santa Cruz Metro
 - i. ParaCruz Report from April – May 2016

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Measure D

Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner communicated that Measure D – Transportation Improvement Program, passed. The RTC board will be receiving reports about Measure D implementation in the coming months.

14. City of Watsonville Airport Boulevard Improvements

Natalie Diaz, City of Watsonville, presented the City of Watsonville Airport Boulevard Improvement Project. The project includes new transit and pedestrian amenities. Members thanked the City of Watsonville and discussed the need for safety components including audible signals, correct driveway slope and safe access from the street to businesses.

15. City of Santa Cruz Pacific Avenue Contra Flow Bike Lane Project

Patrick Fung, City of Santa Cruz, presented the Pacific Avenue Contra Flow Bike Lane Project, and is seeking \$85,000 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding. The project does not include new pedestrian facilities: therefore, review by the E&D TAC is not required. This is presented in response to a request from members of the Pedestrian Safety Work Group. The Committee members discussed the following safety concerns about the project as proposed:

- the potential for conflicts between pedestrians crossing Pacific Avenue and bicyclists traveling southbound in a cycle track where the cycle track is located on the west side of Pacific Avenue and automobile travel is limited to the northbound direction;
- the potential for conflicts between pedestrians crossing Pacific Avenue and bicyclists at various locations as a result of the lack of consistency in the configuration of bicycle travel on Pacific Avenue;
- the potential for conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired and who may not be aware that bicyclists will be traveling in the opposite direction of automobile travel on Pacific Avenue; and,
- the potential for conflicts between bicyclists and motorists as a result of the shortened line-of-sight for motorists exiting parking spaces on the west side of the cycle track and crossing the cycle track before entering the automobile travel lane.

Action: A motion (Daugherty/Arnsberger) was made for the E&D TAC to oppose the project in its current form and recommend that committee's safety concerns be addressed. The motion passed unanimously with members Ance, Arnsberger, Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, French and Kempf voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

16. Unified Corridor Investment Study – Project Update & Draft Goals

Ginger Dykaar and Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planners, reported that Caltrans funded the Unified Corridor Investment Study to identify multimodal transportation investments that optimize usage of three parallel transportation corridors in Santa Cruz County (Highway 1, Soquel Avenue/Drive and the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line) while advancing sustainability goals. Phase 1 of the UCS to develop the modeling tools was completed. Phase 2 of the UCS to perform scenario analysis to identify projects that provide the greatest benefit is currently underway. The committee members discussed daily peak travel periods in Santa Cruz County and requested that seasonal travel be considered. Committee members provided ideas for soliciting input from Santa Cruz County's elderly and disabled residents and suggested providing the public with the opportunity to submit survey responses on paper and not limit responses to online survey responses.

17. Mar Vista Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Design

Kim Shultz, Senior Transportation Planner reported on the development of the Mar Vista Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing. The firm Moffat and Nichol was hired to complete the project design and environmental review. The scope of services includes work with stakeholders to identify areas of concern and project priorities. RTC staff recommends that the E&D TAC identify committee members to participate in a stakeholder group for the purposes of providing input on the Mar Vista Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing design features and operational considerations.

Action: A motion (Kempf/Daugherty) was made to appoint Veronica Elsea and Tom Duncanson to serve on the stakeholder committee. The motion passed unanimously with members Ance, Arnsberger, Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, French and Kempf voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

18. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update – Draft Brochure What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know

Veronica Elsea, E&D TAC and Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Chair, provided an update on development of the brochure What Pedestrians and Bicyclist Want Each Other to Know and asked the E&D TAC for input. Input on the brochure was also solicited from the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Comments received on the draft brochure will be reviewed at the December 16 Pedestrian Safety Work Group meeting.

19. State and Federal Legislative Programs Report

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner said that RTC staff is in process of developing the RTC's 2017 State and Federal Legislative Programs. Staff recommends that the RTC's advisory committees provide input on the draft legislative priorities and identify any additional issues that the RTC should consider, monitor or pursue in 2017. Following committee reviews of the draft legislative program, the RTC is expected to approve the Legislative Programs at its January or February 2017 meeting.

20. Section 5310 Grant Cycle

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner provided a report on Section 5310: Elderly & Disabled Specialized Transit Program. The Section 5310 grant applications are due March 1, 2017 to Caltrans.

Ms. Blakeslee asked for volunteers for the Section 5310 local review committee. The local review committee will develop preliminary scores for the Section 5310 grant applications from Santa Cruz County and a regional project prioritization list for consideration by the RTC. Clay Kempf and April Warnock agreed to serve on that committee.

21. Adjourn 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff