



**Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission**

**Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**

**Minutes  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

**RTC Offices  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, 95060**

1. Call to Order: 1:32 pm
2. Introductions

***Members Present:***

Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA  
John Daugherty, Metro Transit  
Veronica Elsea, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Clay Kempf, Social Service Provider,  
Seniors  
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User  
Lori Welch Bettencourt, 5<sup>th</sup> District

***Alternates Present:***

Laura Diaz, CTSA-Lift Line  
Tom Duncanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
April Warnock, Metro Transit/ParaCruz

***Excused Absences:***

***Unexcused Absences:***

Pam Arnsberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit User  
Disabled  
Dulce Lizarraga-Chagilla, Social Service  
Provider-Seniors  
Michael Molesky, Social Service Provider  
Disabled (County)

***RTC Staff Present:***

Grace Blakeslee  
Ginger Dykaar  
Cathy Judd  
Luis Mendez

***Others Present:***

Doug Hessing, Caltrans – via conference  
call  
Kelly McClendon, Caltrans – via  
conference call

3. Oral Communications
  - Unified Corridor survey is live on the RTC website. Survey completion deadline extended to March 3. Hard copies of the surveys distributed to Meals on Wheels and Grey Bears
  - User Oriented Transit Plan is now called *Cruz511 In Your Neighborhood* and will be implemented in the Spring of 2017. Eastside Santa Cruz and Central Watsonville neighborhoods are involved in the project. Project focuses on providing travel information to support a change in transportation mode choices.
  - Scoring for Section 5310 Traditional Program draft applications will be completed by a local review committee, but will not be reviewed by the E&D TAC prior to submittal to Caltrans for this round of grants due to the timing of the application and scoring submittal deadlines.
  - State-wide Caltrans bike/ped plan available online at <http://www.cabikepedplan.org/> with online activities, a workshop available in San Jose, and a webinar on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Comments are due to Caltrans by March 10<sup>th</sup>

4. Additions or deletions to the consent or regular agenda – None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Action: A motion (Daugherty/Lamb) was made to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 E&D TAC meeting with an amendment to show that items were heard out of order with Item 18 heard before Item 17 and Item 17 heard before Item 16. The motion passed unanimously with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Kempf, Lamb, and Welch Bettencourt voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.*

*Action: A motion (Kempf/Berkowitz) was made to approve Items 6 through 11 of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Kempf, Lamb, and Welch Bettencourt voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.*

5. Approved Minutes from December 13, 2016
6. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
7. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues
8. Received resignation from Debbie Brooks, Social Service Provider – Persons of Limited Means
9. FY16/17 TDA Claims Funding Cycle Calendar
10. Received Information Items
  - a. Legislative Analyst Office: **A Long-Term Outlook: Disability Among California's Seniors**
  - b. Letter from E&D TAC to the City of Santa Cruz Regarding Pacific Avenue Contra Flow Bicycle Lane
  - c. Letter from City of Santa Cruz to E&D TAC regarding E&D TAC comments on Pacific Avenue Contra Flow Bicycle Lane
11. Received Agency TDA Reports
  - a. Volunteer Center – FY16/17 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
  - b. Community Bridges – N/A
  - c. ParaCruz Report from April – N/A

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

12. Caltrans Highway 9 Bridge Rail Replacement Projects

Kelly McClendon and Doug Hessing, Caltrans, discussed the Highway 9 Bridge Rail Replacement Projects. Caltrans District 5 is developing a Draft Project Initiation Document (PID) for a project to replace the bridge rails on Highway 9 bridges at San Lorenzo River and Kings Creek. The preliminary design alternative for the bridge rails includes enhancement to the shoulder, bike lane, and sidewalk facilities. Meetings will be held in 2018 for public input.

Members discussed consistency in design at both locations for accessibility for all users, possible encroachment to existing residential properties, and transit access. Members are encouraged to send their comments to Kelly McClendon and Doug Hessing.

### 13. 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Project List

Ginger Dykaar, RTC Transportation Planner provided information on the Financially Constrained Project List for 2040 Transportation Plans. RTC staff is in the process of developing the constrained project list for the 2040 Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan. This project list will also be included in the tri-county AMBAG region 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Sustainable Communities Strategy. Input from E&D TAC members is sought on the project list.

Members discussed several projects on the list including concerns with a proposed traffic signal at Park Avenue and Kennedy Drive, and the removal of parking on King Street. committee members also discussed funding needs and availability. Committee members recommended a revision to the draft goals to better address the multiple ways transportation investments can support health.

Revision of Goals definition to read: "Establish livable communities that improve people's access to jobs, schools, recreation, healthy lifestyles and other regular needs in ways that improve health, reduce pollution and retain money in the local economy."

Committee members recommended the following change for the Mobility Management Center project description to read:

Change Mobility Management Center project description/scope to read; Centralized one-stop shop for information and resources on specialized transportation options including senior information and assistance. May be combined with 511 and local senior information assistance efforts.

### 16. E&D TAC 2017 Meeting Calendar

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner stated that the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC) 2017 Committee Meeting Calendar identifies seven meetings to be held in 2017 and a list of meeting topics. E&D TAC meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of even number months at 1:30 pm. Ms. Blakeslee is recommending an additional meeting in May 9, 2017 because the RTC will be considering the annual budget at its April meeting and not at its March meeting and this would not allow TDA claimants sufficient time to prepare their TDA claims that are consistent with the RTC budget. Luis Mendez, RTC Deputy Director explained that due to Measure D the budget has taken a bit longer to prepare. Mr. Mendez mentioned that the Budget & Administration/Personnel Committee will review the budget at its March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, this year the off-site meeting of the E&D TAC will be in June at the Watsonville Community Room.

Members discussed:

- Holding the off-site E&D TAC meeting in August
- Reviewing TDA claims in April based on a preliminary budget estimate; and
- Hold the scheduling of the May E&D TAC meeting as tentative

*Action: A motion (Bettencourt/Daugherty) was made to approve the 2017 E&D TAC Committee Meeting Calendar as amended to hear draft TDA claims at the April E&D TAC meeting, keep the May E&D TAC meeting tentative for approval of the TDA claims, and examine the possibility of holding the August E&D TAC meeting in Watsonville carries unanimously.*

*The motion passed unanimously with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Kempf, Lamb, and Welch Bettencourt voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.*

#### 14. Preliminary Draft 2017 Unmet Needs

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner discussed the Preliminary Draft Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List. Serving as the social services transportation advisory council, the E&D TAC regularly hears and considers unmet paratransit and transit needs in Santa Cruz County. E&D TAC members are requested to provide input into the preliminary draft unmet paratransit and transit needs list. The draft document then goes out for input with a public hearing in May.

Members discussed:

- Feasibility study for the Mobility Management Center
- Affordable special care trips and gurney vehicle for medically fragile individuals and individuals needing "bed-to-bed" transportation
- Publicizing Wi-Fi expansion on buses to increase ridership
- Improving mobility via Lift Line

#### 15. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update & What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know Brochure

Veronica Elsea mentioned that the Pedestrian Safety Work Group (PSWG) has completed and finalized the text for the brochure. The brochure will be presented to the RTC at its March meeting after approval by E&D TAC members. The PSWG will ask for approval from the RTC to distribute the brochure after which the discussion will focus on printing and distribution ideas.

Revisions include:

- To eliminate the extra space in the text for Watch and be aware of bicyclists!
- To move the text reading "These reports are forwarded to the appropriate local jurisdiction for action. Reports may be submitted at any time", before the link: <http://www.sccrtc.org/hazard>.
- To remove the 2016 for the Santa Cruz County Bikeways Map
- Adding the title "Sidewalk Ordinances" for the section at "Ordinances....."
- Italicizing the "Thanks" paragraph
- Have all URL's consistently represented

*Action: A motion (Berkowitz/Daugherty) was made to approve the brochure for What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other To Know as amended carries unanimously.*

*The motion passed unanimously with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Lamb, and Welch Bettencourt voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.*

The next meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Work Group is February 17 in the RTC conference room at 10:00 am.

#### 17. Notice Chair and Vice Chair Election

Veronica Elsea informed members that election of the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the April meeting of the E&D TAC. Members are encouraged to forward nominations, including self nomination, to the RTC staff prior to the April meeting.

#### 18. Adjourn 4:03 pm

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Judd, RTC Staff