



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's  
**Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee**  
(Also serves as the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council)

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**Minutes**

**1:30pm- 3:30pm, Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

***Members Present:***

Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User  
Veronica Elsea, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA  
John Daugherty, SCMTD  
Lori Welch-Bettencourt, 5th District

***Alternates Present:***

Tom Duncanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
April Warnock, Metro

***Excused Absences:***

Dulce Lizarraga-Chagilla, Social  
Service Provider –Seniors  
Tara Ireland, Volunteer Center  
Clay Kempf, Social Services Provider-  
Seniors

***Unexcused Absences:***

Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit User  
Disabled

***RTC Staff Present:***

Grace Blakeslee  
Rachel Moriconi  
George Dondero

***Others Present:***

Marilyn Garret, Santa Cruz County  
Resident  
Gary Lindstrom, Aptos  
Janneke Strause, Bike Santa Cruz  
County  
Scott Hamby, City of Scotts Valley  
Jon Bailiff, E&D TAC Member  
applicant

3. Oral communications

- Marilyn Garret provided information about the affects of cell phone service on bus riders and expressed concerns with safety and American Disabilities Act compliance crelated to the new METRO route 71 inbound bus stop near Aptos Village.
- Ofelia Gomez provided a comment verbally and submitted comments in writing recommending that the METRO prioritize additional transit service from Santa

Cruz to Dominican hospital and expanding service on this route to be provided by 6:20am.

4. Additions or deletions to the consent or regular agenda
  - Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff, requested that Item #14: Seniors Council/Area Agency on Aging of Santa Cruz – Seniors Solutions Summit- Transportation Summary, be removed from the agenda and placed on the December 12, 2017 agenda.
  - Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff, distributed copies of written comments on the October 10, 2017 E&D TAC minutes received from Becky Steinbruner and RTC staff response as handout for Item #5.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Approve Minutes from October 10, 2017
6. Receive Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
7. Receive RTC Meeting Highlights
8. Recommend the RTC approve E&D TAC Appointment
  - Jon Bailliff to the E&D TAC Member position of Social Service Provider- Disabled
  - Constance Fortino to the E&D TAC Member Alternate position of Social Provider- Disabled
9. Receive Information Items
  - Letter from E&D TAC to Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
  - FTA Manual on Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections, Executive Summary [Full Report](#)
10. Receive Agency Updates (*other than items on the regular agenda*)
  - a. Volunteer Center- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017/2018
  - b. Community Bridges – None
  - c. Santa Cruz Metro – None

*Action: A motion (Welch/Daugherty) was made to amend the October 10, 2017 minutes to correct the location of the Commission on Disabilities sponsored event on October 21, 2017 from the Santa Cruz Policy Community Room to the Santa Cruz Police Community Room as requested by Veronica Elsea, E&D TAC Chair, and approve the October 10, 2017 minutes as amended. The motion passed with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Welch-Bettencourt, Duncanson, and Lamb voting in favor.*

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

11. Draft California State Rail Plan

George Dondero, Executive Director, provided an overview of the Draft California State Rail Plan. He discussed the key components of the plan and the cooperation of State and private partners in developing the strategic plan. Committee members discussed transit travel time assumptions and if estimates considered the transfer times between bus and train for individuals with visual or mobility impairments. Committee members also asked for information about consideration for private property owners impacted by construction of the California high speed rail system. Members of the public asked questions about discounts for seniors and low-income individuals riding rail transit.

12. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Draft Project List

Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the preliminary recommendations for the *Regional Transportation Improvement Program*. Ms. Moriconi provided an overview of: the funding sources and total funding available during this programming cycle, the project evaluation criteria, other available funding sources, and the thirty-six project applications received. Committee members discussed proposed projects and funding recommendations, project evaluation and effectiveness, funding for regional and local projects, bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements in the City of Watsonville, how project's serve the needs of elderly and disabled individuals, and accessible pedestrian signals. Project sponsors from Bike Santa Cruz County and the City of Scotts Valley described projects for which funding was requested.

*Action: A motion (Elsea/ Berkowitz) was made to recommend that the RTC increase funding for Open Streets to \$50,000, decrease the funding recommended for Every Day is Bike to Work Day to \$25,000; require projects that include signal upgrades (Airport Boulevard Reconstruction, Freedom Boulevard Reconstruction and Aptos Creek Road Traffic Signal) to include audible signal components; and approve the remaining staff recommendations. The motion passed with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Welch-Bettencourt, Duncanson, and Lamb voting in favor.*

13. Cruz511 In Your Neighborhood Project Activities and Results- Postponed until December 12, 2017 E&D TAC meeting agenda
14. Seniors Council/Area Agency on Aging of Santa Cruz – Seniors Solutions Summit- Transportation Summary- Moved to December 12, 2017 E&D TAC meeting agenda
15. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update-None
16. Adjourn

Next meeting: 1:30 pm, December 12, 2017 @ RTC Office, Santa Cruz

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