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

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

Members Present:
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
John Daugherty, SCMTD
Lori Welch-Bettencourt, 5th District

Unexcused Absences:
Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit User
Disabled

RTC Staff Present:
Grace Blakeslee
Rachel Moriconi
George Dondero

Alternates Present:
Tom Duncanson, 2nd District
April Warnock, Metro

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

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 related 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)
    - Volunteer Center- 1st Quarter 2017/2018
    - Community Bridges – None
    - 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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