



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

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## Minutes

### E&D TAC Meeting

1:30pm- 3:30pm, Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Regional Transportation Commission Santa Cruz Office  
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA, 95062 (2nd Floor)

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

**Members Present:**

Kirk Ance, Community Bridges/Lift Line/CTSA  
Veronica Elsea, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA  
John Daugherty, SCMTD  
Tara Ireland, Vounteer Cener  
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User

**Alternates Present:**

None

**Excused Absences:**

Pam Arnsberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Dulce Lizarraga-Chagilla, Social Service  
Provider -Seniors

Lori Welch, 5th District  
Clay Kempf, Social Services Provider-Seniors

**Unexcused Absences:**

Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit User Disabled

**RTC Staff Present:**

Grace Blakeslee  
Luis Mendez

**Others Present:**

Pete Rasmussen, SCMTD  
Steve Wiesner, County of Santa Cruz  
Tim Nguyen, County of Santa Cruz  
Becky Steinbruner-Aptos Resident  
Thomas Stumbaugh-Aptos Resident  
Marilyn Garret, Santa Cruz County Resident  
Stan Sokolow, Santa Cruz County Resident  
Sean Vienna, AMBAG  
Ciro Aguirre, SCMTD

3. Oral communications
  - John Daugherty announced an event sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 1:00pm at the Santa Cruz Police Community Room.
  - Marilyn Garret called for a ban on cell phone use on buses and provided a handout describing the affects of cell phone service on bus riders.
  - Becky Steinbruner reminded people of the opportunity to view potential future transportation and land uses through the OWL viewer, a project sponsored by the RTC, at Soquel Drive and Chanticleer Avenue and Natural Bridges near the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line.
  - Stanley Sokolow stated that he experienced difficulties using the OWL technology and informed the audience that he was interested in ways of enhancing bus service in Santa Cruz County. He announced an upcoming meeting to discuss bus rapid transit lite on Soquel Ave/Dr.
  - Gail McNulty provided information about the subgroup "Inclusive Greenways" and invited attendees to contact her for more information. She also informed members about the Greenways open house at the Blitzer Gallery on Thursday, October 20. Ms. McNulty

expressed concern about references made by attendees at the City of Santa Cruz Planning Commission Meeting on October 13, 2017 that she stated suggested that rail transit service on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line would reduce Highway 1 congestion between the City of Santa Cruz and the City of Watsonville.

- Veronica Elsea thanked the City of Santa Cruz and Granite Construction for responding to the transportation needs of Westside residents during construction on King Street. She informed attendees that the staff took time to train construction workers on the needs of people who are visually impaired and who are utilizing facilities in the construction zone.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Approved minutes from September 12, 2017
6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
7. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
8. Recommended E&D TAC Reappointments
9. Received Information Items - None
10. Received Agency Updates (*other than items on the regular agenda*)
  - a. Volunteer Center- TDA Claim 16/17 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report
  - b. Community Bridges- none
  - c. Santa Cruz Metro – none

*Action: A motion (Berkowitz/Daugherty) was made to approve the minutes with the correction to the September 12, 2017 minutes requested by Marilyn Garret, member of the public, to indicate that her comments included reference to the impact of the exposure of wifi service provided on buses on causes of functional impairment. The motion passed with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Ance, Ireland voting in favor and Lamb abstaining.*

*Action: A motion (Daugherty/Ance) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Ance, Ireland voting in favor and Lamb abstaining.*

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

11. Reviewed Metro Route 71 Inbound Bus Stop Relocation- Aptos Village Project

Steve Wiesner, County of Santa Cruz Public Works staff and engineer, provided an overview of planned improvements to Soquel Drive near Aptos Village. He explained that the existing four way stop on Soquel Drive at Trout Gulch Road will be signalized, a new signalized intersection to provide access to a new road, Parade Street, will be constructed and a left hand turn lane on Soquel Drive to provide access to Parade Street for motorists traveling southbound on Soquel Drive will be provided. Mr. Wiesner explained that the current route 71 inbound bus stop will be moved south of its current location on Soquel Drive to a new location approximately 100ft south of Trout Gulch Road. Mr. Wiesner informed committee members that, in coordination with Santa Cruz Metro staff, County of Santa Cruz staff re-reviewed the bus stop design to ensure all aspects of the design meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. Mr. Wiesner reviewed in detail the paths of travel

to the bus stop from two crosswalks, one crossing Trout Gulch and one crossing Soquel Drive, including curb cuts, ramps, and sidewalks. Mr. Wiesner reviewed the bus stop design including the bus pull out, ADA landing pad, bus shelter and lighting. Mr. Wiesner described slope and widths of the planned access to the bus stop and the bus stop and consistency with ADA regulations.

Committee members and members of the public asked for additional clarification about the widths and slopes of curb ramps and sidewalks that provide access to the bus stop and the bus stop design. Committee members and members of the public discussed how the bus will access the bus stop and concrete bus pad and deploy passengers. Committee members and members of the public expressed safety concerns about the new bus stop location and discussed alternate locations for the new bus stop including maintaining the bus stop at its current location, locating the bus stop north of its current location, and other sites that may have been considered as part of the Aptos Village Project planning effort. Members of the public expressed concern about the purpose for the bus stop relocation and asked questions about the need to signalize intersections in the project area and to construct a new roadway, Parade Street. Committee members asked about the construction timeline for the new bus stop and about the public involvement in the project design. Committee members and RTC staff discussed the E&D TAC's role and responsibility in reviewing projects that request funding from the RTC.

*Action: A motion (Daugherty/Lamb) to write a letter to the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors to request additional information about why an alternative bus stop location close to the existing bus stop was not pursued and how the new bus stop design would mitigate potential safety conflicts and to encourage dialog between the County of Santa Cruz public works staff, Aptos residents and business owners in Aptos Village. The motion passed with members Elsea, Lamb, Daugherty, Berkowitz voting in favor. Members Armstrong and Ance abstained. No votes were cast in opposition.*

12. Adjourn- 3:40pm

Next meeting: 1:30 pm, November 14, 2017 @ RTC Office, Santa Cruz