



Santa Cruz County Regional
Transportation Commission

Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes
Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Watsonville Community Room
275 Main Street, Suite 400, Watsonville 95076

- 1 Call to Order: 1:35 pm
2. Introductions

Members Present:

Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User
Dulce Lizarraga-Chagilla, Social Service
Provider-Seniors

Alternates Present:

Laura Diaz, CTSA-Lift Line
Tom Duncanson, 2nd District
April Warnock, Metro Transit/ParaCruz
Patty Talbott, Seniors Council

Excused Absences:

None

Unexcused Absences:

Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit User
Disabled

RTC Staff Present:

Grace Blakeslee
Amy Naranjo
Nestor Guevara

Others Present:

Becky Steinbruner

3. Oral Communications
 - John Daugherty, Metro Transit, announced that the Watsonville Transit Center will now be open from 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday. Additionally, the new Santa Cruz Metro Headways publication with summer service changes is now available.
 - Becky Steinbruner, a member of the public, provided information about the proposed bus stop for inbound Metro Transit Route 71 included in the Phase 1 Aptos Village Project and expressed concern regarding the bus stop design.
 - Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff, announced a meeting on traffic violence in Santa Cruz County June 29th from 4pm-6pm at Simpkins Swim Center sponsored by the Community Traffic Safety Coalition.
4. Additions or deletions to the consent or regular agenda

Becky Streinbruner, a member of the public, requested that the Committee discuss the Phase 1 Aptos Village project. Staff informed committee members that construction of the

improvement referred to by Ms. Streinbruner was scheduled to begin prior to the next regular meeting of the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E&D TAC). The County of Santa Cruz, the Phase I Aptos Village project sponsor, was not soliciting input on the project at this time; however, if the Committee wanted to discuss the project and provide comments on the project, the decision should occur and a letter sent before the construction deadline.

Action: A motion (Lamb/Elsea) to add Review of Phase 1 Aptos Village Project to Regular Agenda as item 20a. Motion carries.

Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff, requested that item 19 be deleted, as CTSC staff was not present. Ms. Blakeslee also provided an E&D TAC application form submitted by Kirk Ance as add-on pages for item 8.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: A motion (Daugherty/Lamb) was made to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 E&D TAC meeting. 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 (Daugherty/Elsea) was made to approve Items 6 through 16 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 April 11, 2017
6. Receive Transportation Development Act Revenue Report
7. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
8. Recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve reappointments to E&D TAC Committee
9. Recommend the Regional Transportation Commission approve Tara Ireland as Social Services Provider – Persons of Limited Means Committee Member
10. Receive E&D TAC Roster May 2017
11. Receive Final 2017 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List
12. Receive Caltrans' adoption of "Toward an Active California", the final State and Pedestrian Plan and Executive Summary
13. Receive a summary of Community Bridges Lift Line and Regional Projects Measure D Five-Year Plans approve by the RTC at the June 1, 2017 meeting
14. Receive updates to the RTC Rules and Regulations as approved by the RTC at the June 1, 2017 meeting
15. Received Information Items
 - a. Access Board to Issue Guidance on International Symbol of Accessibility

16. Received Agency TDA Reports
 - a. Volunteer Center – FY16/17 Third Quarter Report
 - b. Community Bridges – None
 - c. Santa Cruz Metro – FY18 and FY19 Operating Budgets and FY18 Capital Budget – public hearing June 23, 2017 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers at 8:30 am (May 17, 2017 Santa Cruz Metro Board packet, page 199)

REGULAR AGENDA

17. Transportation Network Companies and Taxi Company Updates

Amy Naranjo, RTC Transportation Planner provided information on Transportation Network Companies (TNC's). TNC's provide ride sharing services through their phone applications. The most popular of these companies are Uber and Lyft. These companies have partnered with transit agencies to provide rides in areas with limited transit services. Committee members discussed paratransit services provided by Uber and Lyft.

18. ParaCruz Quarterly Services Report Review

April Warnock, Metro staff reviewed the quarterly Paracruz report. Ms. Warnock reported that the number of rides provided has been decreasing. Metro recently hired 4 new vehicle operators, making for 29 total operators now.

19. County of Santa Cruz Health Services Department Traffic Safety Programs

Item deleted from agenda.

20. Unified Corridor Investment Study – Scenario

Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff informed committee members that the Unified Corridors Investment Study (UCS) includes a two-step scenario analysis which will evaluate different project groupings. Ms. Blakeslee requested input from E&D TAC committee members on the proposed project groupings for inclusion in the step 1 analysis. E&D TAC members inquired about access to the three routes included in the study from outside the project area, and connections between corridors.

21. Phase 1 Aptos Village Project

Becky Steinbruner, a member of the public, described her understanding of the proposed design for the new bus stop for inbound Metro Transit Route 71 included in the Phase 1 Aptos Village Project and raised questions about the proposed bus stop design's consistency with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and about accessibility during project construction. Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff, informed committee members that the Aptos Village project was reviewed by the E&D TAC in 2013. Committee members discussed options for obtaining more information about the Metro Transit Route 71 bus stop design.

Action: A motion (Lamb/Elsea) was made to write letter to County of Santa Cruz to inquire about the Metro Transit Route 71 bus stop design and consistency with ADA regulations. The motion passed unanimously with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Elsea, Kempf, Lamb, and Welch Bettencourt voting in favor. No votes were cast in opposition.

22. Pedestrian Safety Work Group

Veronica Elsea informed committee members that the What Pedestrians and Bicyclists wanted each other to know brochure was translated into Spanish, though layout was not completed.

23. E&D TAC 2017 Calendar Update

Grace Blakeslee, RTC staff, presented an updated calendar for 2017 E&D TAC meetings, which includes a Special Meeting on November 14, 2017 to allow for discussion of projects that submitted a request for funding.

24. Adjourn: 3:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Grace Blakeslee , RTC Staff

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