



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

**Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Office
1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Members present:

Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Lori Welch-Bettencourt, 4th
District
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
Kirk Ance, CTSA – Lift Line
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User
John Daugherty, Metro

Alternates present:

Patty Talbot, Social Service
Provider-Seniors
Donna Patters, Social Service
Provider- Person of Limited
Means
Tom Duncanson, 2nd District

Excused absences:

Clay Kempf, Social Service
Provider - Seniors

Unexcused absences:

RTC staff present:

Grace Blakeslee
Joanna Edmonds

Others present:

Sean Vienna, AMBAG
Barrow Emerson, Metro
Camilla Schaffer, First Transit
Beck Steinbruner
Tom Stunbaw
Cat Steele

2. Introductions

3. Oral communications – Moved to the end of the agenda by the Chair

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Veronica Elsea, E&D TAC chair, requested to move Items 9a and 9b to the regular agenda as Items 11a and 11b. Item 11 became Item 11c.

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, provided replacement pages for Item 5.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Tabled approval of minutes from December 12, 2017 until next meeting
6. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
7. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
8. Received FY 18-19 TDA Claims Funding Cycle Calendar
9. Received Information Items
10. Received Agency TDA Reports

Action: A motion (Arnsberger/Daugherty) was made to approve the consent agenda Items 6- 10 and table Item 5, approval of minutes from December 12, 2017, until the next meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

11a & b. Letter from E&D TAC to the METRO Regarding Fare Structure Analysis dated January 5, 2018 & Letter from METRO to the E&D TAC Regarding Fare Structure Analysis dated January 19, 2018

Barrow Emerson, Planning Director for METRO, described the purpose of the Fare Restructuring and described the public outreach process. Mr. Emerson explained that METRO will be addressing their deficit in the next few years and is looking for additional revenue sources. METRO will examine potential changes to passenger fare payments as part of the Fare Restructuring analysis. Paracruz and the Highway 17 Express bus fares will not be considered in the Fare Restructuring analysis.

Committee members discussed potential changes in transit ridership as a result of fare changes and the impact of fare increases on low income individuals and seniors considering shifting away from driving to transit. The Committee discussed options for providing fare subsidies to eligible transit riders and expressed concern that the METRO survey associated with the fare restricting did not inquire about the impact of fare increases on individual's transportation choices. Members of the public inquired about unused paid fares, contracts with UCSC and Cabrillo for transit services, and potential new contracts for transit services with local jurisdictions and employers.

No Action taken.

11c. Preliminary Draft 2018 Unmet Needs

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Preliminary Draft 2018 Unmet Needs List. Committee members discussed paratransit and transit needs and recommended updates to the Preliminary Draft 2018 list related to pedestrian crossings across rail road tracks, same day medical transportation, free transit options, bus stop amenities and improvements, and transportation to activities and services beyond those trips required to meet basic needs.

No Action taken.

12. Guide for Specialized Transportation

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, discussed updates to the Guide for Specialized Transportation for Seniors and People with Disabilities in Santa Cruz County.

Committee members discussed the potential for including The Village, a new membership based organization to help seniors age in place, and Lyft and Uber services to the Guide for Specialized Transportation.

13. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update

Veronica Elsea, E&D TAC Chair, informed E&D TAC members that the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup met on February 9, 2018 and discussed the What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Would Like Each Other to Know brochure design, printing and distribution.

No Action taken.

14. RTC State and Federal Legislative Program

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the RTC's adopted 2018 Legislative Plan. Ms. Blakeslee informed Committee members about Proposition 69, which would safeguard California Senate Bill 1 revenues.

No Action taken.

15. Notice of Chair and Vice Chair Election

Veronica Elsea, E&D TAC Chair, informed E&D TAC members that there will be an election at the beginning of April meeting for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Item #3 Oral Communications: Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, expressed concerns about transportation safety near the Aptos Village Project. Tom

Stunbaw, member of the public, expressed concerns with transportation safety near the relocated bus stop on Soquel near Trout Gulch.

16. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Blakeslee, Staff