



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10, 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:

Kirk Ance, CTSA – CTSA/Lift Line
Jon Bailiff, Social Services
Provider-Disabled
John Daugherty, Metro Transit
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Tara Ireland, Volunteer Center
Clay Kempf, Social Service
Provider- Seniors
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA

Alternates present:

Tom Duncanson, 2nd District
April Warnock, Metro Transit/
ParaCruz

Excused absences:

Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Lori Welch-Bettencourt, 5th
District
Cara Lamb, Potential Transit User
Dulce Lizarraga-Chagolla, Social
Services Provider – Seniors

Unexcused absences:

Greta Kleiner, Potential Transit
User Disabled

RTC staff present:

Grace Blakeslee
Joanna Edmonds
Luis Mendez
Anais Schenk

Others present:

Jean Brocklebank
Jessica Buckowinski, Village
Santa Cruz
Marilyn Garrett
Michael Lewis, Seniors
Commission
Becky Steinbruner
Sean Vienna, AMBAG

2. Introductions

3. Oral communications

April Warnock, Metro, announced that she will be retiring soon and that Daniel Zaragoza will be attending in her place at future meetings.

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, expressed concern regarding the traffic safety near the relocated bus stop on Soquel near Trout Gulch.

Grace Blakeslee, RTC Transportation Planner, provided an update on the RTC's Draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and the RTC's Highway 9 Corridor Transportation Plan. Ms. Blakeslee also invited E&D TAC Committee members to contact the City of Watsonville if they are interested in participating in the Watsonville's Complete Streets Plan stakeholders group.

Jon Bailiff, E&D TAC member, expressed concerns for Watsonville pedestrian safety.

April Warnock, Metro, provided handouts of the January 26, 2018 Metro staff report on passenger code of conduct, which will be considered by the E&D TAC at the June 2016 meeting.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, provided replacement pages for Item 18 and handouts for Item 20.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes from December 12, 2017 as amended
6. Approved minutes from February 13, 2018 as amended
7. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
8. Received Highway 9 Corridor Transportation Plan Fact Sheet
9. Received Information Items
10. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
11. Received Agency TDA Reports - none
12. Received Agency Updates

Action: A motion (Kempf/Daugherty) was made to amend the December 12, 2017 minutes to list E&D TAC member Clay Kempf as present and change the name of Seniors Summit to Solutions Summit. Also, to amend the February 13, 2018 minutes to list E&D TAC member Clay Kempf as an excused absence. The motion passed with members Daugherty, Elsea, Ireland, Duncanson, Berkowitz, and Ance in favor and Clay Kempf abstaining.

Action: A motion (Kempf/Ance) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Action: One nomination was made for Jon Bailiff and another nomination was made for Veronica Elsea to serve as chair. Three votes were cast to elect Jon Bailiff as chair and four votes were cast to elect Veronica Elsea as Chair. The motion to elect Veronica Elsea as Chair passed with members Berkowitz, Daugherty, Duncanson, and Ance voting in favor.

Action: A motion (Berkowitz/Kempf) was made to appoint Jon Bailiff as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: A motion (Bailiff/Daugherty) was made to make the Chair and Vice Chair appointments one year in duration. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Presentation from Village Santa Cruz

Jessica Buckowinski, Village Santa Cruz, provided an overview of the Village Santa Cruz and the services provided. Committee members discussed the locations and demographics of the Village Santa Cruz network, their screening process for volunteers, and the membership fees associated with the organization. Committee members discussed the potential benefits of providing the Village Santa Cruz with information about the Lift Line transportation services when referrals are appropriate.

Action: A motion (Bailiff/Daugherty) was made to not include the Village Santa Cruz in the Guide to Specialized Transportation in the upcoming reprint and to reconsider listing the Village Santa Cruz during the next reprint of the Guide to Specialized Transportation. The motion passed unanimously.

15. 2018 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, presented the staff report and provided an overview of the updates to the draft 2018 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List. Committee members discussed revisions to the Unmet Needs List including clarifying the need for free rides for seniors on fixed route transit and to support ridesharing programs for seniors to destinations frequented by seniors. Mr. Ance

noted the value of the Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List when submitting grant applications. The Committee discussed the role of taxi voucher/script, discounted taxi rides, in addressing unmet needs.

Action: A motion (Kempf/Berkowitz) was made to approve the draft 2018 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List with the recommended changes. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Transportation Development Act Claim for Volunteer Center

Tara Ireland, Volunteer Center, provided an overview of the TDA claim for the Volunteer Center. Ms. Ireland discussed the efforts of the Volunteer Center to increase their volunteer driver pool and asked for suggestions to reach more potential volunteer drivers in the San Lorenzo Valley.

Action: A motion (Kempf/Ance) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the TDA Claim for Volunteer Center. The motion passed with members Elsea, Daugherty, Kemp, Duncanson, Berkowitz, Ance and Bailiff voting in favor. Member Ireland abstained.

17. Transportation Development Act Claim for Community Bridges

Kirk Ance, Community Bridges, provided an overview of the TDA claim for the Community Bridges. Mr. Ance discussed updates to Community Bridges' operations, including relocation of their headquarters and elimination of the Winter Shelter rides, which is now provided in-house by Salvation Army.

Action: A motion (Kempf/Ireland) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the TDA Claim for Community Bridges. The motion passed with members Elsea, Daugherty, Kemp, Duncanson, Bailiff and Ireland voting in favor. Members Berkowitz and Ance abstained.

18. Transportation Development Act Claim for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Tom Hiltner, Metro, provided an overview of the TDA claim for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. Mr. Hiltner discussed the projected decreasing ridership on fixed-route transit consistent with nationwide trends.

Action: A motion (Kempf/Berkowitz) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the TDA Claim for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. The motion passed with members Elsea, Kemp, Duncanson, Berkowitz, Ance, Ireland, and Bailiff voting in favor. Member Daugherty abstained.

19. Measure D: Direct Allocation to Community Bridges Lift Line Five-Year Plan

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, provided information about Measure D and the requirement that Measure D recipients provide annual updates to their Measure

D five-year plan of Measure D expenditures. Kirk Ance, Community Bridges, provided an overview of the Measure D Community Bridges Lift Line Five-Year Plan (FY 2019-23).

No Action taken.

20. Measure D: Regional Five-Year Plans

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Measure D regional investment programs including the Active Transportation, Rail Corridor, Highway 1, Highway 9, and Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing programs.

Luis Mendez, Deputy Director, provided an overview of the Measure D five-year plans (FY 2019-23) for the Rail Corridor and Highway investment categories.

Anais Schenk, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Measure D five-year plan for the Active Transportation Project investment category.

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Measure D five-year plan for the Highway 17 Wildlife Corridor Project.

No Action taken.

21. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update

Veronica Elsea, E&D TAC Chair, informed E&D TAC members that the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup met on March 20, 2018. Veronica Elsea provided information about the What Pedestrian and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know brochure. Ms. Elsea shared that there is a change in the outreach plan for the "What Pedestrians and Cyclists Want Each Other To Know" brochure and they may possibly be working with the Cruz511 program and other RTC programs to communicate the messages from the brochure to the public. Committee members discussed potential outreach for the brochure and requested information from RTC staff about outreach opportunities.

No Action taken.

22. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:38 p.m.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the City of Watsonville Community Room, 275 Main Street, Suite 400, 4th Floor – Watsonville, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Blakeslee, Staff