



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 11, 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 1:34 p.m.

Members present:

Kirk Ance, CTSA – Lift Line
Pam Arnsberger, 2nd District
Jon Bailiff, Social Services
Provider – Disabled
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA
John Daugherty, Metro
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Tara Ireland, Social Service
Provider – Persons of Limited
Means
Caroline Lamb, Potential Transit
User

Alternates present:

Tom Duncanson, 2nd District

Unexcused absences:

None

Excused absences:

Clay Kempf, Social Service
Provider – Seniors
Dulce Lizarraga-Chagolla, Social
Services Provider – Seniors
Lori Welch-Bettencourt,
4th District

RTC staff present:

Grace Blakeslee
George Dondero
Joanna Edmonds
Brianna Goodman
Rachel Moriconi

Others present:

Amelia Conlen, Ecology Action
Kailash Mozumder, City of
Capitola

2. Introductions

3. Oral communications

Tara Ireland shared information from a Seniors Council workshop organized by the Solutions Summit Loneliness and Isolation Team. Committee members discussed the impact transportation challenges can have on senior isolation and loneliness.

Kirk Ance communicated that Lift Line expanded their services to provide door-to-door transportation Monday-Saturday to Louden Nelson Community Center. The expanded service is funded by Measure D. This service is in addition to the existing service provided by Lift Line to the Meals on Wheels lunch site at Louden Nelson.

Jon Bailiff shared information from a webinar he attended which discussed transportation options during non-peak hours and to communities that are underserved by public transit.

Veronica Elsea, chair, thanked committee members for sharing and suggested members contact RTC staff if there are items they would like to add to a future E&D TAC agenda.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Item 11 was moved to after item 15 and item 16 was moved to after item 10 to accommodate the presenter's schedules.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes from June 12, 2018

6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report

7. Received RTC Meeting Highlights

8. Recommended that the Regional Transportation Commission approve appointments to the E&D TAC Committee

9. Received Information Items

A motion (Berkowitz/Ireland) was made to approve the consent agenda.

The motion passed with members Pam Arnsberger, Jon Bailiff, Lisa Berkowitz, Tom

Duncanson, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, and Caroline Lamb voting in favor. Member Kirk Ance abstained, since he was not present at the June 12, 2018 meeting. Member John Daugherty was not present for this item.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Received Program Updates

- a. Volunteer Center – FY 17/18 TDA 4th Quarter Report

Tara Ireland reported that the Volunteer Center is conducting outreach to recruit volunteer drivers in San Lorenzo Valley and welcomed input on how to reach interested individuals.

- b. Community Bridges – FY 17/18 TDA 3rd Quarter Report
No discussion.

- c. Santa Cruz Metro
No discussion.

- d. SCCRTC

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, announced that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) will be provided with the Draft Unified Corridor Investment Study (UCIS) at their October 4th meeting. Ms. Blakeslee gave an overview of the process and timeline for action on the UCIS. Joanna Edmonds, Transportation Planning Technician, announced that the revised Guide to Specialized Transportation has been printed in English and the Spanish version is forthcoming. Copies of the English version were distributed to committee members.

No action taken.

16. County of Santa Cruz Safe Routes to School Program – Ecology Action (*taken out of order to accommodate the presenter's schedule*)

Amelia Conlen, Ecology Action, provided information about the effort to develop two Safe Routes to Schools Plans, one in the City of Watsonville and one in unincorporated Santa Cruz County plus Scotts Valley. Ms. Conlen noted that there may be overlap between the needs identified to increase biking, walking and transit use to schools and the transportation needs of seniors and people living with disabilities. Ms. Conlen invited committee members to get involved by attending

public meetings and walking audits and welcomed input from the committee about how to best reach the disabled community. Committee members discussed strategies that could help reach disabled members of the public and parents of disabled school-aged children, as well as the opportunity to include safety messaging in the general outreach efforts.

No action taken.

12. Sonoma – Marin Area Rail Transit

George Dondero, Executive Director, presented information pertaining to the Sonoma-Martin Area Transit District (SMART) - Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce organized educational field trip that he attended. Mr. Dondero explained that in 2017, SMART began regular passenger service on its 43-mile Initial Operating Segment, between the Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa and Downtown San Rafael, and will ultimately extend to serve a 70-mile corridor from Larkspur to Cloverdale. SMART is funded by Measure Q, a one-quarter cent sales tax approved by Sonoma and Marin voters in 2008. Committee members discussed how SMART has provided a new transportation option for seniors and people living with disabilities, helped reduce senior isolation and loneliness in the areas it serves, and provided individuals with more access to their health providers.

No action taken.

13. Highway 9 Complete Streets Plan Update

Brianna Goodman, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the complete streets plan for the Highway 9 corridor through San Lorenzo Valley (SLV). The plan will identify, evaluate, and prioritize transportation projects that improve safety, access to schools, businesses, and bus stops, and traffic operations. Ms. Goodman explained that priority improvements have been identified based on public input, collision data, traffic conditions, land uses, Metro on-boarding data, and gaps in existing infrastructure. RTC staff will present the complete draft plan to the committee later this year. Committee members discussed the impact of this plan on ADA accessibility to transit stops, sidewalks, and crosswalks and made suggestions for audible crossing and flashing beacon improvements that would benefit elderly and disabled pedestrians, including those with visual impairments.

No action taken.

11. City of Capitola Park Avenue Improvement Project TDA Claim *(taken out of order to accommodate presenter's schedule.)*

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola, provided an overview of the City of Capitola's Park Avenue Improvement Project, for which the City of Capitola submitted a request for TDA funds totaling \$197,749. Mr. Mozumder provided a detailed map of the project area and explained that the City of Capitola proposes to construct improvements on the north side of Park Avenue from McCormick Avenue to Cabrillo Street to facilitate pedestrian access from the Cliffwood Heights neighborhood and New Brighton middle school to Capitola Village. Veronica Elsea, chair, thanked Mr. Mozumder for his presentation. Committee members shared suggestions for pedestrian lighting, audible crossings, and flashing beacons that would benefit elderly and disabled pedestrians, including those with visual impairments.

A motion (Daugherty/Lamb) was made for the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the City of Capitola's Article 8 Transportation Development Act claim for \$197,749 for Park Avenue Sidewalk Project. The motion passed with members Kirk Ance, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Tom Duncanson, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, and Caroline Lamb voting in favor. Members Pam Arnsberger and Jon Bailiff were not present for this item.

14. Senate Bill 1 – Transportation Funding Update

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update regarding Senate Bill 1, which provides transportation funding. Ms. Moriconi reported that Proposition 6, which will be on the November 2018 ballot, would eliminate funding for transportation projects by repealing Senate Bill 1 (SB1). Local agencies have been using SB1 funds to address some of the backlog of road repair, transit system maintenance, bicycle, pedestrian, and mobility projects in Santa Cruz County. John Daugherty added that METRO's ability to rebuild both its bus and ParaCruz fleet relies on SB1 funding.

No action taken.

15. SB 1376

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner, announced that the California state legislature has advanced Senate Bill 1376 (Hill) during the 2017-2018 legislative session. Ms. Moriconi shared that this bill aims to increase accessibility of Technology application-based ride hailing services, such as those services provided by transportation network companies (TNC) like Lyft and Uber, to people who need a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV). Ms. Moriconi reported that SB 1376 is on the governor's desk awaiting signature at the time of this meeting.

No action taken.

16. Item take out of order after item 10

17. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Update

Veronica Elsea, E&D TAC Chair, informed E&D TAC members that the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup met on August 30th, 2018 and discussed the hazard reporting system, construction guidelines, and incorporating pedestrian safety messaging from the "What Pedestrians and Bicyclists Want Each Other to Know" brochure into Cruz511 outreach efforts and social media messages. Ms. Elsea announced that the next Pedestrian Safety Workgroup meeting is scheduled for September 25th from 2 to 4 pm at the RTC offices and is open to the public.

No action taken.

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:51 p.m.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the RTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Edmonds, Staff