



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

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

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

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Members present:

Kirk Ance, CTSA – Lift Line

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

Clay Kempf, Social Service Provider – Seniors

Caroline Lamb, Potential Transit User

Lori Welch-Bettencourt, 4th District

Alternates present:

Daniel Zaragoza, Metro

Excused absences:

Deborah Benham, 5th District

RTC staff present:

Grace Blakeslee

Cory Caletti

Joanna Edmonds

Luis Mendez

Guy Preston

Others present:

Angela Aitken, Metro

Sally Arnold, Friends of the Rail & Trail (FORT)

Jean Brocklebank, Santa Cruz resident

Raymon Cancino, Community Bridges

Barrow Emerson, Metro

Elaine Ingalls, Santa Cruz Sentinel

Michael Lewis, Seniors Commission

Wondimu Mengistu, Metro

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola

Pete Rasmussen, Metro

Camilla Shaffer, First Transit

Doug Underhill, Community Bridges

Sean Vienna, AMBAG

2. Introductions
3. Oral communications

Member Lisa Berkowitz announced that there is a new exhibit at the Santa Cruz Museum and Art History called, "We're Still Here," that addresses the issue of social isolation in the senior community.

Member John Daugherty shared a Santa Cruz Sentinel article titled, "Santa Cruz Metro Removes Six Bus Stops."

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Joanna Edmonds, Transportation Planning Technician, noted a correction to the June meeting location listed on the agenda. The committee's next meeting will be held at 1:30 pm on June 11, 2019, at the Old City Council Chambers in Watsonville City Hall at 250 Main Street, Watsonville, CA. Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, announced a correction for Item 18 in the dates listed in the table in Exhibit C-2.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes from February 12, 2019
6. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
7. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
8. Received Information Items
9. Received Pedestrian Hazard Report Summary
10. Recommended that the Regional Transportation Commission approve reappointment to the E&D TAC Committee
11. Accepted correspondence from the public
None

A motion (Daugherty/Berkowitz) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with members Jon Bailiff, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor. Member Kirk Ance abstained from the vote, as he was not present at the February 12, 2019, meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Received Program Updates
 - a. Volunteer Center – FY 18/19 TDA 2nd Quarter Report

- b. Community Bridges – FY 18/19 TDA 1st Quarter Report
- c. Santa Cruz Metro

Barrow Emerson, Metro, announced that Metro's Title VI program has been updated as required by law. Mr. Emerson shared that there were not any substantive changes in the program, only administrative updates. Mr. Emerson shared that Metro is working on a Strategic Plan and provided an overview. Committee members encouraged Metro to include the needs of transportation dependent users in community outreach and requested that Metro provide information about Title VI claims filed against Metro in the last three years.

- d. SCCRTC

Joanna Edmonds, Transportation Planning Technician, provided an update regarding the distribution of the RTC's updated Guide to Specialized Transportation.

No action taken.

- e. Pedestrian Safety Workgroup

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, provided background information about the Pedestrian Safety Work Group, a subcommittee of the E&D TAC. Ms. Blakeslee shared the staff and Pedestrian Safety Workgroup recommendation that the E&D TAC consider dissolving the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup due to low participation from committee members and consider the need for project specific temporary committees.

Committee members expressed the need for pedestrian issues to be addressed, especially those of the elderly and disabled, strategies for increasing participation by the entire committee in those issues, and the differences between standing committees and temporary adhoc committees.

A motion (Berkowitz/Ance) was made to dissolve the existing Pedestrian Safety Workgroup and to consider establishing an adhoc committee of the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee to address specific pedestrian issues, with the specific project focus of the adhoc committee to be discussed at the committee's June 11th, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with members Jon Bailiff, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor. Chair Veronica Elsea abstained from the vote.

13. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion (Berkowitz/Lamb) was made to make Chair and Vice Chair terms two years in length. The motion failed with members Kirk Ance, Jon Bailiff, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting against. Member Caroline Lamb abstained from the vote.

A motion (Bettencourt-Welch/Ireland) was made to elect Veronica Elsea as Chair. The motion passed with members Kirk Ance, Jon Bailiff, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor.

A motion (Ance/Ireland) was made to elect John Daugherty as Vice Chair. The motion passed with members Kirk Ance, Jon Bailiff, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor.

14. Metro FY 19/20 & 20/21 Budget Presentation

Angela Aitken, Metro, presented Metro's FY 19-20 & FY 20-21 preliminary operations and capital budgets. Ms. Aitken informed members that an updated proposed two-year budget will be presented to the Metro Board of Directors in May, which will provide updated revenues and expenses projections.

No action taken.

15. 2019 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, explained that each year the E&D TAC voluntarily prepares a list of unmet paratransit and transit needs in Santa Cruz County, referred to as the Unmet Needs List. The RTC considers adoption of the final Unmet Needs List at the May RTC meeting.

Committee members discussed revisions to the Unmet Needs List including the need for new medical facilities to be built in areas that are served by the existing public transit system and expanding outreach to service providers about existing paratransit services.

A motion (Kempf/Berkowitz) was made to update the Draft 2019 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs List as discussed and recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission adopt the Final 2019 Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list following a public hearing on May 2, 2019. The motion passed with members Kirk Ance, Jon Bailiff, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor.

16. City of Capitola – Brommer St. Complete Streets Improvements

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola, provided an overview of Brommer Street Complete Street Improvements.

Veronica Elsea, chair, thanked Mr. Mozumder for his presentation. Committee members shared suggestions for audible crossings and improved access around utility poles that would benefit elderly and disabled pedestrians, including those with visual impairments.

No action taken.

17. Transportation Development Act Claim for Volunteer Center

Joanna Edmonds, Transportation Planning Technician, provided background about RTC Article 8 TDA Claims. Tara Ireland, Volunteer Center, provided an overview of the TDA claim for the Volunteer Center.

A motion (Kempf/Lamb) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the Volunteer Center's TDA claim, contingent upon approval by the City of Santa Cruz to act as the claimant. The motion passed with members Kirk Ance, Lisa Berkowitz, John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor. Member Tara Ireland abstained from the vote. Member Jon Bailiff was not present for the vote.

18. Transportation Development Act Claim for Community Bridges

Kirk Ance, Community Bridges, provided an overview of the TDA claim for Community Bridges. Committee members discussed the cost and distribution of rides to Elder Day and Meals on Wheels sites.

A motion (Kempf/Bettencourt-Welch) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve Community Bridges' TDA claim, contingent upon approval by the City of Santa Cruz to act as the claimant. The motion passed with members John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor. Members Kirk Ance and Lisa Berkowitz abstained from the vote. Member Jon Bailiff was not present for the vote.

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

Wondimu Mengistu, Metro, provided an overview of the TDA & STA claim for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

Committee members asked questions about Metro ParaCruz's on-time performance and ParaCruz driver recruitment and retention.

A motion (Kempf/Bettencourt-Welch) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve Metro's TDA claim. The motion passed with members Kirk Ance, Lisa Berkowitz, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor. Vice Chair John Daugherty abstained from the vote. Member Jon Bailiff was not present for the vote.

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

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, explained that Measure D recipients are required to prepare annual updates to Measure D Five-Year Plans. Kirk Ance,

Community Bridges, provided an overview of the Measure D Community Bridges Lift Line Five-Year Plan (FY 2020-25).

A motion (Kempf/Ireland) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve Community Bridges Lift Line's Measure D Five-Year Plan (FY 20-25). The motion passed with members John Daugherty, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Clay Kempf, Caroline Lamb, and Lori Welch-Bettencourt voting in favor. Members Kirk Ance and Lisa Berkowitz abstained from the vote.

21. Measure D: Regional Five-Year Plan

Grace Blakeslee, Transportation Planner, introduced Executive Director Guy Preston and Cory Caletti, Senior Transportation Planner, to the committee. Ms. Caletti 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. Ms. Caletti provided an overview of the Measure D five-year plan for the Active Transportation Project investment category.

Committee members discussed

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:37 pm.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Old City Council Chambers in Watsonville City Hall at 250 Main Street, Watsonville, CA.

Respectfully submitted, Joanna Edmonds, Staff