



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

MINUTES

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

NOTE: TELECONFERENCE

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1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Members present:

Kirk Ance, CTSA (Lift Line)

Deborah Benham, 5th District

Janet Edwards, 1st District

Michael Pisano, Potential Transit User (60+)

Patty Talbot, Social Services Provider – Seniors

Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA (Community Bridges)

Veronica Elsea, 3rd District

Tara Ireland, Social Service Provider – Persons of Limited Means

Caroline Lamb, Potential Transit User (Disabled)

John Daugherty, SCMTD (Metro)

Phil Kipnis, 1st District Alternate

Daniel Zaragoza, SCMTD (Metro) Alternate

Unexcused absences:

Martha Rubbo, 4th District
Alex Weske Social Service Provider - Disabled

RTC staff present:

Grace Blakeslee, Senior Transportation Planner
Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner
Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner

Others present:

Michael Lewis
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Ingrid McRoberts, Caltrans
Audrey Ogden, Caltrans
Terri Persons, Caltrans

2. Introductions
3. Oral communications
4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes from April 14th, 2020

A motion (Pisano/Kipnis) was made to approve minutes with the following corrections under Oral Communications: changing "dining site" to "dining sites". The motion passed unanimously, with members Kirk Ance, Deborah Benham, Lisa Berkowitz, Michael Pisano, Janet Edwards, Patty Talbot, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, John Daugherty, Phil Kipnis, Daniel Zaragoza, and Caroline Lamb voting in favor.

6. Received the Triennial Performance Audit of Santa Cruz County Transit Operators
7. Received Final Unmet Paratransit and Transit Needs list
8. Recommended approval of the City of Watsonville Article 8 Transportation Development Act Allocation Request – MBSST Segment 18 Phase 1
9. Received RTC Meeting Highlights

10. Received Information Items

- a. Updated CORE Investments Program
- b. 6 ways to Make City Streets Safer for Pedestrians
- c. Why the 30th Anniversary of Disabilities Act Matters

11. Received Pedestrian Hazard Report

12. Accept Correspondence from the public

A motion (Pisano/Edwards) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously, with members Kirk Ance, Deborah Benham, Lisa Berkowitz, Michael Pisano, Janet Edwards, Patty Talbot, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, John Daugherty, Phil Kipnis, Daniel Zaragoza, and Caroline Lamb voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Received Program Updates

- a. Volunteer Center – 4th Quarter TDA Report

Committee member Tara Ireland communicated the impacts of COVID-19 on the Volunteer Center's transportation services and provided updates on the development of the Grocery Shopper Program. The Grocery Shopper Program is currently accepting new participants. For more information visit:

<https://scvolunteercenter.org/programs/grocery-shopper-program/>

- b. Community Bridges – 3rd Quarter TDA Report

Committee members Kirk Ance and Lisa Berkowitz communicated the impacts of COVID-19 on Community Bridge's transportation services and the current status of Lift Line's new essential services programs.

- c. Santa Cruz Metro

Committee members John Daugherty and Daniel Zaragoza provided an update on Santa Cruz Metro's level of service, COVID-19 impacts, and communicated the development of the Santa Cruz Metro ParaCruz application.

- d. SCCRTC

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, communicated the status of the SCCRTC serving as the Access Fund Administrator for the TNC (Transportation Network Companies) Access for All Program created by the California Public Utilities Commission.

No action taken.

14. Measure D 5-Year Plan for Regional Projects and Direct Allocation to Community Bridges Lift Line

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/2021-2024/2025 five-year programs of projects (5-Year Plans) for Measure D regional investment categories and projects: Highway Corridors, Active Transportation, Rail Corridor, San Lorenzo Valley-Highway 9 Corridor Improvements and the Highway 17 Wildlife Crossing (Attachments 1-5), and for Community Bridges-Lift Line. The committee discussed, provided input, and addressed questions on the draft five-year programs of projects.

A motion (Kipnis/Edwards) was made to recommend approval of the Measure D 5-Year Plan for Regional Projects and Direct Allocation to Community Bridges Lift Line. The motion passed with members Deborah Benham, Michael Pisano, Janet Edwards, Patty Talbot, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, Phil Kipnis, and Caroline Lamb voting in favor. Committee members Lisa Berkowitz, Kirk Ance, and Daniel Zaragoza abstained from the vote and Member John Daugherty was not present for the vote.

15. Preliminary Draft Project List for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner, communicated the process of approval and development of the preliminary draft project list for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy to the committee. The committee can submit any feedback to Amy Naranjo by emailing anaranjo@scctrc.org by Monday, August 24th, 2020.

No action taken.

16. Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan

Caltrans staff members, Ingrid McRoberts, Audrey Ogden, and Terri Persons presented the Caltrans District 5 Active Transportation Plan. Committee

members provided input during the discussion session with Caltrans District 5 staff highlighting the strategies and opportunities to improve accessibility and safety of pedestrian and transit facilities.

No action taken.

17. Pedestrian Projects Ad-hoc Subcommittee Safe Intersection Design Presentation

The Pedestrian Projects Ad-hoc Subcommittee presented to the E&D TAC on Safe Intersection Design within Santa Cruz County. The Pedestrian Projects Ad-hoc Subcommittee would like to engage in a dialog with the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) on behalf of the E&D TAC. Committee members provided feedback on the presentation highlighting the importance of safe pedestrian facilities.

A motion (Kipnis/Edwards) was made to approve the Pedestrian Projects Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to proceed to present to the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee on behalf of the E&D TAC. The motion passed with members, Deborah Benham, Lisa Berkowitz, Michael Pisano, Janet Edwards, Patty Talbot, Veronica Elsea, Tara Ireland, John Daugherty, Phil Kipnis, Daniel Zaragoza, and Caroline Lamb voting in favor. Members Kirk Ance and Tara Ireland were not present for the vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:51 pm.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the RTC Office, Santa Cruz. NOTE: Teleconference may be necessary due to COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Marino, Staff