



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission's
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee

(Also serves as the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council)

FINAL MINUTES

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Special Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

NOTE: Meeting was held as teleconference

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Members present:

Patty Talbott, Social Services Provider — Seniors
Tara Ireland, Social Service Provider-Persons of Limited Means
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA (Community Bridges)
Jesus Bojorquez, CTSA (Lift Line)
Eileen Wagley, SCMTD (Metro)
Michael Pisano, Potential transit User (60+)
Caroline Lamb, Potential Transit User (Disabled)
Janet Edwards, 1st District
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District

Unexcused absences:

Alex Weske, Social Service Provider – Disabled
Paul Elerick, 2nd District
Martha Rubbo, 4th District

RTC staff present:

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner
Amy Naranjo, Transportation Planner

Others present:

Becky Steinbruner, Cabrillo Host Lions Club

2. Introductions

3. Oral communications

Committee member Janet Edwards provided information on redistricting in Santa Cruz County and reminded the committee of opportunities to provide input on the Soquel Drive Buffered Bike Lane Congestion Mitigation Project. More information can be found by visiting: <https://www.soqueldrivebufferedproject.com/>

Committee Member Michael Pisano asked a question to the committee on how to make Santa Cruz County a more bikeable and walkable community.

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public, representing the Cabrillo Host Lions Club communicated the Cabrillo Host Lion's Club's interest in future collaboration with the E&D TAC supporting projects that address pedestrian hazards for individuals who are visually impaired. Ms. Steinbruner identified three areas in Santa Cruz County that are hazardous to visually impaired pedestrians.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - none

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes from November 16, 2021
6. Received RTC Meeting Highlights
7. Received 2022 E&D TAC Meeting Schedule
8. Received Information Items
 - a. FTA Section 5310 Program Fact Sheet
 - b. Caltrans Complete Streets Director's Policy

A motion (Edwards/Berkowitz) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with members Patty Talbott, Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, and Veronica Elsea voting in favor with abstentions from Tara Ireland and Eileen Wagley.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. Received Program Updates
 - a. Volunteer Center

Tara Ireland informed the committee of the increase of seniors that

continue to participate in the grocery shopper program.

b. Community Bridges

Jesus Bojorquez updated the committee on the continuation of the program to provide transportation for seniors to grocery stores, restaurants, and Covid-19 booster shots.

c. Santa Cruz Metro

Eileen Wagley announced that Metro is experiencing personnel and administrative changes due to the departure of Alex Clifford announced at Metro's last regular Board of Director's meeting that he will retire from his position as CEO/GM of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District in January 2022. Metro will have in place an interim CEO/GM until a permanent CEO/GM is appointed by the Board. Metro also has many job openings, more information can be found: <http://www.scmttd.com/en/agency-info/metro-employment>

d. SCCRTC

RTC Transportation Planner Amanda Marino provided an update on the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) discretionary funds that includes using the remaining balance available for school safety and access projects - the Highway 9/SLV schools and Ecology Action Safe Routes to Schools projects.

Ms. Marino informed the committee that when conditions allow the RTC will conduct hybrid meetings and will provide Covid-19 findings at the RTC meetings to abide by AB 361 where the governor's executive orders suspend several provisions of the Brown Act to ensure that the work of government agencies could continue with virtual meetings to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19.

e. Pedestrian Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

- i. Pedestrian Hazard Report
- ii. Letter to the City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department

Chair Veronica Elsea informed the committee of the continuation of reviewing the pedestrian hazard report process. Ms. Elsea also reminded the committee of the E&D TAC's request for the City of Santa Cruz to attend the February meeting to provide an update on the new regional bike share program and the need to upgrade the Rapid Flashing Beacons to be accessible.

10. Release of Draft 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

RTC Transportation Planner Amy Naranjo presented to the committee and solicited input on the Draft 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) including the policy, financial, and action elements. The three main components include draft goals, policies, targets, complete list of projects, and the fiscally constrained project list. The E&D TAC provided comments that consist of; including the term “functional” to pedestrian facilities, additional information on the Pedestrian Safety Workgroup and the Pedestrian Ad-hoc Subcommittee, reference the loss of accessible taxi service. Additional RTP comments can be sent to 2045rtp@sccrtc.org and EIR comments to hadamson@ambag.org by January 31st, 2022.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. NOTE: Teleconference may be necessary due to COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Marino, Staff