



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

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

NOTE: Meeting was held as teleconference

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 1:41 p.m.

Members present:

Patty Talbot, Social Services Provider — Seniors
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA (Community Bridges)
Jesus Bojorquez, CTSA (Lift Line)
Michael Pisano, Potential transit User (60+)
Caroline Lamb, Potential Transit User (Disabled)
Janet Edwards, 1st District
Daniel Zaragoza, SCMTD (Metro)
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Phil Kipnis, 1st District

Unexcused absences:

Alex Weske, Social Service Provider – Disabled
Paul Elerick, 2nd District

RTC staff present:

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner
Sarah Christensen, Principal Engineer

Others present:

Douglas Underhill, Chief Financial Officer, Community Bridges
Raymon Cancino, Chief Executive Officer, Community Bridges
Piet Canin, Strategic Development Director, Ecology Action
Amelia Conlen, Planner, Ecology Action
Asha Wanderman, Community Bridges

2. Introductions

3. Oral communications

Chair Veronica Elsea made a comment on her positive experience attending the Coast Futura TIG/m passenger rail demonstration. Ms. Elsea also informed the committee of redistricting preliminary list that will impact the Santa Cruz County District

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

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes from October 12, 2021

A motion (Pisano/Edwards) was made to approve the minutes with changes to the attendance listing Michael Pisano as present. The motion passed with members Patty Talbot, Jesus Bojorquez, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Daniel Zaragoza, Veronica Elsea, Phil Kipnis, voting in favor. Lisa Berkowitz was not present for the vote.

6. Received RTC Meeting Highlights

7. Received Information Items

- a. Letter from E&D TAC to RTC Staff for Selecting District Representatives on RTC Advisory Bodies.

A motion (Edwards/ Ireland) was made to approve Items 6 and 7 on the consent agenda. The motion passed with members Patty Talbot, Jesus Bojorquez, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Daniel Zaragoza, Veronica Elsea, Phil Kipnis, voting in favor. Lisa Berkowitz was not present for the vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Received Program Updates

- a. Volunteer Center - No update.
- b. Community Bridges - No verbal update.
TDA 4th Quarter & Annual Summary Report FY 2020-21 included in the packet.
- c. Santa Cruz Metro

d. SCCRTC

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, announced that the RTC will be conducting its first hybrid meeting on December 2nd, 2021. The committee was informed of the relocation of the RTC office which is now at 1101 Pacific Avenue, Suite 250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. The RTC is setting up the new office to conduct future hybrid meetings for the advisory committees. The committee was additionally informed of the next Budget and Administration Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for February 10th.

e. Pedestrian Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

i. Pedestrian Hazard Report

ii. Letter to the City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department

Chair Veronica Elsea provided a report of the current work that the Pedestrian Ad-hoc Subcommittee is conducting including reviewing the pedestrian hazard reports and the findings from the appointed liaisons in each jurisdiction through out Santa Cruz County.

9. 2021 Consolidated Grants and Regional Transportation Improvement Program Preliminary Recommendations

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the preliminary recommendations for programming approximately \$11 million in funds from various state and federal funding programs to projects in Santa Cruz County. The committee provided input on projects that are proposed to receive these funds. Committee members expressed interest in projects that improve accessibility, connectivity, and safety of pedestrians.

A motion (Kipnis, Edwards) was made to approve the staff recommendation with conditions that the 41st Ave Intersection and Roadway Rehabilitation Project include accessible features at intersections for all pedestrians, increased pedestrian lighting on 41st and Soquel, especially at freeway interchanges, and include pedestrian lighting in the Granite Creek Rd. Overcrossing project. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) with all members in attendance voting "yes" by roll call vote.

10. Santa Cruz County Active Transportation Plan – Draft Recommendations

Amelia Conlen, Planner for Ecology Action, presented the draft infrastructure recommendations of the County Active Transportation Plan including corridor recommendations and Sidewalk/Intersection/Spot treatment recommendations. Committee members provided input that included to ensure all pedestrian pathways are ADA accessible, and the need to maintain pedestrian accessibility to transit and parking facilities

when Class 4 Separated Bikeways are constructed. Additionally, the committee discussed the need for traffic calming features to maintain clear pedestrian access, increased crosswalk visibility, and the possibility to provide bike lockers at shopping centers.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 pm.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. NOTE: Teleconference may be necessary due to COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Marino, Staff