



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, February 8, 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)
Daniel Zaragoza SCMTD (Metro) Alternate
Michael Pisano, Potential transit User (60+)
Caroline Lamb, Potential Transit User (Disabled)
Janet Edwards, 1st District
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Patricia Fohrman, 4th District

Unexcused absences:

Alex Weske, Social Service Provider – Disabled
Paul Elerick, 2nd District
Ed Hutton, 5th District

RTC staff present:

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner
Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner

Others present:

Becky Steinbruner, Cabrillo Host Lions Club
Daniel Young, Member of the Public
Sean Shrum, Member of the Public
Joshua Spangrud, City of Santa Cruz
Alex Yasbek, City of Watsonville

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola
Gus Alfaro, Caltrans D5
Abraham Carmona, Caltrans D5
Dan Estranero, City of Santa Cruz
Amelia Conlen, Ecology Action Planner

2. Introductions

3. Oral communications

Daniel Young, disabled veteran senior citizen, expressed his opposition for the Greenway initiative.

Committee Member Janet Edwards announced the opportunity to provide input on the aesthetic design elements for Highway 1 Bay Ave/Porter Street to State Park Dr. Auxiliary Lanes Project.

Sean Shrum, member of the public, stated the need for freight and emergency services on the rail line.

Becky Steinbruner, member of the public representing Cabrillo Host Lions Club, expressed interest in partnering with the E&D TAC and serving on the committee, as well as providing assistance with funding pedestrian projects. Ms. Steinbruner contacted Erik Riera, Behavioral Health Director County of Santa Cruz, regarding providing wheelchair accessible taxi service.

4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas

Move Item 17. Caltrans D5 Hybrid Beacons on Mission St. before Item 11.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes from January 11, 2022

A motion (Edwards, Berkowitz) was made to approve the minutes with corrections to the spelling of "Talbot" and revising oral communications. The motion passed with members Patty Talbot, Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, and Patricia Fohrman voting in favor.

6. Received RTC Meeting Highlights

7. Received Transportation Development Act Revenues Report
8. Received FY 22-23 TDA Claims Calendar
9. Received Notice of Chair and Vice Chair Election
10. Received Information Items
 - a. Regional E-Bike Rebate Summary Flyer

A motion (Pisano/Edwards) 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. Patricia Fohrman was not present for the vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

17. *(Item moved before Item 11.)* Caltrans D5 Hybrid Beacons on Mission St.

Gus Alfaro and Abraham Carmona, Caltrans D5 Staff, presented to the E&D TAC information to replace and upgrade the existing pedestrian flashing beacons at Mission & Olive / Mission & Berkshire with Pedestrian Hybrid Flashing Beacons (PHFB). The committee provided input that includes ensuring that the cabinet location allows sidewalk wheelchair access and audible accessible features on beacons.

No action taken.

11. Received Program Updates

- a. Volunteer Center

Tara Ireland announced that volunteers are required to wear K-N95 masks while transporting participants in personal vehicles as well as providing K-N95 masks to participants in the programs.

- b. Community Bridges

Jesus Bojorquez provided a program update that Lift Line is continuing their program providing free rides to Covid-19 vaccinations sites. Drivers and participants are required to wear a mask.

- c. Santa Cruz Metro

Eileen Wagley informed the committee that Metro is currently in the

process of evaluating applicants for a CEO. Additionally, ParaCruz ridership has reached 80% of pre-Covid ridership levels, hired three new drivers, and one dispatcher.

d. SCCRTC

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, notified the committee of the date of the next the next Budget and Administration/Personnel (BAP) Committee that will meet on March 10th as requested at the last E&D TAC meeting. Ms. Marino informed the committee that the E&D TAC may need to hold a special meeting in March to provide input on the Coastal Rail Trail.

e. Pedestrian Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

i. Pedestrian Hazard Report

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

Chair Veronica Elsea communicated that the subcommittee continues to regularly review the pedestrian hazard reports and will be scheduling another meeting in the next few weeks.

Committee member Janet Edwards announced that the Kaiser project has been delayed and will be continuing in the Spring of 2022. This project will involve rezoning for housing, sidewalk, and signal improvements. Ms. Edwards additionally provided an update on the Chanticleer Bridge and Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project.

12. Committee Appointments

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the eight applicants expressing interest to fill vacancies on the E&D TAC shown in the February 2022 membership roster.

A motion (Edwards/Lamb) was made to recommend approval to the RTC to appoint new members to the E&D TAC. 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. Patricia Fohrman was not present for the vote.

13. Preliminary Draft 2022 Unmet Needs List

Chair Veronica Elsea and Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, provided a background and importance of identifying Unmet Transit and Paratransit Needs. The Unmet Needs List is used to support recommendations for funding prioritization, and to provide input to

service providers. The committee provided input on the Preliminary Draft 2022 Unmet Needs List.

No action taken.

14. City of Santa Cruz Regional Bike Share Program

Alex Yasbek, staff from the City of Watsonville, shared information on the status of the City of Santa Cruz in partnership with the Cities of Capitola and Watsonville, the County of Santa Cruz, UCSC, and Cabrillo College Electric Bike Share Program. The E&D TAC provided input on bike parking including recommendations on how to ensure pedestrians and individuals with disabilities navigate the bikes properly.

No action taken.

15. City of Santa Cruz TDA Funded Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

Dan Estranero, staff from the City of Santa Cruz, provided updated information on the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and informed the committee that they are looking for future funding to upgrade the beacons installed to include audible functions. The City of Santa Cruz is installing six more RRFBs and will consider adding audible functions.

No action taken.

16. City of Santa Cruz's Chestnut Storm Drain and Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Joshua Spangrud, staff from City of Santa Cruz gave an overview of the Chestnut Street Storm Drain Replacement and Pavement Rehabilitation Project highlighting improvements to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. The E&D TAC asked questions on topics regarding pedestrian accessibility.

No action taken.

18. Capitola's Draft Design for Clares & 41st Ave Projects

Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola, presented Capitola's Draft Design for Clares & 41st Ave Projects emphasizing the complete streets elements. The committee asked questions and provided input including the need for Rapid Flashing Beacons to have audible components and accessible placement of push buttons. Additionally, the committee provided comments on the need to improve sidewalk condition and accessibility for pedestrians using mobility devices.

No action taken.

19. Draft Santa Cruz County Active Transportation Plan

Due to time constraints this item will be solicited for input via email aconlen@ecoact.org.

No action taken.

20. Draft 2022 RTC Legislative Program

Rachel Moriconi, Senior Transportation Planner delivered an overview of the Draft 2022 RTC Legislative Program to the committee. Committee members provided input and are encouraged to review the preliminary draft 2022 Legislative Program and email rmoriconi@scrtc.org by February 11, 2022 any changes the RTC should consider.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:07 pm.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. NOTE: Teleconference may be necessary due to COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Marino, Staff