



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

DRAFT MINUTES

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

NOTE: Meeting was held via Zoom.

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

Members present:

Tara Ireland, Social Service Provider-Persons of Limited Means
Lisa Berkowitz, CTSA (Community Bridges)
Jesus Bojorquez, CTSA (Lift Line)
Daniel Zaragoza, SCMTD (Metro)
Michael Pisano, Potential transit User (60+)
Caroline Lamb, Potential Transit User (Disabled)
Janet Edwards, 1st District
Veronica Elsea, 3rd District
Nadia Noriega, CTSA (Lift Line)
Patricia Fohrman, 4th District (Caput)

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
Thomas Travers, Transportation Planner

Others present:

Wondimu Mengistu, Santa Cruz METRO
Douglas Underhill, Community Bridges Lift Line
Theresa Rogerson, Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency
Miranda Taylor, AMBAG
Anais Shenk, Santa Cruz County

Jill Hough, Member of the public

2. Introductions
3. Oral communications
4. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - none

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approved minutes from April 12, 2022

A motion (Edwards/Bojorquez) was made to approve the minutes with corrections to the date of the next E&D TAC meeting. The motion passed with members Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Daniel Zaragoza, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, Nadia Noriega, and Patricia Fohrman voting in favor.

6. Received RTC Meeting Highlights

7. Received Information Items

- a. Central Coast ZEV Strategy Flyer

A motion (Lamb/Edwards) was made to move Item 8. FY 22/23 TDA Funding Request for the Community Traffic Safety Coalition and the Ride N Stride Program to the regular agenda. The motion passed with members Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Daniel Zaragoza, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, Nadia Noriega, and Patricia Fohrman voting in favor.

A motion (Edwards/Zaragoza) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with members Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Daniel Zaragoza, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, Nadia Noriega, and Patricia Fohrman voting in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. *(Moved from consent to regular agenda)* FY 22/23 TDA Funding Request for the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) and the Ride N Stride Program

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, communicated the staff recommendation for the TDA claim for the Santa Cruz County Health

Services Agency (HSA). Theresia Rogerson, HSA Staff, provided an overview of the Community Traffic Safety Coalition (CTSC) and the Ride N Stride Program TDA claim. The CTSC is encouraging E&D TAC members to get involved and join the Vision Zero Task Force.

A motion (Edwards/Lamb) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the HSA TDA claim. The motion passed with members Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Daniel Zaragoza, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, and Nadia Noriega voting in favor. Patricia Fohrman was not present for the vote.

9. Received Program Updates

a. Volunteer Center

Tara Ireland communicated that over the last quarter the Volunteer Center had 75 volunteers serving 229 program participants. The Volunteer Center is recruiting additional volunteers. For more information on how to volunteer visit:

<https://scvolunteercenter.org/volunteer/>

b. Community Bridges – TDA Second Quarter Summary Report

Jesus Bojorquez presented the 2nd quarter summary report that includes completing a total of 7,000 rides. Lift Line is in the process of hiring two new drivers and is expected to be fully staffed by the end of May.

c. Santa Cruz METRO

Daniel Zaragoza announced that METRO is in the process of hiring 3 new operators for ParaCruz and are currently recruiting new operators. For more information on current job openings visit:

<http://www.scmttd.com/en/agency-info/metro-employment>

Mr. Zaragoza informed the committee that ridership is currently at 90% of pre-Covid 19 levels. METRO is estimating 60,000 rides to be completed in 2022.

d. SCCRTC

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, announced the next Budget Administration and Personnel (BAP) meeting will be scheduled in August or September, and the specific date is yet to be determined. Ms. Marino will send out a notice via email if it will occur before the

next scheduled E&D TAC meeting.

Additionally, there will be a special June RTC meeting scheduled for June 16th to follow the required timeline to adopt the Final EIR of the Regional Transportation Plan. The next scheduled August E&D TAC meeting is anticipated to be hybrid to allow both in person and virtual attendance.

- e. Pedestrian Ad-Hoc Subcommittee
 - i. Pedestrian Hazard Report

Chair Veronica Elsea informed the committee that the subcommittee is continuing to monitor the Pedestrian Hazard Reports and responses. Ms. Elsea identified the Cabrillo Host Lions Club's pedestrian hazard, and in response Caltrans will be installing an accessible signal and yield sign at the corner of Soquel/Freedom Blvd.

The subcommittee is additionally monitoring the public meetings of local jurisdictions throughout Santa Cruz County. Ms. Elsea provided an update on the projects they are monitoring including the update to the Santa Cruz County Wireless Communication Ordinance. The subcommittee is working to ensure that pedestrian pathways are not obstructed by the placement of new electrical boxes.

10. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Funds for Community Bridges Lift Line Paratransit Program

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, communicated the staff recommendation for the TDA/STA claim for Community Bridges Lift Line. Douglas Underhill, Chief Finance Officer at Community Bridges, provided an overview of the Community Bridges Lift Line TDA/STA claim and answered committee member's questions and provided additional information.

A motion (Ireland/Edwards) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve Community Bridges' TDA/STA claim, contingent upon approval by the City of Santa Cruz to act as the claimant. The motion passed with members Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Daniel Zaragoza, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, and Nadia Noriega voting in favor. Patricia Fohrman was not present for the vote.

11. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Funds for the Santa Cruz

Metropolitan Transit District

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, delivered the staff recommendation for the TDA/STA claim for Santa Cruz Metro. Wondimu Mengistu, Santa Cruz Metro staff, provided an overview of the Metro TDA/STA claim.

A motion (Edwards/Pisano) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve Metro's TDA/STA claim. The motion passed with members Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Daniel Zaragoza, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, and Nadia Noriega voting in favor. Patricia Fohrman was not present for the vote.

12. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Funds for Volunteer Center

Amanda Marino, Transportation Planner, presented the staff recommendation for the TDA claim for the Volunteer Center. Tara Ireland, Volunteer Center staff, provided an overview of the Volunteer Center TDA claim.

A motion (Edwards/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 unanimously, with members Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Daniel Zaragoza, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, and Nadia Noriega voting in favor. Patricia Fohrman was not present for the vote.

13. Measure D: Community Bridges/Lift Line Five-Year Plan

Rachel Moriconi, RTC Senior Transportation Planner, communicated the staff recommendation for the Measure D Community Bridges/Lift Line 5 year plan. Douglas Underhill, Chief Finance Officer at Community Bridges, provided an overview of the Transit for Seniors and People Living with Disabilities investment category funds.

A motion (Edwards/Lamb) was made to recommend that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the Measure D: Community Bridges/Lift Line Five-Year Plan. The motion passed unanimously, with members Tara Ireland, Lisa Berkowitz, Jesus Bojorquez, Daniel Zaragoza, Michael Pisano, Caroline Lamb, Janet Edwards, Veronica Elsea, and Nadia Noriega voting in favor. Patricia Fohrman was not present for the vote.

14. 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

Development Process

Miranda Taylor, AMBAG Staff, presented an overview of the 2022 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) development process. Committee members provided feedback on the development of the Draft 2022 Coordinated Plan.

No action taken.

15. The Draft County of Santa Cruz General Plan Sustainability Update

Anais Shenk, Santa Cruz County Staff, delivered a presentation of components of The Draft Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update to the County's General Plan/Local Coastal Program and modernization of the County Code with emphasis on safety, accessibility, and pedestrian elements. Committee members asked questions and provided feedback relating to design guidelines, street standards, safety, ADA accessible pedestrian crossings, sidewalk connectivity, and accessibility to transit facilities in new developments.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:42 pm.

The next E&D TAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. NOTE: Teleconference may be necessary due to COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Marino, Staff