
SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

1:30- 3:00

PRMD Hearing Room – 2550 Ventura Avenue

Santa Rosa

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ITEM

- I. Introductions and public comment on items not on agenda
- II. Consent Items – DISCUSSION/ACTION
 - A. Approval of May 27, 2003 Minutes
- III. Reports – INFORMATION
 - A. Transit Agencies
 - B. SCTA Report
 - C. MTC Report
- IV. Transit Forum – DISCUSSION/ACTION
- V. Member announcements - DISCUSSION
- VI. Adjourn - ACTION

The next **SCTA** meeting is September 8, 2003
The next **PCC** meeting is September 23, 2003

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MINUTES

May 27, 2003

ATTENDEES

Dennis Battenberg, Chair	Janice Duarte-Cordova, Friends House
Jim Caddick, EDAC (MTC) rep	Beryl Brown, Earl Baum Center
Bob Marshall, Area Agency on Aging	Cynthia Petersen, Golden Gate
Alex Kontos, MV Transportation	Katherine Taylor, Volunteer Wheels
Bruce Eisert, Santa Rosa	Jim Wagner, Sonoma County Transit
Larry Hall, Earl Baum Center	Janet Spilman, SCTA

In an effort to delay action items until a quorum was reached the meeting began with Item V.A. Transit agency reports.

ITEM

I. Introductions were made. There were no comments about items not on the agenda.

V.A. Transit Agencies

1. Santa Rosa – Bruce Eisert and Alex Kontos reports that SR on time performance is up to 95%. There have been only 9 denials since November.

(a quorum was reached)

2. Sonoma County Transit – Jodi Probst and Jim Wagner that SCT is proposing a 5 cent (per zone) increase in fares and will hold a public hearing on June 17. If approved the new fares become effective August 17, 2003.

3. Golden Gate Transit – Cynthia Petersen reports on the on going efforts by Golden Gate to reduce expenses. Phase two of the service review

II. Approval of the minutes of January 14, 2003.

Bruce Eisert asked that the minutes be corrected to read “There have been 8 denials” instead of “There have been no denials”

The minutes were approved with this correction.

B. SCTA – Janet Spilman reported the SCTA has begun the Countywide Transportation Plan update. Workshops will be held in August, with approval planned for early spring 2004.

The Roster was presented for approval. Alex Kontos of MV Transportation was added as a Transit Operator. Katherine Taylor corrected the spelling of

her name and Beryl Brown added her email address. With these additions and corrections the roster will be presented to the SCTA for formal approval.

III Election of Officers

Ms. Spilman read the bylaws regarding responsibilities of the Officers and requirements for holding office. Nominations were made for Chair - Dennis Battenberg, Vice Chair – Jim Caddick.

Bob Marshall made the motion that nominations be closed. 2nd by Janice Duarte-Cordova. All were in favor. Ms. Duarte-Cordova made the motion to elect Dennis Battenberg as Chair and Jim Caddick as Vice Chair. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

II Section 5310 Program Update – Special Presentation by Dana Lang of MTC
MTC is considering hosting workshops for Section 5310 applicants. The PCC was encouraged to promote attendance among 5310 applicants. Ms Spilman will write a letter to non profits that may be eligible for 5310 funds.

Ms. Lang also discussed the MTC review of the paratransit eligibility. Ms. Petersen of Golden Gate Transit provided handouts regarding Task 9: Recommended Improvements for the Regional Program. Nelson/Nygaard is the consulting group developing this review. Although the PCC did not have information in enough time to react to the findings, staff will email information as she receives it.

VI PCC Subcommittees

The PCC Bylaws allow for the formation of subcommittees on either a permanent or as needed basis.

Information was provided in the staff report about subcommittees that PCC has formed in the past. An agenda was provided by Francine Moeller of a Transit Forum held in Marin County 3 years ago as a model of what we should do in Sonoma County.

The Committee agreed to keep this information on hand if and when a subcommittee is considered necessary.

VIII The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT</p>

DATE: July 22, 2003
TO: Paratransit Coordinating Committee (PCC)
FROM: Janet Spilman, Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Staff Reports Items III and IV

Item III – SCTA staff report

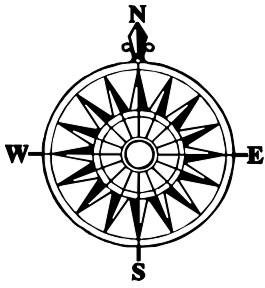
The SCTA is updating the Countywide Transportation Plan. Public planning sessions are scheduled for mid August. All modes of transportation will be featured including transit and paratransit. Participants will be asked to consider some of the challenges of mobility in Sonoma County and asked for their input. Results from the sessions will be reported to the SCTA and incorporated into the CTP. The Plan is expected to be approved spring of 2004. Please see the newsletter included here for more information.

Item IV – Transit Forum

The annual SCTA Transit Forum will be held this autumn on Wednesday, September 10. The Forum has been an opportunity to share information about transit (fixed route and paratransit) in Sonoma County. The CAC has agreed to co-host the event again this year.

The September date is a month earlier than last year in an effort to hold the session during daylight hours (and reduce the possibility of rain). It will be held at the PRMD Hearing room, the same room as last year.

An ad hoc sub committee will be needed in order to plan the details of the event. Staff recommends that the PCC form such a sub committee at this meeting.



SCTA newsletter

Keeping Sonoma County Moving

summer 2003

Transportation Plan Update

The SCTA has begun to update the Countywide Transportation Plan. The CTP shows the vision for transportation in Sonoma County for the next 25 years. It also serves as Sonoma County's input into the regional planning process and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The CTP identifies policies and objectives related to all modes of transportation.

The 2001 Countywide Transportation Plan for Sonoma County was adopted in September 2001. It was designed to be updated every 2 to 3 years, with adoption of the 2004 CTP planned for March 2004.

Planning Sessions

The SCTA will host Planning Sessions to get ideas and input on the outlook for transportation in Sonoma County. To aid the discussion there will be "stations" corresponding to the transportation systems available and envisioned in the next 25 years. Participants will be asked to consider some of the challenges of mobility in Sonoma County and asked for their input.

What's Being Planned

All modes of transportation will be featured. They include:

- Streets and Roads
- Rail
- Bus
- Highways
- Bicycle

The SCTA is also beginning to implement a new effort related to the transportation/land use linkage and this will be displayed.

Clean Air Projects

The SCTA approved \$1.26 million in clean air projects through two funding programs. One is Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) funded by Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) through a \$4 vehicle registration fee. All jurisdictions within the air basin (up to and including Windsor) may apply. The other program is TDA3, a part of the Transportation Development Act set aside specifically for bicycle projects.

Public Planning Sessions

August 13 - Petaluma Community Center

August 20 - Sebastopol Veterans Building

August 21 - Santa Rosa Veterans Building

All meetings will be from 6 pm to 8 pm

Call the SCTA at 565-5373 for more information.

The Subareas

As part of the 2001 CTP the county was divided into subareas that share common transportation issues. The Planning Sessions are organized around these subareas. So if you live in west county it would be best to attend the Sebastopol session, the people of Penngrove would find the Petaluma meeting most useful. The meeting in Santa Rosa will be not be subarea specific and will cover the entire county. We welcome attendance at any and all of the meetings.

Regional Connection

This CTP update will contribute to the RTP that is currently underway by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) the region-wide planning agency. The RTP is also a 25 year Plan that is updated every 3 years.

Where You Come In

The purpose of this meeting is to get public input on the future of transportation in Sonoma County. Displays and handouts will be available to show the current transportation system and what is currently being planned.

The list of projects include:

- Multi-use trail in Healdsburg at Foss Creek/NWP
- Sonoma Avenue bike lanes in Santa Rosa
- Washington Creek multi-use path in Petaluma
- Electric vehicle in Petaluma
- Signal project in Petaluma to reduce congestion
- Transit programs in Santa Rosa to promote bus ridership among students and employer incentives
- Expansion of Sonoma County Transit's Compressed Natural Gas facility.

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SCTA Summer Schedule of Meetings

July

July 14	SCTA	3:15pm	PRMD Hearing Room, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa
July 16	Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit	2:00pm	Novato Council Chambers 908 Machin Avenue, Novato
July 22	Paratransit Coordinating Committee	1:30pm	PRMD Hearing Room, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa
July 24	Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee	3:30pm	Santa Rosa Public Works, 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa

August

Aug. 13	Petaluma Planning Session	6pm - 8pm	Petaluma Community Center, 320 North McDowell Blvd, Petaluma
Aug. 20	Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit	2:00 pm	Petaluma Community Center, 320 North McDowell Blvd, Petaluma
Aug. 20	Sebastopol Planning Session	6pm - 8pm	Sebastopol Veterans Building, 282 S. High Street, Sebastopol
Aug. 21	Countywide Planning Session	6pm - 8pm	Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa
Aug. 25	Citizens Advisory Committee	4:00 pm	Open Space Meeting Room, 747 Mendocino Ave., #100, Santa Rosa

Meeting dates, times and location may change. Please confirm all information.

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