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AGENDA

Tuesday November 18, 2003

1:30- 3:00

PRMD Hearing Room – 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa

ITEM

- I. Introductions and public comment on items not on agenda
- II. Consent Items – DISCUSSION/ACTION
 - A. Approval of July 22, 2003 Minutes
- III. Reports – INFORMATION
 - A. Transit Agencies
 - B. SCTA Report
 - C. MTC Report
- IV. Transit Forum Report Presentation - ACTION
- V. Section 5310 Update and next cycle preparation
ANY NON PROFIT INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THIS GRANT SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING.
- VI. Countywide Transportation Plan/Regional Transportation Plan Update - DISCUSSION
- VII. Member announcements - DISCUSSION
- VIII. Adjourn - ACTION

The next **SCTA** meeting is December 8, 2003
The next **PCC** meeting is ?

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SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES July 22, 2003

ATTENDEES

Dennis Battenberg, Chair	Gail Burge, Petaluma People Services
Jim Caddick, EDAC (MTC) rep	Jodi Probst, Sonoma County Transit
Cheryl Tarter, City of Healdsburg	Cynthia Petersen, Golden Gate
Alex Kontos, MV Transportation	Jim Wagner, Sonoma County Transit
Bruce Eisert, Santa Rosa	Janet Spilman, SCTA
Tim O’Leary	Sara Bartolotta, City of Healdsburg intern
Linda Picton, SCBC	Daren Heatherly, U.S. Citizen
Jenna – Late for Your Date	

ITEM

I. Introductions were made.

Linda Picton, representing the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition asked if the transit providers could accommodate bicycles. (Response) Most buses can accommodate bicycles. Ms. Picton is also concerned about plans that the Santa Rosa Junior College has for building a parking structure on their campus.

II. Approval of the minutes of May 27, 2003.

Jodi Probst requested that her name be added to the list of attendees because she did in fact attend the meeting.

Minutes were approved with changes.

III. Reports

A. Transit Agencies

Petaluma – Six new fixed route buses have been added to the fleet.

Construction of the Transit Barn is encountering some problems but the project is moving. The City of Petaluma has recently renewed its contracts with MV (to operate fixed route service) and Petaluma People Service (for paratransit service).

Healdsburg – All is well in Healdsburg. Something about a vehicle – Cheryl?

Sonoma County Transit – The Board of Supervisors approved a rate increase effective August 17. See <http://www.sctransit.com/> for details. SCT has purchased two new 30 foot low floor buses (replacing diesel vehicles). A 40 foot CNG bus arrives in September. Four new paratransit vehicles are due next summer.

Golden Gate Transit – The major service review is ongoing. A service change is planned for November. Please see www.goldengate.org for details and updates. Based on public input at workshops Golden Gate has decided to retain hourly commute service, paratransit will remain the same.

Santa Rosa – Operations are going smoothly. Alex Kontos answered questions about specific service issues.

B. SCTA Report

Janet Spilman reported about the Countywide Transportation Plan update. There are public Planning Sessions planned for August in Petaluma, Sebastopol and Santa Rosa.

Ms. Spilman reported that the SCTA considered a claim filed by the group Late For Your Date regarding the provision of paratransit service.

C. MTC Report

Jim Caddick, member of the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee to MTC reported on a study being done about the use of transit by the elderly. Mr. Caddick will report back to the PCC and other groups when the report is completed.

IV Transit Forum

Ms. Spilman reported that the Transit Forum will be held on September 10, 2003 in the PRMD Hearing Room.

A subcommittee of Jim Caddick, Jim Ryan, Jim Wagner, Dennis Battenberg and Alex Kontos will join CAC volunteers at 2 pm on Monday, July 28 at Sonoma County Transit to work out the remaining details.

Jodi Probst wanted the Committee to be aware that Sonoma County Transit is not able to do accurate planning until their budget is known in early springtime. This makes it difficult to react to input from the Forum, scheduled every year in autumn. The Committee did a quick survey of the timing issue and agreed to discuss changes at the next PCC meeting.

V. Member announcements – October 16 is Barrier Awareness Day.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45

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

DATE: November 18, 2003
TO: Paratransit Coordinating Committee (PCC)
FROM: Janet Spilman, Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Staff Reports Items IV, V, and VI

Item IV – Transit Forum

The annual SCTA Transit Forum was held September 10. The Forum was held at the PRMD hearing room and moderated by Dennis Battenberg, Chair of the PCC and Bob Anderson, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

There was a fairly good turn-out, of approximately 20 people, who came to listen to presentations by the transit operators and had questions and comments that were discussed at the meeting.

In the report you will find an outline of the event, an overview of the comments and the actual transcript. The PCC present the report to SCTA in December with any recommendations.

Item V – FTA Section 5310

The next cycle for Section 5310 Grants is beginning soon. These are federal funds awarded to non-profits that provide transportation services to elderly and disabled people. Successful non-profits may receive a vehicle or related equipment. Attached is information about the program that will be discussed at the meeting. Any and all non-profits who have an interest in this program should attend this meeting and/or contact Janet Spilman (565-5371) at the SCTA.

Last year (FY '03/04) was a good year for Bay Area applicants. Becoming Independent will receive two vehicles and computer/dispatch equipment.

Item VI – Countywide Transportation Plan / Regional Transportation Plan updates

The SCTA is updating the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). This is being done in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Planning effort done by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTC). Workshops were held in August for the CTP and in November for the RTP All modes of transportation were featured including transit and paratransit. Participants were asked to consider some of the challenges of mobility in Sonoma County and asked for their input.

The PCC is asked to look at the transit section of the 2001 CTP and asked for their input.