



**SCTA** Sonoma  
County  
Transportation  
Authority

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**PARATRANSIT COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

Tuesday August 24, 2004

1:30- 3:00

**PRMD Hearing Room – 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa**

**ITEM**

- I. Introductions and comments on items not on agenda
- II. Consent Items – DISCUSSION/ACTION
  - A. Approval of the agenda
  - B. Approval of April 6, 2004 Minutes
- III. Reports – INFORMATION
  - A. Transit Agencies
  - B. SCTA Report
    1. Section 5310 Update
  - C. MTC Report
    1. EDAC
- IV. SCTA Sales Tax Measure - INFORMATION
- V. Survey Results – DISCUSSION
- VI. Update Roster- DISCUSSION
- VII. Transit Forum Meeting September 22 –update
- VIII. Adjourn – ACTION

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The next **PCC** meeting is October 26, 2004

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**SONOMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES**

June 22, 2004

ATTENDEES

Dennis Battenberg, Chair	Cheryl Tarter, City of Healdsburg
Larry Henzerling, C.R.I.	Erica Anderson, City of Healdsburg
Katherine Taylor, Volunteer Wheels	Beryl Brown, Earl Baum Center
Cynthia Petersen, Golden Gate	Larry Hall, EBC, SRJC
James Ryan, City of Petaluma	Janice Duarte-Cordova, Friends House
Linda Picton	Janet Spilman, SCTA
Lorena Fischer, Office of Sen Chesbro	

ITEM

Chair Battenberg called the meeting to order at 1:35.

- I. Introductions were made.
  
- II. Consent Items
  - A. The agenda was approved
  - B. The minutes were approved
  
- III. Reports
  - A. Transit Agencies
    1. Petaluma Transit – James Ryan reported that Petaluma has received 6 new buses, many of them arrived with mechanical problems. The dispatch barn is finished, and the transit mall is on schedule for redeveloping.
    2. Volunteer Wheels – Katherine Taylor reported that eight new vans with expanded radio coverage in Sonoma Valley are expected this summer. As of July 1 the City of Santa Rosa will provide trips to the Earl Baum Center with an origin or destination in the city. A proposed fare increase will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. If it is approved the increase will be in effect as of August 15.
    3. Golden Gate Transit – Cynthia Petersen reported that there will be a 10% increase per zone, a higher than usual annual fare adjustment. There will be a hearing at 9:30 am on July 8 at the toll plaza.

Marin County is reconsidering the ability to fund service (through Whistlestop Wheels) beyond the ADA required ¾ mile. Cynthia also let the group know that the new paratransit ADA eligibility form is approved and launched.

4. Healdsburg – Cheryl Tarter reported that Healdsburg has replaced its paratransit bus. Their short range transit plan is complete. They are involved in a marketing program to upgrade signs, brochures, schedules, buying benches, and shelters. This is especially important to Healdsburg area seniors.

#### B. SCTA report

1. On June 14 the SCTA directed staff to prepare draft expenditure plan for a sales tax measure to benefit transportation projects. A subsequent meeting of the executive committee decided to pursue a measure based on a ¼ cents tax for 20 years. An anticipated companion sales tax measure in 2006 for ¼ cent for benefit the SMART Train and related bus feeder service is also planned.
2. The Board approved the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Sonoma County a 20-year planning document on June 14. It is available online and will be printed before the September SCTA meeting.
3. Staff reported the kick-off meeting for the Transportation and Land Use planning efforts for July 15. This meeting was subsequently postponed until later this year.

#### C. MTC report

1. EDAC – Chair Dennis Battenberg reported on his first meeting as PCC representative at the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). He told the Committee about a presentation made by Supervisor Susan Adams of Marin about the extensive bike program in Holland.

#### IV. Election of Officers

Nominations were made and seconded for Dennis Battenberg to serve as Chair and Larry Henzerling as Vice Chair. After accepting the nominations they were elected unanimously by the Committee.

#### V. Survey

The Committee is interested in discovering a time to meet that would promote better attendance. In the next agenda staff will include a short questionnaire asking about the desirability of specific times. The times up for discussion are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 2 to 3:30 and at 10 – 11:30 am and the first 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 2pm.

#### VI. Transit Forum

The Committee agreed on the last two weeks of September, September 22 and 29<sup>th</sup> as potential forum dates. Late afternoon was determined to be the best time of day. Staff will look into room availability.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT</b></p>
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**DATE:** August 24, 2004  
**TO:** Paratransit Coordinating Committee (PCC)  
**FROM:** Janet Spilman, Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Staff Reports

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**Item V – SCTA Sales Tax Measure**

On July 19, 2004 the SCTA voted to put a sales tax measure on the November ballot. If the measure receives 2/3rds of the vote the county will enact a ¼ cent sales tax for 20 years dedicated to transportation projects, including transit. The expenditure plan is enclosed in this packet and is available online at [www.sonoma-county.org/scta](http://www.sonoma-county.org/scta).

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**Item V – Survey**

In order to include survey information in this agenda packet, thereby allowing Committee members to take action before the next meeting staff sent out postcards to the entire PCC mailing list. We received 12 responses. Some respondents indicated more than one number one choice. In those cases all of the options marked were counted. The results are as follows:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 2 to 3:30 -----4 votes
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10 – 11:30 am ----4 votes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays of the month at 2pm -----4 votes
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 2pm. -----6 votes
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**Item VI – Membership Roster**

The PCC membership has gone through some changes this year. Attached is the latest roster.

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**Item VII – Transit Forum**

The PCC agreed on September 22 and 29 as potential dates for the Transit Forum. The PRMD Hearing Room was available only on the 22. The Captioning Service that provided service last year is also available on this date. Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee agreed to co-host this event as they have done for the past three years. Attached is a tentative agenda.