

CTSA Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 27, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Ronn Rygg called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the conference room of the Monterey Mobility Management Center (3MC).

Present:	Andy Cook	TAMC Transportation Planner
	Ronn Rygg	United Way Monterey County
	Maureen McEachen	VNA
	Genie Jimenez	Alliance on Aging (Alternate)
	Kathleen Murray-Phillips	DSES-AAA
	Kasuko Wessendorf	Interim, Inc. (Alternate)
	Melissa McKenzie	Carmel Foundation
	Rena Weaver Wyant	Blind & Visually Impaired Center
	Nancy Budd	ITN Monterey County

Staff:	Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
	Cristy Sugabo	Senior Mobility Specialist
	Lance Atencio	MV Transportation

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of January 30, 2013.

Member Nancy Budd made a motion to approve the minutes as amended on the consent agenda, and was seconded by member Maureen McEachen. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 MAC members discussed ways to promote membership recruitment. To further discuss promotion the committee decided to form an ad-hoc committee to meet, and discuss ideas for membership recruitment. Member Andy Cook, Maureen McEachen, and Nancy Budd volunteered to be in the ad-hoc committee.

In addition, Member Kathleen Murray-Phillips suggested using national public radio, and theater advertisement to promote volunteers who's willing to commit their time to participate in the committee.

Member Rena Weaver, liaison to the committee, informed the committee that the ADAPTR subcommittee needs to recruit membership due to lack of quorum. Subsequently, Chair Ronn Rygg removed ADAPTR member George Redmon for lack of participation in ADAPTR meetings; however, Chair Rygg expressed that Mr. Redmon will be able to continue to participate in meetings as a member of the public.

7.2 MST Staff informed the committee that effective July 18, 2013 RIDES will officially become a first door to first door service. MST Staff expressed that in practice the new policy will have minimal effect, but rather it is a policy change that will improve contractual service between MV Transportation and MST.

In addition, MST Staff informed the committee that eligible passengers who need the assistance will request for coach operators assistance at the time the reservation was made.

8. SUBJECT ITEM FOLLOW-UP

8.1 TAMC Staff, Andy Cook reported the results of the comments received from the Unmet Transit Needs 2013 public hearings, and informed the committee that the comments received are still at the Staff review level. Mr. Cook will report back the unmet transit needs findings to the committee for review and comments before the next public hearing at the MAC May meeting. Thereafter, the findings that the committee adopts will be presented at the next TAMC Board of Directors public hearing.

8.2 Chair Ronn Rygg expressed to the committee his need to resign as the Committee Chair due to other commitments from his employers. Subsequently, the Committee held a special election for

the position of Chair and elected member Andy Cook to preside the remaining term. In addition, the Committee elected member Maureen McEachen as Vice Chair, and Kathleen Murray-Phillips as Secretary.

In addition, the committee discussed membership term and election of officers. MST Staff presented attendance information, but will further follow-up at next meeting regarding each assigned term of office.

9. SUBJECT ITEM REQUEST

9.1 Member Maureen McEachen requested more information about the MST RIDES Program.

9.2 Member Rena requested more information about the JAZZ bus line. Ms. Rena expressed that her constituents are confused about the JAZZ line.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Andy Cook, TAMC Staff informed the committee that TAMC current project is to extend the Capitol Corridor rail service to Salinas Train Station. The project secured about forty-five million dollars from federal grants at its first stage. TAMC Staff will provide further details of the project as it becomes available.

10.2 Tom Hicks, MST Staff informed the committee that RIDES interviews are now being conducted at the Alliance on Aging Salinas Office. The interviews are by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mr. Hicks informed the committee that the City of Pacific Grove started distributing senior taxi vouchers for their residents. The vouchers will be distributed at the following locations: Pacific Grove Library, Pacific Grove City Hall, and the Sally Griffith Senior Center. In addition, Mr. Hicks clarified that there are two different taxi voucher programs offered by MST. One is the senior taxi voucher program for seniors sixty-five or older. Second is for persons with disabilities taxi voucher program issued to participants in the MST RIDES Program.

Mr. Hicks informed the committee that all nine MST accessible vehicles are leased out to cab companies. Provisions of the lease contract the cab companies must operate under priority service as follows: 1) Must provide service to stranded passenger called in by Supervisor, 2) Provide service to taxi voucher holders, 3) Provide

service to the general public requiring accessible taxi, 4) Provide service to the general public.

Mr. Hicks informed the committee that The Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents Monterey-Salinas Transit's (MST) uniformed employees and other transit-worker unions have asked the United States Department of Labor to withhold federal transit grant funding from MST and other public transit operators throughout California. The Amalgamated Transit Union's action is in response to concerns with the recent adoption of the 2013 Public Employees Pension Reform Act (AB 340) by the California state legislature and Governor Jerry Brown. In the event the federal government agrees to the Amalgamated Transit Union's request to withhold federal operating and capital grant funds from MST, the agency would be forced to implement emergency measures to reduce its bus service by approximately 30%, to a level that can be supported only by passenger fares and state grant assistance.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

11.1 Member Kathleen Murray-Phillips thanked MST Staff for following up with information regarding MST retired vehicles. Ms. Murray-Phillips expressed that she was able to forward information to other agencies that she directly works with. In addition, Ms. Murray-Phillips learned that Outreach was able to received one of the donated vehicles.

11.2 Tom Hicks, MST Staff presented the idea of having a joint meeting with the Santa Cruz County Advisory Committee that advises their mobility programs. The committee welcomed the idea and requested Staff to follow-up.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Ronn Rygg adjourned the meeting at 2:45p.m.

PREPARED BY _____
Cristy Sugabo

APPROVED BY  _____
Tom Hick