

Board of Directors Mobility Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair McEachen called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. in the conference room of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.

Present:

Maureen McEachen	VNA
Kasuko Wessendorf	Interim, Inc.
Ronn Rygg	United Way Monterey County
Virginia Murillo (Alternate)	TAMC
Melissa McKenzie	Carmel Foundation
Kathleen Murray-Phillips	DSES-AAA
Laurie Crosby	CSUMB
Maria Magana	CCCIL

Excused Absent:

Rena Weaver Wyant	Blind & Visually Impaired Center
John Hart	RIDES Consumer
George Dixon	Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs
William (Terry) Bare	Veterans Transition Center
Nancy Budd-Garvan	ITN Monterey
Roberto Garcia (Alternate)	Alliance on Aging

Staff:

Tom Hicks	CTSA Manager
Cristy Sugabo	Senior Mobility Specialist

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2015.

Member McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes and Member Murrillo seconded, Member Murray-Phillips abstained. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Unmet Transit Needs – Endorse TAMC staff findings on unmet transit needs for consideration by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board of Directors

Member Murrillo stated that annually the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is responsible for conducting a public hearing to receive comments for the Unmet Transit Needs Process before allocating local funds for public transit. TAMC staff coordinated with the Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to evaluate the comments received. She stated that, of the comments received, only one met the Unmet Transit Needs criteria.

Member Murillo stated that TAMC staff and MST staff found that the service request for San Juan Grade Road is reasonable to meet by extending bus service on Route 49 that MST will implement as part of their service change in August. She also stated that a few comments were received for service to Rancho Cielo but the request is not reasonable to meet due to low ridership and not meeting MST's fare box recovery ratio. Member Murillo stated that all comments will be kept to be reviewed for future Unmet Transit Needs Process.

The Committee requested Staff to provide specific information about the San Juan Grade Road bus stop at its next meeting, such as the location of the bus stop, is the stop accessible to persons with disability, and will it have a bench and a shelter.

TAMC staff recommends that the Committee approve the finding that there are unmet transit needs, including unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, within Monterey County

Member Murray-Phillips made a motion to recommend the TAMC staff finding that within Monterey County, there are unmet transit needs, including unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. Member McKenzie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Receive Update on Planning Efforts of the Measure Q 15-Year Plan

Mr. Hicks stated that MST hired a consulting firm (Nelson/Nygaard) to conduct a 15-year plan on how best to use the Measure Q funds. The consultant will present its plan to the MST Board of Directors in December 2015. Once the plan is adopted, MST staff will start budget for the next fiscal year. Subsequently, the Committee requested Staff to ask the consultant to provide progress updates on the Measure Q plan at future MAC meetings.

5.2 Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Facility Tour

Members of the Committee took a tour of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Office (DHHSC) in Salinas. The tour was led by Wayne Johnson, DHHSC Coordinator of Client Service.

6. SUBJECT ITEMS TO FOLLOW-UP

None

7. SUBJECT ITEMS TO REQUEST

This item(s) will be included on a future agenda for follow-up

None

8. REPORTS

No action required unless specifically noted

9.1 ADAPTR liaison report

Member Wyant, ADAPTR Liaison, Rena Weaver Wyant and John Hard were not present.

9.2 MV Transit report

MV staff was not present.

9.3 Mr. Hicks stated that MST had a grand opening at its new office on 201 Pearl Street in Monterey and introduced the new MST All-Electric Trolley to the public which is across the street from the new office. He also stated that office is the new location for RIDES eligibility and travel training staff.

Mr. Hicks stated that as of April 1, 2015 MST took on the full cost of the Senior Voucher Program.

Mr. Hicks stated that there has been a turnover in management for the IVR Project that has caused delays but that it will soon move forward with testing and training.

Mr. Hicks stated that MST was recognized and received the 2015 Outstanding Agency Award from the California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) for its mobility programs and community partnerships. He also stated that MST has been internationally recognized and featured in a recent German publication.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

Member Murillo stated that TAMC is launching a signage program for bicyclist and pedestrians and to email her if interested in receiving further information.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Rygg adjourned the meeting at 2:28p.m.



PREPARED BY: _____
Cristy Sugabo



APPROVED BY: _____
Tom Hicks