

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 10, 2006 (Second Friday of Each Month)
SCMTD ENCINAL CONFERENCE ROOM
370 ENCINAL STREET, SUITE 100
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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NOTE: THE BOARD CHAIR MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER

SECTION I: OPEN SESSION - 9:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION
3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS
4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5-1. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14 AND 28, NOVEMBER 18, DECEMBER 9 AND 16, 2005 AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2005
Minutes: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MINUTES ARE ATTACHED.
DECEMBER MINUTES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2006 BOARD PACKET
- 5-2. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2006
Report: Attached
- 5-3. ACCEPT AND FILE JANUARY 2006 AND PAGE 1 OF THE DECEMBER 2005 RIDERSHIP REPORTS
Report: **JANUARY PAGE 1 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2006 BOARD PACKET**
- 5-4. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: None.
- 5-5. ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2006 AND MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2005
Agenda/Minutes: Attached

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- 5-6. ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO ACCESSIBLE SERVICES TRANSIT FORUM (MASTF) AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2006 AND MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2006
Agenda/Minutes: Not Available – Meeting information page is attached
- 5-7. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2005
Staff Report: **WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2006 BOARD PACKET**
- 5-8. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2005 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS
Staff Report: **WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2006 BOARD PACKET**
- 5-9. ACCEPT AND FILE HIGHWAY 17 STATUS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2005
Report: Attached
- 5-10. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2005
Staff Report: Attached
- 5-11. ACCEPT AND FILE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2005
Staff Report: **WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2006 BOARD PACKET**
- 5-12. ACCEPT AND FILE METROBASE STATUS REPORT
Staff Report: Attached
- 5-13. ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES REFLECTING VOTING RESULTS FROM APPOINTEES TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE JANUARY 2006 MEETINGS
Staff Report: Attached
- 5-14. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWS OF DISTRICT PERFORMED ADA ELIGIBILITY SCREENINGS
Staff Report: **WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE FEBRUARY 10, 2006 BOARD MEETING**

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6. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS
Presented By: Chair Rotkin
Staff Report: Attached
THIS PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FEBRUARY 24, 2006 BOARD MEETING
7. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR REVENUE AND NON-RENEW TIRE Tires
Presented By: Tom Stickel, Maintenance Manager
Staff Report: **WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2006 BOARD PACKET**
8. CONSIDERATION OF **RESOLUTION** TO REVISE SANTA CRUZ METRO'S BYLAWS AND DIRECTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS TO INCORPORATE MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY NEW LEGISLATION (AB1234) WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006, REGARDING DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION AND ETHICS REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING TRAINING
Presented By: Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Staff Report: **WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE FEBRUARY 10, 2006 BOARD MEETING**
9. CONSIDERATION OF **RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED CLAIM TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS
Presented By: Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
Staff Report: Attached
10. CONSIDERATION OF **RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO CALTRANS FOR FY2006 RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE
Presented By: Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
Staff Report: Attached
11. ACCEPT AND FILE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PREPARATION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE 2004/2005 FINANCIAL AUDIT IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND REQUEST FROM UTU AT THE JANUARY 27, 2006 BOARD MEETING
Presented By: Elisabeth Ross, Finance Manager
Staff Report: **WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2006 BOARD PACKET**
12. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel
13. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
 - a. Property: 1211 River Street, Santa Cruz, CA
Negotiating parties: Leslie R. White for SCMTD
Jan van Boeschoten, Owner of 1211 River Street
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
 - b. Property: 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA
Negotiating parties: Leslie R. White for SCMTD
J.R. Parrish, Negotiator for Paul Broughton, Owner
of 110 Vernon Street
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9)
 - a. Name of Case: Santa Cruz Sentinel v. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit
District
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Significant exposure to litigation exists pursuant to Government Code Section
54956.9 (b) (1))
 - a. Number of Cases: One

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

14. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on a topic not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors or on the consent agenda by approaching the Board during consideration of Agenda Item #2 “Oral and Written Communications”, under Section I. Presentations will be limited in time in accordance with District Resolution 69-2-1.

When addressing the Board, the individual may, but is not required to, provide his/her name and address in an audible tone for the record.

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on a topic on the agenda by approaching the Board immediately after presentation of the staff report but before the Board of Directors’ deliberation on the topic to be addressed. Presentations will be limited in time in accordance with District Resolution 69-2-1.

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

October 14, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, October 14, 2005 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jan Beautz
Dene Bustichi
Stephanie Harlan
Michelle Hinkle
Mike Keogh
Emily Reilly
Mike Rotkin
Dale Skillicorn
Pat Spence
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis
Ex-Officio Wes Scott

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
Terry Gale, IT Manager
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Steve Paulson, Paratransit Administrator

Elisabeth Ross, Finance Manager
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
Tom Stickel, Maintenance Manager
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

Eulalio Abreggo, Taqueria El Dandy
Rhonda Carter, UTU
Dan Dickmeyer, UTU Retiree
Mark Forester, UTU Retiree
Bruce Grobman, UTU
Lisa Johnson, Aptos Resident

Susan Kipping, Felton Resident
David Lucier, UTU Retiree
Bonnie Morr, UTU
Robert Norse, FRSC Broadcaster
SWCJ Representatives from UCSC
Shannon Waldman, Transit User

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2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Written:

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|----|-------------------|-----|----------------------|
| a. | Susan Kauffman | Re: | Strike Communication |
| b. | Alberto Gutierrez | Re: | Strike Communication |
| c. | Sarah Schiffrin | Re: | Strike Communication |
| d. | Anonymous | Re: | Fare Policy |
| e. | Petition 10/5/05 | Re: | Strike Communication |
| f. | Petition 10/5/05 | Re: | Strike Communication |

Oral:

None.

3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Shannon Waldman, transit user and a single mom with a 7-year-old son, spoke about how the strike is affecting her and the community. Ms. Waldman said the Board's refusal to give good benefits has caused extreme hardship on the riders, the community, and the drivers and urged the Board to sign a 3-year contract and end the strike.

4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5-1. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2005

No questions or comments.

5-2. ACCEPT AND FILE METROBASE STATUS REPORT

No questions or comments.

5-3. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY HOWARD CONNER FOR ACCESS TO 120 GOLF CLUB DRIVE FOR SOILS TESTING ADJACENT TO RAYNE WATER COMPANY BUILDING

Chair Keogh said he had no problem granting the request, but feels the District should have a copy of the soils report.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,036 FOR THE ARCHITCTURAL/ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH RNL DESIGN AND PROVIDING STAFF WITH THE AUTHORITY TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FUEL/SERVICE BUILDING

5-1.2

ACTION REQUESTED AT THE OCTOBER 14, 2005 MEETING

Summary:

Les White reported that only one bid was received for the construction of the MetroBase Project and that bid was \$7.4 million over budget. METRO rejected the bid and instructed RNL to submit a proposal repackaging the MetroBase Phase I Construction to develop a bid specification and solicitation for the construction of the Fuel/Service Building. The cost will be an additional \$220,591 in design fees with a four week timeline to prepare the bid, four weeks for bidding, and twelve months to construct the Service Facility. Staff recommends getting the Service Facility under bid separately now in order to comply with the agreement with CARB, and follow-up at a later date with a separate bid for the Maintenance Facility and re-evaluate the what, if anything, will be done with the Operations Facility.

Staff also recommends that the Board approve the \$66,445 in costs (reduced from \$79,200) associated with the One Bid/Two Bid Analysis that RNL presented to the Board on February 25, 2005. The total increase in fees for this component of the MetroBase Facility will be \$287,036.

Discussion:

Director Bustichi said he has a real problem throwing money at one company with bad results and he will not support this action.

Director Harlan asked why there were no other bids. Les White replied that there were a number of requirements METRO imposed on General Contractors such as having extensive experience in pile-driving, LCNG Fueling Stations, at least two projects of this magnitude (\$20 million or more in scope) within the last five years, that the prime contractor perform at least 25% of the work. METRO also required a Labor Harmony clause, meaning all work be unionized. All of these types of requirements cause contractors to be wary of the project, plus the project being in Santa Cruz is not in METRO's favor because the three large local firms do not bid on work in this county for a variety of reasons.

Director Harlan asked what is really involved for RNL to pull just the Fuel/Service Facility documents, because the bid seems very high. Les White replied that the entire specifications need to be rewritten to take out the Operations and Maintenance buildings, and some of the drawings need to be redone as well.

Director Bustichi said he feels RNL has some culpability having to rebid this project and he has a serious problem with their proposal amount.

Director Scott commented that UC has been going out to bid on various projects in this very competitive climate and have experienced exactly the same things METRO is experiencing here: very few bidders, high costs of materials and labor, bids of 15% – 30% higher than estimates, having to do value-engineering which is literally stripping the projects so the state will fund them. This is the reality of major projects in Santa Cruz County.

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Rhonda Carter, UTU, does not think RNL's proposal is validated by the amount of work involved in redoing the specifications.

Mark Forester, UTU Retiree, recalled the 1982 flood that flooded the River Street bus yard and then the monstrosity in Watsonville and said he doesn't know why METRO is going the same course.

Vice Chair Rotkin responded to the comments by saying the Fueling Station must move forward now to be in compliance with CARB. The reality of the floodway was looked at in the beginning, and it was determined that cement pilings were necessary, which is why the project cost is so high and that the reality of redoing the specifications on a project of this magnitude is not a simple matter.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Authorize the General Manager to execute a Change Order in the amount of \$287,036 to provide additional funds to the Architectural/Engineering contract to accommodate costs related to preparing bid documents to solicit bids for the construction of the Fuel/Service Building, and to authorize the General Manager to solicit bids for the construction of the Fuel/Service Building

Discussion:

Director Tavantzis says she knows what is involved in separating the bid and rewriting it but would like to see the budget first.

In response to Director Harlan, Les White said Harris & Associates had reviewed RNL's proposal and indicated it was reasonable.

Director Stone stated that he felt it was a worthwhile investment because METRO lives or dies by these specifications, which need to be very strong and clear in order to avoid changes, issues, and problems that would not be resolved in our favor without it.

Chair Keogh said he would be more comfortable if the Maintenance Building and the Fueling Station were separated from the rest of the contract because of the possibility of missing an opportunity for CTC funding that might be available. Les White responded that the staging and lay-down area for the Maintenance Building construction was a factor in receiving only one bid and that this issue needs to be looked at in order to make it more attractive for contractors to bid on before it goes back out. Chair Keogh reminded the Board that METRO has paid RNL nearly \$400,000 to tell METRO that the old Maintenance Building should be torn down and a new, slightly bigger building put up in its place.

Vice Chair Rotkin urged the Board to proceed in a responsible fashion as quickly as possible with this project and recognize that every time there is a delay, there is a loss of control over other areas, which has already happened many times.

Director Bustichi expressed concern over the lack of information and back-up and feel he is in the dark.

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Director Reilly stated that there had been several discussions over the years about the amount of oversight and information the Directors want in their Agenda Packets. Currently, Staff is including information they feel is appropriate for the decisions the Board has to make, as the Board has requested. Not all Directors wish to see everything, and those that want more information can ask Staff for it and should ask for it right away rather than, in this instance, using a lack of information to stop the process of the MetroBase project. The Board needs to move forward on this item today.

Director Skillicorn agreed that the Board needs to move on this today.

Director Tavantzis stated she would support the motion because Harris & Associates has reviewed and approved RNL's proposal and they are the construction engineering firm that was hired to represent METRO.

Motion passed with all Directors present and Director Bustichi opposed.

7. CONSIDER REQUEST OF ABDO AZZUBAIDI TO CANCEL LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE KIOSK SPACE AT PACIFIC STATION

ACTION REQUESTED AT THE OCTOBER 14, 2005 MEETING

Summary:

Margaret Gallagher reported that METRO had economic problems with the former tenants, Storti's Pizza, and the new tenant selected was Mr. Azzubaidi. Storti's Pizza had a pizza oven that did not require the type of ventilation system that the new business would require in order to comply with city codes. Mr. Azzubaidi believes the work will be too costly and has requested permission to cancel the lease as soon as possible, which is Staff's recommendation. The new Request For Proposals for a new tenant will specify the ventilation issue.

Discussion:

Director Reilly supports this recommendation and said many small businesses start under-capitalized.

Eulalio Abreggo, owner of Taqueria El Dandy, said he had submitted an application for the space for pizza. He believes the space should remain separate and not be used to expand the Chinese Restaurant.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR REILLY SECOND: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

Approve request of Abdo Azzubaidi to cancel the lease agreement for kiosk space at Suite C in the Pacific Station

Motion passed unanimously with all Directors present.

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8. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board would be discussing UTU Labor Negotiations with its Labor Negotiator and would be discussing two cases of anticipated litigation with its Legal Counsel.

Les White requested that the Board add the following item to today's Closed Session Agenda because information was received after the posting of the Agenda and it is necessary to consider this item prior to the next Board meeting:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property:	25 Sakata Lane, Watsonville, CA
Negotiating party:	Leslie White, Santa Cruz METRO and
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Make the necessary findings to add this item to today's Closed Session Agenda

Motion passed unanimously with all Directors present.

Director Scott stated that UC students represent approximately 33% of METRO's ridership and have to pay a transit fee of \$69 per quarter, which is the most aggressive in the nation. Director Scott implored the Board to end the strike stating that METRO's contract with UCSC mandates that METRO provide service.

9. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

David Lucier, UTU retiree, read a letter, which is attached to the file copy of these minutes, stating that determination and goodwill will end the strike and work on improving communication and cooperation for the future. Mr. Lucier suggested a committee of drivers be formed to improve driver allocation and that drivers receive a \$1000 bonus for informing the District six months in advance of their retirement.

Dan Dickmeyer, UTU retiree, spoke of strong community support during both the strike in 1980 and the current strike. Mr. Dickmeyer agreed with Mr. Lucier that communication and cooperation needs to improve, said that the Board represents all the stakeholders and does not have to follow Management, and said that the Board Chair should not be an appointee and that public representatives on the Board should be elected by the community.

Susan Kipping, Felton resident, implored the Board to settle the contract, said the Board is doing a very bad job and should be replaced, and said people will no longer ride the bus because they don't trust METRO.

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A group of SWCJ representatives from UCSC read a letter in support of the bus drivers and expressed concern about how the strike is affecting them and the community and urged the Board to support the drivers and end the strike.

Lisa Johnson, Aptos resident, urged the Board to end the strike and expressed disappointment that the strike is still not over after the Board said at a previous meeting that they would not leave the table until an agreement was reached.

Robert Norse, FRSC Broadcaster, said the bus drivers are looking for a substantial commitment to meaningful progress from the Board in order to come back to work before an agreement is reached. Mr. Norse said the public needs to know what is going on and said that the current Board should be dissolved and a new Board needs to get to work on ending the strike.

Bruce Grobman, UTU, said that San Mateo Transit had just settled a 3-year contract with its maintenance employees and bus operators which included a 2% raise this year, a 2.5% raise next year, and 3% the following year with the worker's medical fully paid and employees paying only 4% of premiums for dependents.

Bonnie Morr, UTU, said UTU is united in this process and brought their uniforms because they are ready to go back to work if there is substantial agreement and approval from the Board on the issues that are still outstanding in the proposal. UTU believes it has made substantial movement and wants to settle a 3-year contract today. Ms. Morr expressed concern that the numbers being provided by the District are being manipulated and do not match UTU's figures. Ms. Morr said that other Bay area transit agencies pay 100% of pension premiums while UTU employees pay approximately \$3 per hour towards their pension and reduced medical and said that the Board needs to take care of and protect its riders, service on the street, and its workforce.

Chair Keogh reported that the TDA funds for the first quarter of this fiscal year were down by \$160,000, while METRO had budgeted for a 3% increase.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Chair Keogh adjourned to Closed Session and reconvened to Open Session afterwards.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

10. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Margaret Gallagher had nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Keogh adjourned the meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,



CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

October 28, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, October 28, 2005 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jan Beautz
Dene Bustichi
Michelle Hinkle
Mike Keogh
Emily Reilly
Mike Rotkin (arrived after roll call)
Dale Skillicorn
Pat Spence
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Stephanie Harlan
Ex-Officio Wes Scott

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Steve Paulson, Paratransit Administrator
Elisabeth Ross, Finance Manager

Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
Judy Souza, Acting Operations Manager
Tom Stickel, Maintenance Manager
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

Ellen Aldridge, Avery & Associates
Verna Carter
Tim Fitzmaurice, SC City Council Member
Paul Johnston, MBCLC
"Isis Jones", formerly Bev Edwards, UTU
Nadia Jones' Mother, Transit User
Gary Klemz, SEIU Field Representative
David Lucier, UTU Retiree
Steve Marcus, UTU

Bonnie Morr, UTU
Arthur Muniz, UTU
Paul Ortiz, UCSC Professor
Randall Payne, Transit User
Will Regan, VMU
Dan Stevenson, UTU
Amy Weiss, Spanish Interpreter
Bob Yount, MAC

5-1.9

Chair Keogh announced there was a possibility of limiting the time allotted for public input for Item #2 and Item #14

ITEM #4 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS TIME

4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

Additional written communication regarding today's Closed Session Item was distributed at today's meeting and Item #8 was pulled from the Agenda to be brought back at a later date.

SECTION I:
OPEN SESSION:

ADD TO ITEM #2 ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION
(Insert additional written communication)

CONSENT AGENDA:

ADD ITEM #5-4 **ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2005**
(Insert Claims)

ADD ITEM #5-6 **ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR JULY 2005 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS**
(Insert Staff Report)

ADD ITEM #5-7 **ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES REFLECTING VOTING RESULTS FROM APPOINTEES TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2005 MEETING**
(Insert Staff Report)

ADD ITEM #5-8 **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2006**
(Insert Staff Report)

REGULAR AGENDA:

DELETE ITEM #6 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,036 FOR THE ARCHITCTURAL/ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH RNL DESIGN AND PROVIDING STAFF WITH THE AUTHORITY TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FUEL/SERVICE BUILDING
(Deleted: Action Taken at the October 14, 2005 Meeting)

DELETE ITEM #7 CONSIDER REQUEST OF ABDO AZZUBAIDI TO CANCEL LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE KIOSK SPACE AT PACIFIC STATION
(Deleted: Action Taken at the October 14, 2005 Meeting)

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ADD ITEM #8 **CONSIDERATION OF FOUR RESOLUTIONS WHICH MODIFY THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO CALPERS MEDICAL PREMIUM COSTS TO CONFORM TO EACH EMPLOYEE GROUP CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS OR COMPENSATION PLAN AND CALPERS RULES**

(Insert Staff Report)

ADD ITEM #9 **CONSIDERATION OF RENT RELIEF FOR METRO CENTER TENANTS**

(Will be distributed at the October 28, 2005 Board Meeting)

ADD ITEM #10 **CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH GIRO, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST IN THE CREATION OF THE WINTER BID USING HASTUS 2006**

(Will be distributed at the October 28, 2005 Board Meeting)

ADD ITEM #11 **CONSIDERATION OF CANCELING THE NOVEMBER 11, 2005 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DUE TO VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY**

(Insert Staff Report)

ADD ITEM #12 **ANNOUNCEMENT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING LOCATION FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2005 - WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 250 MAIN STREET, WATSONVILLE**

(Oral Announcement by Chair)

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Written:

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|----|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| a. | Susan Kauffman | Re: | Strike Communication |
| b. | Alberto Gutierrez | Re: | Strike Communication |
| c. | Sarah Schiffrin | Re: | Strike Communication |
| d. | Anonymous | Re: | Fare Policy |
| e. | Petition 10/5/05 | Re: | Strike Communication |
| f. | Petition 10/5/05 | Re: | Strike Communication |
| g. | <u>John P. Callus</u> | Re: | <u>Strike Communication</u> |
| h. | <u>Kevin Hobbs</u> | Re: | <u>Strike Communication</u> |
| i. | <u>Letter dated 10/10/05</u> | Re: | <u>Strike Communication</u> |
| j. | <u>Petition 10/24/05</u> | Re: | <u>UCSC Service</u> |

Oral:

None.

3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5-1.11

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5-1. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2005
- 5-2. ACCEPT AND FILE METROBASE STATUS REPORT
- 5-3. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY HOWARD CONNER FOR ACCESS TO 120 GOLF CLUB DRIVE FOR SOILS TESTING ADJACENT TO RAYNE WATER COMPANY BUILDING
- 5-4. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2005
- 5-5. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: None
- 5-6. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR JULY 2005 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS
- 5-7. ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES REFLECTING VOTING RESULTS FROM APPOINTEES TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2005 MEETING
- 5-8. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2006

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR SKILLICORN

Approve the Consent Agenda

Motion passed unanimously with Director Harlan being absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 9. CONSIDERATION OF RENT RELIEF FOR METRO CENTER TENANTS

Summary:

Margaret Gallagher reported that METRO is receiving requests for rent relief from transit center tenants because their businesses are suffering from lack of customers due to the strike. Ms. Gallagher recommends that the Board grant the rent relief for the month of November in exchange for giving riders a 10% discount for one-week after the strike is over and/or for putting a "Welcome Back Riders" sign in their spaces.

Discussion:

Director Reilly suggested being more flexible with the type of discounts for riders.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR REILLY SECOND: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

Grant rent relief to all METRO's tenants at the transit centers for the month of November 2005 in exchange for the tenants giving riders a discount for one week after the strike is over and/or for putting a "Welcome Back Riders" sign in their spaces, giving each business owner the flexibility to determine what type of discount to offer riders.

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Randall Payne, Transit User, urged the Board to end the strike and said he believes the fare reduction is ridiculous and that there is no reason to give people a gift because of the inconvenience the strike has caused.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Harlan being absent.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH GIRO, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO ASSIST IN THE CREATION OF THE WINTER BID USING HASTUS 2006

Summary:

Mark Dorfman reported that in order to more economically comply with the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order 9 (IWC9), METRO needs to upgrade its current version of HASTUS software which is used to develop the driver runs. The software is made by Giro, Inc. and since the full software upgrade installation cannot happen fast enough for the Winter Bid, Staff recommends that Giro provide consulting services to assist in the creation of the Winter bid.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR SPENCE

Authorize the General Manager to issue a Sole Source Contract with Giro, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 to generate an improved schedule for Winter Bid Service, with a minimum expenditure of \$33,000

Motion passed unanimously with Director Harlan being absent.

11. CONSIDERATION OF CANCELING THE NOVEMBER 11, 2005 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DUE TO VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY

Verna Carter, stated that all businesses are not closed on Veterans' Day and she would rather see the meeting rescheduled because she does not believe the Board deserves a day off.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR BEAUTZ

Cancel the November 11, 2005 Board Meeting with the Board being available if needed for an emergency meeting.

Chair Keogh reminded the Board that they have all scheduled time in their calendars to be available to meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday if necessary during negotiations to end the strike.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Harlan being absent.

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12. ANNOUNCEMENT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING LOCATION FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2005 – WATSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 250 MAIN STREET, WATSONVILLE

Chair Keogh announced that the November 18, 2005 Board meeting would be held in Watsonville and noted that it was scheduled one week earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the following week.

13. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel

Margaret Gallagher requested that the Board include the following item in today's Closed Session because it came to the attention of Staff after the Agenda was posted and there is a need to discuss it prior to the next Board meeting. Ms. Gallagher reported that METRO had received a letter from the attorney representing the Santa Cruz Sentinel demanding that METRO disclose the Board's Closed Session vote made at its meeting on September 23, 2005 by the close of business today.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Significant exposure to litigation exists pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) (1))

a. Number of Cases: One

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Make the necessary findings to add this item to today's Closed Session Agenda

Motion passed unanimously with Director Harlan being absent.

Ms. Gallagher reported that the Board would also be discussing UTU Labor Negotiations with its Labor Negotiators.

Chair Keogh announced there would be a 30-minute limit on Oral Communications in order to allow the Board adequate time to discuss and deliberate the two Closed Session items.

14. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

Bonnie Morr, UTU, requested that the Board settle the strike now and believes that a point has been reached where that can happen.

David Lucier, UTU Retiree, said he was looking with optimism towards the future and suggested that management communicate and cooperate with the drivers. Mr. Lucier also read a letter, which is attached to the file copy of these minutes, in which he claims the Board intentionally sabotaged negotiations with UTU and acted in bad faith for failing to disclose the history of METRO's chief negotiator, Assistant General Manager Mark Dorfman.

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Vice Chair Rotkin stated once again that it is not productive for either side to think that this strike is going to be settled by personal attacks on members of either bargaining team and that he is outraged by these types of continued comments.

Paul Johnston, MBCLC, respectfully asked that the comments be cut short as neither side needs to be lectured and the Board has important work to do in Closed Session, which will hopefully end the strike.

"Isis Jones", formerly Bev Edwards, UTU, said she was a minion, as well as a mother, grandmother and bus driver and urged the Board to end the strike and to think about the people in wheelchairs, like her late husband, and how the bus system gives them dignity and independence. She also read a letter from a San Lorenzo Valley resident who is concerned about how the strike is affecting the students.

Arthur Muniz, UTU, urged the Board to end the strike today and think of principals, not personalities. Mr. Muniz told the Board of the generosity and inspiration of his fellow drivers that enabled him to return to work after an injury and serious infection had caused him to give up on his recovery.

Tim Fitzmaurice, Santa Cruz City Council Member and transit user, said he believes the Board's willingness to settle is the key to ending the strike with the material available today and said the community is ready for a solution.

Steve Marcus, UTU, read a letter from another bus operator about being a proud bus operator, needing health benefits, and urging the Board to end the strike.

Paul Ortiz, UCSC Professor, echoed Bonnie Morr's comments and urged the Board to end the strike today by correcting a mistake it made over a month ago.

Nadia Jones' mother, transit user, urged the Board to end the strike and remember when Santa Cruz was known as the murder capital of the world because of all the girls that died hitchhiking, as they are having to do now.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Chair Keogh adjourned to Closed Session at 9:43 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 10:38 a.m.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

15. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board has authorized its Legal Counsel to defend any legal action brought by the Santa Cruz Sentinel to obtain confidential information from METRO Board of Directors' Closed Sessions of Labor Negotiations.

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Chair Keogh reported that the District eagerly awaits a counter-proposal for further discussions of its offer of Wednesday, October 26, 2005, to UTU and wants to continue negotiating until an agreement is reached.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Keogh adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The annual meeting Of The Santa Cruz Civic Improvement Corporation was held immediately after the Board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

SPECIAL Open Session Minutes- Board of Directors

November 2, 2005

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jan Beautz
Dene Bustichi (arrived after roll call)
Stephanie Harlan
Michelle Hinkle
Mike Keogh
Emily Reilly
Mike Rotkin
Dale Skillicorn
Pat Spence
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis
Ex Officio Wes Scott

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Steve Paulson, Paratransit Administrator
Elisabeth Ross, Finance Manager

Judy Souza, Acting Operations Manager
Tom Stickel, Maintenance Manager
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

Genevieve Bookwalter, Sentinel
Lisa Johnson, Cabrillo Student
Paul Marcelin-Sampson, MAC
Bonnie Morr, UTU

Timon Reed, UTU
Will Regan, VMU
Mark Saunders, UTU

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2. **NOTIFICATION OF REPORT OF 10/30/05 CLOSED SESSION ACTION REGARDING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION, LOCAL 23**

Les White reported that on October 30, 2005 the Board took action to find that the Tentative Labor Agreement with the United Transportation Union, Local 23, proposed by the METRO Negotiating Team was within the parameters that were acceptable to the Board and voted unanimously with all Directors present on a motion by Vice Chair Rotkin and seconded by Director Reilly to accept the proposed Tentative Agreement pending ratification by UTU, Local 23 membership.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL RATIFICATION OF LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION, LOCAL 23 FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008**

Summary:

Les White reported Staff recommends that the Board of Directors formally ratify the Tentative Labor Agreement with UTU dated October 30, 2005 as the Labor Agreement between UTU and METRO for the period of September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008:

DIRECTOR BUSTICHI ARRIVED

The Agreement was ratified by the members of UTU on October 31, 2005 and provides for formula-based wage increase in the 2nd and 3rd years, identifies the medical premiums METRO will make, modifies the PERS contributions and accruals on overtime, adds a 20-year longevity bonus, continues the IWC Meal and Rest Break Order as it currently is, provides that METRO pay each bus operator who worked between August 1st and September 27, 2005 \$1,000 in exchange for signed releases of IWC penalty claims from all bus operators, and modifies General Leave. The Agreement also includes other provisions from Unilateral Implementation, Return to Work with No Reprisals, modifications to the Operating Policy and modifications to the Safety and Accident Review language.

The increased cost to METRO is 2.72% (1% one-time, 1.72% on-going) for year one, 1.97% on-going plus .22% one-time in year two, and 1.6% on-going plus .05% one-time in year three. Should sales tax revenue in year two exceed the 3% projected growth and exceed 6% in year three, UTU members would receive 30% of the excess.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR SKILLICORN

Ratify, with allowance for typographical, formatting, and grammatical changes, the Labor Agreement with the United Transportation Union, Local 23, for the period of September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008.

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Discussion:

Vice Chair Rotkin commented that the Board feels quite strongly that it was unfortunate that the public suffered a strike for the duration it has and that the issue was never about what the drivers deserve, but about what METRO can responsibly afford.

Director Stone thanked both negotiating teams and said there is still a lot of work to be done to rebuild relationships and trust with riders, drivers, staff and the Board.

Motion passed unanimously with all Directors present.

4. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF FREE FIXED ROUTE SERVICE IN RESPONSE TO THE LOSS OF SERVICE FROM THE STRIKE FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 3, 2005 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2005 AND AUTHORIZING METRO RIDERS TO EXCHANGE OCTOBER BUS PASSES FOR DECEMBER BUS PASSES AT NO COST

Summary:

Les White reported that Staff recommends that the Board authorize, as compensation to the public for lost service during the 37-day strike, operation of fare free fixed route service from November 3 through November 13, 2005, allow September monthly passes to be exchanged for 4 days discounted off the price of November passes, allow November monthly passes to be sold on a prorated basis for November 14 through November 30, 2005, and permit October monthly passes to be exchanged for December monthly passes at no cost. Staff also recommends that per-ride charges for Cabrillo and UCSC riders would resume with the resumption of service on November 3, 2005.

The loss of revenue for the fare free service is expected to be approximately \$106,500.

Discussion:

Ex Officio Director Scott asked why METRO is sending a message to 15,000 UCSC students that everyone, except them, will get a discount for the loss of service during the strike. Les White responded that is not the intent. The intention is to compensate the individual riders who paid for service and did not get it. METRO did not charge UCSC or Cabrillo during the strike so any refund to students would have to come from UCSC and Cabrillo directly.

Elisabeth Ross stated that METRO would lose close to \$100,00 if UCSC and Cabrillo pass holders were to ride free until November 14th. There was a discussion about including them in the free fare period which would increase the estimated total impact on the budget to \$200,000. Les White said the budget is in shambles and that the financial impact would require future corrective action that will not be pleasant.

Bonnie Morr, UTU, said she supports allowing the students to ride free and suggested that bus drivers be authorized to exchange monthly passes rather than causing people additional

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hardship by sending them to the METRO Center Info Booth which is only open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lisa Johnson, Cabrillo Student, said she feels the \$55 fee Cabrillo students have paid should be waived and that METRO should allocate at least 10% of what was spent on the strike on compensating its riders.

Timon Reed, UTU, said he hears passengers complimenting METRO's bus service all the time and he urged the Board to avoid more negative publicity by honoring the full 10 days of free service, as reported in the Sentinel, because the ridership deserves it.

Mark Saunders, UTU, said the free period should be extended to 18 days so the public has an opportunity to hear about it before it is over.

Paul Marcelin-Sampson, MRU, said he and MAC member Stuart Rosenstein are very concerned with METRO's financial situation and believe it seems like a foolish bargain to offer expensive incentives now with a very real possibility of service cuts later this fiscal year. Mr. Marcelin-Sampson said that the UC transit fee is frozen through 2006, it was not increased when fares were raised, and that UC has spent the money it would have normally paid METRO that could have been refunded to students, same with Cabrillo, and that incentives should be to encourage and attract additional riders – not reward regular riders.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR STONE

Authorize the General Manager to operate fixed route service on a fare free basis for ten days for all riders, including UCSC and Cabrillo, in response to the loss of service during the 37-day strike for the period beginning November 3, 2005, and allow METRO riders to purchase November monthly bus passes on a prorated basis and to exchange October monthly bus passes for December monthly passes at no cost.

Director Bustichi said he was opposed to the motion because this is a gift of public funds and that he does not like the "let's hurry up and do something, even if it's wrong" approach.

Several Directors made comments about riders deserving something, that all riders should be treated equally, that accurate information needs to be presented by UC and Cabrillo, and how this short-term expense is an investment for a long-term benefit.

Director Beautz proposed the following friendly amendment, which was not accepted by the maker or the second of the motion, although Director Harlan said she would second the amendment:

That the free period be for 7 days rather than 10 days with the remainder of the original motion remaining exactly the same.

Chair Keogh asked for a vote on changing the motion to 7 free days rather than 10 days.

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Motion amendment passed with Directors Beautz, Harlan, Hinkle, Keogh, Spence and Tavantzis voting for changing the motion to 7 free days, Directors Reilly, Rotkin, Skillicorn and Stone voting against changing the original motion, and Director Bustichi opposed to the motion.

Chair Keogh asked for a vote on the amended motion and clarified that the fare free period would be for 7 days and begin Thursday, November 3, 2005 and that fares would resume being collected on Thursday, November 10, 2005.

Motion passed with all Directors present and Director Bustichi opposed.

Direction: Director Rotkin

Direct Staff to report back to the Board with a response to the Environmental Impact Report on the UCSC Long Range Development Plan.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Keogh adjourned the SPECIAL meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.



CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

November 18, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, November 18, 2005 at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 250 Main Street, Watsonville, CA.

Vice Chair Rotkin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Jan Beautz
Dene Bustichi
Michelle Hinkle
Emily Reilly
Mike Rotkin (arrived after roll call)
Dale Skillicorn
Pat Spence
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Stephanie Harlan
Mike Keogh
Ex-Officio Wes Scott

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Steve Paulson, Paratransit Administrator
Elisabeth Ross, Finance Manager
Judy Souza, Acting Operations Manager
Tom Stickel, Maintenance Manager
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

Norm Hagen, MAC
Bonny Hawley, Asm Laird's Office
Gary Klemz, SEIU Field Representative
Ian McFadden, SEA
Paul Marcelin-Sampson, MAC
Bill Maxfield, Asm Laird's Office
Rachel Moriconi, SCCRTC
Will Regan, VMU
Amy Weiss, Spanish Interpreter
Bob Yount, MAC

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Written:

a. Lindsay Knisely

Re: Strike Communication

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| b. | Michelle L. | Re: Strike Communication |
| c. | Anonymous | Re: Strike Communication |
| d. | Anonymous | Re: Strike Communication |
| e. | Oakes! | Re: Strike Communication |
| f. | Anonymous | Re: Strike Communication |
| g. | Anonymous | Re: Strike Communication |
| h. | Wendy Mathias | Re: Strike Communication |
| i. | Connie Sutherland | Re: Strike Communication |
| j. | Charles & Carol Marchbank | Re: Strike Communication |
| k. | Barbara Poirier | Re: Strike Communication |
| l. | Tracy Tompkins | Re: Strike Communication |
| m. | Cheryl Ban | Re: Strike Communication |
| n. | Yesenia Cardona | Re: Strike Communication |
| o. | Sirleen & Norm Ghileri | Re: Strike Communication |
| p. | Kim Flock | Re: Strike Communication |

Oral:

Norm Hagen, MAC, thanked Director Tavantzis and Les White for all their continued hard work making it possible for people with disabilities to have mobility with public transit. Mr. Hagen distributed a synopsis of METRO Bus Runs, which is attached to the file copy of these minutes, and urged the Board not to cut any more service and to provide expanded, consistent service in South County, which is currently underserved by METRO.

Paul Marcelin-Sampson, MAC Chair, reported that MAC had formed a subcommittee to review the Paratransit Coordination Task Force's recommendations and will bring MAC's input and recommendations back to the Board. MAC also added Rosa Parks Day and Service Defaults as two emergency items to their November agenda. Mr. Marcelin-Sampson said he agreed with Norm Hagen that South County service needs to be expanded.

Bob Yount, MAC, MASTF, said he supported Norm Hagen's comments and reported that MASTF met yesterday and elected Camille Pierce Chair and Sharon Barbour was elected Vice Chair. Mr. Yount spoke about the negative affects of smoking and urged the Board to address the smoking at Transit Centers and bus stops.

Director Spence said she wished to recognize the 1-year milestone that METRO ParaCruz has reached and thanked the ParaCruz Staff for all their hard work and the excellent job they are doing.

3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were distributed at today's meeting and are attached to the file copy of these minutes: Page #5-3.1 of the September Ridership Report and the Staff Report for Item #11.

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CONSENT AGENDA

- 5-1. APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005
- 5-2. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2005
- 5-3. ACCEPT AND FILE SEPTEMBER 2005 RIDERSHIP REPORT
- 5-4. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: DENY THE CLAIM OF TANYA POSEY-KINGSLAND, CLAIM #05-0023
- 5-5. ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2005 AND DRAFT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2005
- 5-6. ACCEPT AND FILE THE METRO ACCESSIBLE SERVICES TRANSIT FORUM (MASTF) AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2005
- 5-7. ACCEPT AND FILE HIGHWAY 17 STATUS REPORT FOR MAY AND JUNE 2005
- 5-8. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2005
- 5-9. ACCEPT AND FILE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2005
- 5-11. ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES REFLECTING VOTING RESULTS FROM APPOINTEES TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE OCTOBER 2005 MEETINGS
- 5-12. CONSIDERATION OF RENEWING CONTRACT WITH CLAREMONT BEHAVIORAL SERVICES FOR AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- 5-13. ACCEPT AND FILE CALL STOP AUDIT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2005
- 5-14. CONSIDERATION OF A NEW FIVE-YEAR LEASE FOR WATSONVILLE TRANSIT CENTER KIOSK #9 FOR JUAN AND MARIA VALDIVIA DBA TAQUERIA EL TORITO
- 5-15. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR, SCCRTC ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAT DELLIN, SCMTD BOARD CHAIR MICHAEL W. KEOGH, CONGRESSMAN SAM FARR, AND CONGRESSWOMAN ANNA ESHOO FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING METROBASE FUNDING FOR THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Vice Chair Rotkin pulled the Laird and Moriconi Resolutions from Item #5-15 to become Items #7a and #7b, respectively, because the recipients were present at today's meeting. Item #5-10 was pulled for public comment. Regarding Item #5-13, Director Tavantzis expressed concern about 10 missed calls on one route.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR REILLY SECOND: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

Approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote in lieu of a roll call vote for Item #5-15 with Directors Harlan and Keogh being absent.

5-10. ACCEPT AND FILE METROBASE STATUS REPORT

Will Regan, VMU, spoke in support of MetroBase and commended Staff for reducing the charges from RNL. Mr. Regan urged the Board to move forward with the Maintenance Facility

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as soon as possible because METRO currently has only seven useable bays to maintain over 100 buses and the three bays at Dubois cannot accommodate the CNG buses without first removing the CNG fuel at the fueling station and then towing the bus back to the shop.

Paul Marcelin-Sampson, MAC, stated there is a tremendous need to inform the public on the benefits and importance of MetroBase because public perception is that it is a luxury project.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR REILLY SECOND: DIRECTOR BEAUTZ

Accept and file the MetroBase Status Report.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Harlan and Keogh being absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE

Summary:

Tom Stickel reported that the current dental insurance coverage plan expires on December 31, 2005. Two firms submitted proposals for evaluation. The evaluation committee, which included representatives from SEIU and UTU gave the highest ranking to Driver Alliant Insurance Services offering the dental plan from Delta Dental, which Staff recommends authorizing a two-year contract.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR SPENCE SECOND: DIRECTOR BEAUTZ

Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Driver Alliant Insurance Services representing Delta Dental to provide employee dental insurance coverage.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Harlan and Keogh being absent.

7a. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN LAIRD FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING METROBASE FUNDING FOR THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR STONE SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Move passage of a Resolution of Appreciation for Assemblymember John Laird for his assistance in obtaining MetroBase funding for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

Motion passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote in lieu of a roll call vote with Directors Harlan and Keogh being absent.

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7b. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SCCRTC SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER RACHEL MORICONI FOR HER ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING METROBASE FUNDING FOR THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR STONE SECOND: DIRECTOR BEAUTZ

Move passage of a Resolution of Appreciation for SCCRTC Senior Transportation Planner Rachel Moriconi for her assistance in obtaining MetroBase funding for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

Motion passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote in lieu of a roll call vote with Directors Harlan and Keogh being absent.

Director Spence wished to acknowledge and thank Les White for his persistent efforts in obtaining MetroBase funding as well. Bob Yount said that MAC heartily approves of all of these MetroBase funding Resolutions. Director Reilly thanked Les White as well and commented that when she was representing the District as Board Chair, she realized the enormous respect nationwide in the transit industry in which Mr. White is regarded.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF POSTHUMOUS HONOR TO ROSA L. PARKS FOR HER ACTIONS, LEADERSHIP, AND INSPIRATION IN STRIVING TO OBTAIN DIGNITY AND EQUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE, AND DECLARING DECEMBER 1, 2005 "ROSA PARKS DAY"

Summary:

Les White relayed his experience with Rosa Parks while he was Chair of APTA and gave a synopsis of her brave action taken on December 1, 1955 in refusing to relinquish her seat on the bus and how that action and the resulting 382-day Montgomery Bus Boycott resulted in the repeal of the laws requiring segregation on public buses and served as a catalyst for the actions that would be taken in the Civil Rights movement for many years to follow.

Mr. White said that transit systems nationwide would be honoring Rosa Parks on December 1st, which is the 50th anniversary of her refusal to give up her seat. In addition to holding appropriate activities and ceremonies, bus operators across the country will be stopping for 30 seconds at 12:00 p.m., if safe to do so, to honor her memory. METRO would like the Board to formally adopt the Resolution of Appreciation, formally establish December 1st as Rosa Parks Day, establish 3:00 p.m. as the time of the Ceremony to be held at METRO Center, authorize METRO to operate free fixed route service on December 1st if sufficient contributions are collected, and authorize bus operators to stop at 12:00 p.m. for 30 seconds, if safe to do so, to honor the memory of Rosa Parks. METRO would also like the Board to authorize the Chair to send letters to the four cities and county of Santa Cruz to request they declare Rosa Parks Day proclamations as well.

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ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR STONE SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Move passage of a Resolution of Posthumous Honor to Rosa L. Parks for her actions, leadership, and inspiration in striving to obtain dignity and equality for all people, and declaring December 1, 2005 "Rosa Parks Day", establish 3:00 p.m. as the time of the Ceremony to be held at METRO Center, authorize METRO to operate free fixed route service on December 1st if sufficient contributions are collected, and authorize bus operators to stop at 12:00 p.m. for 30 seconds, if safe to do so, to join fellow transit agencies nationwide in honoring the memory of Rosa Parks. Authorize the Board Chair to send letters to the four cities and county of Santa Cruz to request they support Rosa Parks Day as well.

Motion passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote in lieu of a roll call vote with Directors Harlan and Keogh being absent.

8. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board would be discussing one case of existing litigation with its Legal Counsel.

ITEM #11 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER AT THIS TIME

11. CONSIDERATION OF SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO FTA DETERMINATION THAT RIDING SIDE-FACING IN A METRO PARACRUZ VEHICLE IS REQUIRED IF REQUESTED

Summary:

Les White reported that Sister Karen Hall, a ParaCruz eligible rider and a wheelchair user, has requested that she be allowed to ride side-facing in the ParaCruz vans. METRO has denied the request based on a number of different factors including safety concerns.

Sister Hall appealed to the FTA's Office of Civil Rights who issued a written determination that it finds it a reasonable modification to permit Sister Hall to ride side-facing. FTA has requested that METRO respond within seven days.

Staff has requested an extension until December 16th to allow Staff to review METRO's position and prepare a full report with recommendations to the Board regarding how METRO should respond at its regular meeting in December.

Discussion:

Paul Marcelin-Sampson said that as a private citizen, he feels this issue has a real possibility and risk of civil rights litigation and liability claims against METRO and it should be discussed in Closed Session as much as possible. Mr. Marcelin-Sampson said the FTA determination on this issue surprised him because most of their responses are moderate and rational and this one is not.

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ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR REILLY SECOND: DIRECTOR BEAUTZ

Authorize METRO Staff to review METRO's position in this matter in light of the FTA determination and prepare a full report with recommendations regarding how METRO should respond to the FTA's Office if Civil Rights determination in this matter. Authorize Staff to send a letter to FTA advising of why METRO is not responding within 7 days.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Harlan and Keogh being absent.

9. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

None.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Rotkin adjourned to Closed Session at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 10:30 a.m.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

10. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Margaret Gallagher had no reportable action at this time.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice Chair Rotkin adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
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17751	01/06/06	484.78	001	SBC		6968	DEC REPEATERS/OPS	86.93	
17752	01/06/06	27.77	001015	A-Z BUS SALES, INC.		7025	DEC REPEATERS/OPS	397.85	
17753	01/06/06	126.41	001020	EMED COMPANY		7026	REV VEH PARTS	27.77	
17754	01/06/06	9,380.00	001035	HARRIS & ASSOCIATES		7027	SAFETY SUPPLIES 111	126.41	
17755	01/06/06	754.65	001037	PACIFIC PRODUCTS & SERVICES	7	6969	MB NOV 05 PROF SVCS	9,380.00	
17756	01/06/06	122.00	001058	SPEEDOMETER SERVICE COMPANY		6970	SURFACE MOUNT BASES	754.65	
17757	01/06/06	125.00	001062	ALLTERRA ENVIRONMENTAL INC.		7028	OUT RPR OTH VEH	122.00	
17758	01/06/06	4,375.18	001063	NEW FLYER INDUSTRIES LIMITED		6971	DEC INSPECT/GOLFCLUB	125.00	
17759	01/06/06	575.00	001076	BROUGHTON LAND, LLC		7029	REV VEH PARTS 83	82.86	
17760	01/06/06	710.50	001093	KROLL LABORATORY SPECIALISTS		7030	REV VEH PARTS 271	270.64	
17761	01/06/06	717.39	001315	WASTE MANAGEMENT		7031	REV VEH PARTS 3886	3,885.64	
17762	01/06/06	75,809.64	001316	DEVCO OIL		7032	REV VEH PARTS 136	136.04	
17763	01/06/06	157.34	001454	MONTEREY BAY OFFICE PRODUCTS		6972	110 VERNON ST UPGRD	575.00	
17764	01/06/06	1,227.09	001506	WESTERN STATES OIL CO., INC.		7033	NOV DRUG TESTING	686.00	
17765	01/06/06	35.18	001733	STOODLEY'S SMALL ENGINE SERVIC	7	7100	APRIL DRUG TESTING	24.50	
17766	01/06/06	55.91	002063	COSTCO		7034	JAN-MAR AIRPORT/FREE	302.07	
17767	01/06/06	31,211.98	002123	GIRO, INC.		7035	JAN-MAR BIG BASIN/HY	37.98	
17768	01/06/06	182.12	002389	DARCO PRINTING	7	7036	JAN-MAR LOMOND/HY	37.98	
17769	01/06/06	50.76	002447	SETON IDENTIFICATION PRODUCTS		7097	DEC HERMON/KINGS	44.10	
17770	01/06/06	152.39	002459	SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT		7098	DEC KINGS VILLAGE	152.89	
17771	01/06/06	416.00	002567	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		7099	DEC RESEARCH PARK	142.37	
17772	01/06/06	54.38	002670	SANITOR MFG. COMPANY		7076	12/13-12/31 FUEL/FLT	75,809.64	
17773	01/06/06	609.36	002814	CREATIVE BUS SALES, INC.		6973	RICOH COPIER MAINT	157.34	
17774	01/06/06	21.66	002819	PORTOSAN COMPANY, L.L.C.		7037	DEC OIL/FLEET	1,227.09	
17775	01/06/06	346.70	002828	ALLIED ELECTRONICS		6974	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	35.18	
17776	01/06/06	4,509.22	002829	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.		6975	PHOTO PROCESS/OPS	29.24	
17777	01/06/06	75.00	002834	MCCABE, KATHY		7038	PHOTO PROCESS/OPS	13.62	
17778	01/06/06	360.00	002835	DEPT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CTRL		7039	PHOTO PROCESS/OPS	13.05	
17779	01/06/06	121.50	002836	ALEXIS PARTY RENTAL		6976	HASTUS 2006	5,911.98	
						6977	MINBUS MODULE H	4,400.00	
						6978	WINTER BID	20,900.00	
						7040	OFFICE SUPPLIES/OPS	182.12	
						7041	NAMEPLATES/FINANCE	50.76	
						7042	10/6-12/5 KINGS VLG	123.83	
						7043	10/6-12/5 KINGS VLG	28.56	
						7044	NOV FINGERPRINTS	416.00	
						6979	NEAT SEAT MODEL FH33	54.38	
						6980	OUT REPAIR REV VEH	609.36	
						6981	FENCE RENTAL/DUBOIS	10.83	
						6982	DUBOIS FENCE RENTAL	10.83	
						7045	PARTS & SUPPLIES/FLT	346.70	
						7046	REV VEH PARTS	2,904.42	
						7047	REV VEH PARTS	858.00	
						7048	REV VEH PARTS	680.16	
						7049	REV VEH PARTS	66.64	
						6983	PT/APPEALS	75.00	
						6984	HAZ WASTE/FAC	360.00	
						6985	ROSA PARKS EVENT	121.50	

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17782	01/06/06	4,283.64	009	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC		7050	10/29-12/12 PA/KV/RZ	3,429.42	
						7051	11/15-12/14 RESEARCH	854.22	
17783	01/06/06	327.10	018	SALINAS VALLEY FORD SALES		7052	REV VEH PARTS	327.10	
17784	01/06/06	409.21	020	ADT SECURITY SERVICES INC.		6988	DEC ALARMS	409.21	
17785	01/06/06	715.09	039	KINKO'S INC.		6989	PRINTING/ADM	15.16	
						7053	NOV PRINTING/HRD	95.11	
						7054	DEC PRINTING/OPS	199.01	
						7055	DEC PRINTING/OPS	405.81	
17786	01/06/06	155.45	067	ROTO-ROOTER		6990	OUT REPAIR/PACIFIC	155.45	
17787	01/06/06	33.02	074	KENVILLE LOCKSMITHS	7	6991	NOV LOCKS/KEYS	33.02	
17788	01/06/06	52.50	104	STATE STEEL COMPANY		7056	PARTS & SUPPLIES FLT	52.50	
17789	01/06/06	1,080.85	107	SAN LORENZO LUMBER		6992	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	658.93	
						6993	REPAIRS/MAINT-FAC	421.92	
17790	01/06/06	38.53	115	SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL		7057	OUT RPR EQUIP/FLT	20.00	
						7058	PARTS & SUPPLIES/FLT	18.53	
17791	01/06/06	419.83	117	GILLIG CORPORATION		7059	REV VEH PARTS	419.83	
17792	01/06/06	477.92	147	ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.		6994	SAFETY SUPPLIES	477.92	
17793	01/06/06	138.67	149	SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL		7060	NOV ADVERTISING/HRD	138.67	
17794	01/06/06	248.98	167	KEYSTON BROTHERS		7061	OTHER MOBILE SUPP/FL	248.98	
17795	01/06/06	404.34	196	LIFT-U-INC.		7062	REV VEH PARTS	404.34	
17796	01/06/06	634.07	215	IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS		7063	COPIER MAINT/OPS	634.07	
17797	01/06/06	5,097.02	221	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM		7064	REV VEH PARTS 2378	2,377.92	
						7065	REV VEH PARTS 2719	2,719.10	
17798	01/06/06	758.81	282	GRAINGER		6995	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	732.09	
						7066	SMALL TOOLS/FLT	11.96	
						7067	SMALL TOOLS/FLT	14.76	
17799	01/06/06	184.00	367	COMMUNITY TELEVISION OF		6996	TV COVERAGE 11/18/05	184.00	
17800	01/06/06	107.75	372	FEDERAL EXPRESS		6997	DEC MAILINGS/LGL	21.50	
						7068	DEC MAIL/FLT	86.25	
17801	01/06/06	541.23	382	AIRTEC SERVICE		6998	REPAIR NVAC UNIT	541.23	
17802	01/06/06	284.84	405	JOHN'S ELECTRIC MOTOR SVC	7	6999	OUT REPAIR/BUS WASH	284.84	
17803	01/06/06	131.79	434	VERIZON WIRELESS-PAGERS		7000	JAN. PAGERS/FAC	131.79	
17804	01/06/06	54.46	434B	VERIZON CALIFORNIA		7069	MT. BIEWLASKI	54.46	
17805	01/06/06	94.21	436	WEST PAYMENT CENTER		7070	NOV ACCESS CHGS	94.21	
17806	01/06/06	64.35	448	UNISOURCE		7071	COPY PAPER/OPS	64.35	
17807	01/06/06	760.00	478	BEE CLENE	0	7001	CARPET/OPS	385.00	
						7002	CARPET/PACIFIC	375.00	
17808	01/06/06	141.00	481	PIED PIPER EXTERMINATORS, INC.		7003	DEC.PEST CONTROL	141.00	
17809	01/06/06	400.00	490	FAST RESPONSE ON-SITE		7072	PROF/TECH SVCS	400.00	
17810	01/06/06	338,903.08	502	CA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'		7073	JAN MEDICAL INS	338,903.08	
17811	01/06/06	533.94	504	CUMMINS WEST, INC.		7074	OUT RPR REV VEH	135.75	
						7075	REV VEH PARTS	398.19	
17812	01/06/06	27.00	510A	HASLER, INC.		7004	1/1/06-1/31 RNTL/PT	27.00	
17813	01/06/06	2,352.00	533	LINDSKOG, P.E., ROBERT	7	7005	PROFESSIONAL/TECH	2,352.00	
17814	01/06/06	74.64	566	ARROWHEAD MTN SPRING WATER		7079	AUG/NOV WATER	74.64	
17815	01/06/06	116.14	582	TOYOTA OF SANTA CRUZ		7080	OUT RPR OTH VEH	116.14	
17816	01/06/06	712.02	647	GFI GENFARE		7081	REV VEH PARTS	712.02	
17817	01/06/06	70.00	682	WEISS, AMY L.	7	7006	DEC INTERPRETER	70.00	

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17819	01/06/06	75.00	744	WRIGHT, LESLEY	7	7008	PARACRUZ HEARING	75.00	
17820	01/06/06	2,000.00	804	ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL	7	7009	NOV PROF/TECH	2,000.00	
17821	01/06/06	50.00	816	MISSION VALLEY FORD		7082	OUT RPR OTH VEH	50.00	
17822	01/06/06	3,647.04	852	LAW OFFICES OF MARIE F. SANG	7	7083	WORKER COMP CLAIMS	2,582.04	
						7084	WORKER COMP CLAIMS	1,065.00	
17823	01/06/06	144.07	871	YARDER MANUFACTURING COMPANY		7085	REV VEH PARTS 138	144.07	
17824	01/06/06	116.43	876	ATCHISON, BARISONE, CONDOTTI &		7010	PROF SV NOV	116.43	
17825	01/06/06	1,908.00	878	KELLY SERVICES, INC.		7011	TEMP/ADM W/E 12/04	948.00	
						7012	TEMP/ADM W/E 12/11	960.00	
17826	01/06/06	2,983.93	909	CLASSIC GRAPHICS		7086	OUT RPR REV VEH	1,262.23	
						7087	OUT RPR REV VEH	1,721.70	
17827	01/06/06	4,995.00	942	PROOFPOINT, INC.		7013	REN FOR SMB PACKAGE	4,995.00	
17828	01/06/06	897.00	943	CLEAN BUILDING MAINTENANCE		7014	NOV JANITORIAL SVCS	897.00	
17829	01/06/06	692.00	950	PARADISE LANDSCAPE		7015	DEC MAINTENANCE	692.00	
17830	01/06/06	22,223.19	977	SANTA CRUZ TRANSPORTATION, LLC	7	7016	NOV 05 PT SVCS	22,223.19	
17831	01/06/06	100.00	B003	BEAUTZ, JAN	7	7088	DEC BOARD MTG	100.00	
17832	01/06/06	50.00	B006	HINKLE, MICHELLE	7	7090	DEC BOARD MTG	50.00	
17833	01/06/06	100.00	B007	KEOGH, MICHAEL	7	7091	DEC BOARD MTG	100.00	
17834	01/06/06	50.00	B011	REILLY, EMILY	7	7092	DEC BOARD MTG	50.00	
17835	01/06/06	100.00	B012	SPENCE, PAT	7	7094	DEC BOARD MTG	100.00	
17836	01/06/06	100.00	B014	CITY OF WATSONVILLE		7096	DEC BOARD MTG	100.00	
17837	01/06/06	50.00	B015	ROTKIN, MIKE	7	7093	DEC BOARD MTG	50.00	
17838	01/06/06	100.00	B017	STONE, MARK	7	7095	DEC BOARD MTG	100.00	
17839	01/06/06	100.00	B018	BUSTICHI, DENE	7	7089	DEC BOARD MTG	100.00	
17840	01/06/06	10.00	E064	OROZCO, RICHARD		7017	DMV/VTT FEES	10.00	
17841	01/06/06	36.00	E069	TAYLOR, JAMES		7018	DMV/VTT FEES	36.00	
17842	01/06/06	45.25	E239	SLATER, ROBYN		7019	PARKING	45.25	
17843	01/06/06	10.00	E374	OSORIO, EZEQUIEL		7020	DMV/VTT FEES	10.00	
17844	01/06/06	50.00	E397	GALLAGHER, MARGARET		7021	INVESTIGATOR TRN FEE	50.00	
17845	01/06/06	10.00	E400	TORRES, MARIO		7022	DMV/VTT FEES	10.00	
17846	01/06/06	10.00	E433	SPELLS, KERMITT		7023	DMV/VTT FEES	10.00	
17847	01/06/06	57.00	E434	AXTON, CASSANDRA		7024	DMV/VTT FEES	57.00	
17848M01/09/06		1,659.00	002287	CALIFORNIA SERVICE EMPLOYEES		7232	JAN MEDICAL	1,659.00	MANUAL
17849M01/11/06		698.02	E215	JAN MEDICAL		7231	STIPEND ADJ DEC/JAN	698.02	MANUAL
17850	01/20/06	2,274.66	001029	URIZARRI, MIGUEL		7175	OFFICE SUPPLIES / IT	2,274.66	
17851	01/20/06	3,984.23	001036	RETIREE STIPEND ADJ		7108	JAN LIFE/AD&D INS	3,984.23	
17852	01/20/06	11,656.00	001043	GOLDEN GATE SYSTEMS		7109	JAN VISION INS	11,656.00	
17853	01/20/06	819.52	001048	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY		7176	VEH WASH SVCS/ PT	819.52	
17854	01/20/06	5,045.35	001063	VISION SERVICE PLAN		7110	REV VEH PARTS 2024	2,023.88	
				CRUZ CAR WASH		7111	REV VEH PARTS 3021	3,021.47	
				NEW FLYER INDUSTRIES LIMITED		7112	NOV/DEC DRUG TESTING	367.50	
17855	01/20/06	367.50	001093	KROLL LABORATORY SPECIALISTS		7113	OUT RPR REV VEH	496.98	
17856	01/20/06	933.96	001263	ABBOTT STREET RADIATOR, INC.		7114	OUT RPR REV VEH	436.98	
17857	01/20/06	2,484.98	001346	CITY OF SANTA CRUZ		7177	COOP RETAIL MNGMNT	1,273.88	
						7178	PARKING DEF FEES	1,211.10	
17858	01/20/06	861.05	001379	SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC.		7179	HAZ WASTE DISPOSAL	861.05	
17859	01/20/06	24.04	001648	STEVE'S UNION SERVICE		7115	DEC FUEL/FLT	24.04	

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17861	01/20/06	1,388.96	001800	THERMO KING OF SALINAS, INC		7116	REV VEH PARTS/FLT	1,388.96	
17862	01/20/06	225.00	001856	BAY COMMUNICATIONS	7	7181	OUT REPAIR PHONES	225.00	
17863	01/20/06	3,683.95	001A	SBC/MCI		7182	DEC PHONES	1,851.31	
						7183	DEC PHONES / PT	484.25	
						7184	DEC PHONES / PT	45.80	
						7185	DEC PHONES / IT	597.41	
						7186	DEC PHONES / IT	256.52	
						7187	DEC PHONES/ IT	92.66	
						7188	DEC PHONES/ IT	178.00	
						7189	DEC PHONES/ IT	178.00	
17864	01/20/06	78.04	002063	COSTCO		7117	LOCAL MEETING EXP	51.54	
						7190	PHOTO PROCESS/ OPS	26.50	
17865	01/20/06	14,206.00	002123	GIRO, INC.		7191	SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	14,206.00	
17866	01/20/06	1,167.32	002161	APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECH		7118	REV VEH PARTS	1,167.32	
17867	01/20/06	356.06	002189	BUS & EQUIPMENT		7192	REV VEH PARTS/ PT	356.06	
17868	01/20/06	2,000.00	002267	SHAW & YODER, INC.		7193	NOV. LEGISLATIVE SVC	2,000.00	
17869	01/20/06	39.89	002406	KHS INDUSTRIAL TOOLS & SUPPLIE		7119	REV VEH PARTS	39.89	
17870	01/20/06	13,255.03	002569	COMERICA BANK		7120	WORK COMP FUND	13,255.03	
17871	01/20/06	2,225.00	002654	VNA OF SANTA CRUZ	7	7121	FLU SHOTS	2,225.00	
17872	01/20/06	959.66	002721	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS		7194	12/4-1/3 PHONES PT	959.66	
17873	01/20/06	2,288.00	002805	TELEPATH CORPORATION		7122	DEC MAINT/REPAIRS	2,288.00	
17874	01/20/06	153.75	002807	WILLIAM AVERY & ASSOCIATES		7123	DEC 05 PROF SVCS	153.75	
17875	01/20/06	10.00	002819	PORTOSAN COMPANY, L.L.C.		7195	DUBOIS FENCE RENTAL	10.00	
17876	01/20/06	3,882.52	002823	PAT PIRAS CONSULTING	7	7124	PROF SVCS THRU 12/31	3,882.52	
17877	01/20/06	4,074.01	002829	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.		7125	REV VEH PARTS	4,074.01	
17878	01/20/06	18.00	002839	TALAMANTEZ, IRMA		7196	UNUSED PT PREPAID	18.00	
17879	01/20/06	8.21	004	NORTH BAY FORD LINC-MERCURY		7126	REV VEH PARTS	8.21	
17880	01/20/06	26,504.44	009	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC		7127	11/24-12/30 DU/GC/CN	7,204.68	
						7128	12/2-12/30 370 ENC V	3,213.78	
						7129	12/2-12/30 1200 RVR	2,130.61	
						7130	11/30-12/31 CNG/G RV	13,955.37	
17881	01/20/06	325.83	013	MCI SERVICE PARTS, INC.		7131	REV VEH PARTS	325.83	
17882	01/20/06	1,017.07	017	SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.		7197	1/1-3/31 SVC	1,017.07	
17883	01/20/06	6,023.21	018	SALINAS VALLEY FORD SALES		7132	REV VEH PARTS	4,151.38	
						7133	REV VEH PARTS	1,871.83	
17884	01/20/06	170.20	041	MISSION UNIFORM		7198	DEC UNIFORM/LAUN PT	78.60	
						7199	DEC UNIF/LAUNDRY FAC	91.60	
17885	01/20/06	643.16	042	ORCHARD SUPPLY HARDWARE		7200	REPAIRS & MAINT/SUPP	643.16	
17886	01/20/06	2,187.57	043	PALACE ART & OFFICE SUPPLY		7134	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,187.57	
17887	01/20/06	399.39	061A	REGISTER PAJARONIAN		7135	CLASSIFIED AD/HRD	94.20	
						7136	CLASSIFIED AD/FLT	209.54	
						7137	CLASSIFIED AD/FLT	95.65	
17888	01/20/06	125.98	074	KENVILLE LOCKSMITHS	7	7201	DEC LOCKS/ KEYS	125.98	
17889	01/20/06	6,043.90	079	SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL UTILITIES		7138	12/1-12/28 PACIFIC	1,945.73	
						7139	12/1-12/28 PACIFIC	89.99	
						7140	11/29-12/27 111 DUB	616.34	
						7141	11/29-12/27 1200 RVR	1,768.14	
						7142	11/29-12/27 370 ENC	82.87	
						7143	11/29-12/27 370 ENC	779.31	

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17890	01/20/06	1,134.62	080A	STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION		7202	OCT-DEC 05 FUEL TAX	1,134.62	
17891	01/20/06	57.38	080B	STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION		7203	05 UNDRND STOR TANK	57.38	
17892	01/20/06	8,274.88	085	DIXON & SON TIRE, INC.		7145	DEC TIRE/TUBE FLT	8,109.90	
						7204	DEC TIRES/ PT	164.98	
17893	01/20/06	68.96	107	SAN LORENZO LUMBER		7146	REV VEH PARTS/SUPPLY	68.96	
17894	01/20/06	1,648.89	117	GILLIG CORPORATION		7147	REV VEH PARTS	1,648.89	
17895	01/20/06	2,805.64	135	SANTA CRUZ AUTO PARTS, INC.		7148	REV VEH PARTS/SUPPLY	2,126.14	
						7205	REV VEH PARTS/SUPPLY	679.50	
17896	01/20/06	203.80	147	ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.		7206	SAFETY SUPPLIES	203.80	
17897	01/20/06	680.97	149	SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL		7149	NOV ADVERTISING/FLT	680.97	
17898	01/20/06	1,252.32	161	OCEAN CHEVROLET		7207	REV VEH PARTS/ PT	1,252.32	
17899	01/20/06	124.71	166	HOSE SHOP, THE		7208	REPAIRS/MAINT/SUPPLY	124.71	
17900	01/20/06	103.40	170	TOWNSEND'S AUTO PARTS		7150	REV VEH PARTS	103.40	
17901	01/20/06	78.46	172	CENTRAL WELDER'S SUPPLY, INC.		7151	PARTS & SUPPLY/FLT	78.46	
17902	01/20/06	798.78	186	WILSON, GEORGE H., INC.		7209	RPR/MAINT/OUT RPR EQ	798.78	
17903	01/20/06	718.57	215	IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS		7210	COPIER OVERAGE/ PT	718.57	
17904	01/20/06	779.40	215A	IKON FINANCIAL SERVICES		7211	COPIER LEASE/ OPS	779.40	
17905	01/20/06	60.00	271	CARLSON, BRENT D., M.D., INC.	7	7152	JAN DRUG TESTING	60.00	
17906	01/20/06	86.60	288	MUNCIE TRANSIT SUPPLY		7153	REV VEH PARTS	86.60	
17907	01/20/06	552.60	294	ANDY'S AUTO SUPPLY		7154	REV VEH/SUPP/OUT RPR	552.60	
17908	01/20/06	234.00	367	COMMUNITY TELEVISION OF		7212	TV COVERAGE 12/29/05	234.00	
17909	01/20/06	692.71	395	APPLIED GRAPHICS, INC.		7213	CHECK STOCK FOR FIN	692.71	
17910	01/20/06	133.87	422	IMAGE SALES INC.		7155	PHOTO SUPPLIES/HRD	133.87	
17911	01/20/06	1,318.64	428	NEOWARE SYSTEMS, INC.		7214	SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	1,318.64	
17912	01/20/06	31.80	434	VERIZON WIRELESS-PAGERS		7156	JAN PAGERS/FLEET	31.80	
17913	01/20/06	1,986.39	480	DIESEL MARINE ELECTRIC, INC.		7157	REV VEH PARTS	1,986.39	
17914	01/20/06	3,792.48	504	CUMMINS WEST, INC.		7158	REV VEH PARTS	762.33	
						7159	REV VEH PARTS	1,285.22	
						7160	OUT RPR REV VEH	1,744.93	
17915	01/20/06	27.00	510A	HASLER, INC.		7215	2/1-2/28 RENTAL/ PT	27.00	
17916	01/20/06	509.04	582	TOYOTA OF SANTA CRUZ		7161	REV VEH PARTS/OUT RP	509.04	
17917	01/20/06	1,547.19	583	SBC DATACOMM		7216	ADTRAN T1 ROUTER	1,547.19	
17918	01/20/06	446.54	647	GFI GENFARE		7162	REV VEH PARTS	158.74	
						7163	REV VEH PARTS	287.80	
17919	01/20/06	11,364.42	667	CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY		7217	SVTC	11,364.42	
17920	01/20/06	1,072.00	733	CLAREMONT BEHAVIORAL SERVICES		7164	JAN EAP PREMIUM	1,072.00	
17921	01/20/06	590.22	739	CENTURY CHEVROLET		7218	OUT REP REV VEH/ PT	590.22	
17922	01/20/06	1,352.60	764	MERCURY METALS		7219	REPAIR RAMPS/ PT	1,352.60	
17923	01/20/06	379.44	788	SCMTD PETTY CASH - FINANCE		7165	PETTY CASH	379.44	
17924	01/20/06	2,956.96	851	I.M.P.A.C. GOVERNMENT SERVICES		7166	4055019201230622	2,956.96	
17925	01/20/06	2,145.00	852	LAW OFFICES OF MARIE F. SANG	7	7167	WORKER COMP CLAIMS	2,145.00	
17926	01/20/06	390.61	872	YALE-PACIFIC, INC.		7168	OUT RPR-EQUIP	390.61	
17927	01/20/06	1,920.00	878	KELLY SERVICES, INC.		7220	TEMP/ADM W/E 12/25	960.00	
						7221	TEMP/ADM W/E 12/18	960.00	
17928	01/20/06	47,305.63	904	RNL DESIGN		7222	PROF SVCS THRU 11/30	47,305.63	
17929	01/20/06	950.60	909	CLASSIC GRAPHICS		7169	OUT RPR REV VEH	950.60	
17930	01/20/06	14,395.42	941	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		7170	JAN LTD INSURANCE	14,395.42	
17931	01/20/06	897.00	943	CLEAN BUILDING MAINTENANCE		7223	DEC JANITORIAL SVCS	897.00	
17932	01/20/06	627.00	950	PARADISE LANDSCAPE	7	7224	JAN MAINTENANCE	627.00	

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CHECK JOURNAL DETAIL BY CHECK NUMBER
ALL CHECKS FOR COAST COMMERCIAL BANK

DATE: 01/01/06 THRU 01/31/06

CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE	CHECK AMOUNT	VENDOR	VENDOR NAME	TRANS. TYPE	TRANS. NUMBER	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	TRANSACTION AMOUNT	COMMENT
17933	01/20/06	107.38	973	SANTA CRUZ DODGE		7171	REV VEH PARTS	107.38	
17934	01/20/06	8,365.61	977	SANTA CRUZ TRANSPORTATION, LLC		7225	DEC 05 PT SVCS	8,365.61	
17935	01/20/06	450.00	989	STUCKER, NANCY K.	7	7172	PROF SVCS/BILINGUAL	450.00	
17936	01/20/06	10.00	E069	TAYLOR, JAMES		7226	DMV/VTT FEES	10.00	
17937	01/20/06	45.00	E072	VEST, DOUGLAS		7227	DMV/VTT FEES	45.00	
17938	01/20/06	35.00	E095	CAWALING, GEORGE		7173	DMV FEES	35.00	
17939	01/20/06	10.00	E310	BAN, MARK S.		7228	DMV/VTT FEES	10.00	
17940	01/20/06	1,755.67	R444	CSAA-IIB		7229	PROPERTY DAMAGE	811.39	
						7230	PROPERTY DAMAGE	944.28	
17941	01/27/06	11,098.44	001075	SCQUEL III ASSOCIATES	7	9000485	RESEARCH PARK RENT	11,098.44	
17942	01/27/06	7,590.00	001076	BROUGHTON LAND, LLC		9000486	110 VERNON ST RENT	7,590.00	
17943	01/27/06	1,407.05	001119	MACERICH PARTNERSHIP LP	7	9000487	CAPITOLA MALL RENT	1,407.05	
17944	01/27/06	74,016.26	001316	DEVCO OIL		7236	JAN 1-16 FUEL	74,016.26	
17945	01/27/06	25,899.59	002116	HINSHAW, EDWARD & BARBARA	7	9000488	370 ENCINAL RENT	25,899.59	
17946	01/27/06	13,888.00	002117	IULIANO	7	9000489	111 DUBOIS RENT	10,888.00	
						9000490	115 DUBOIS RENT	3,000.00	
17947	01/27/06	7,118.89	002829	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.		7237	REV VEH PARTS	7,118.89	
17948	01/27/06	4,226.12	009	PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC		7238	12/15-1/13 RESEARCH	861.54	
						7239	11/11-1/10 PA/KV/RZ	3,364.58	
17949	01/27/06	2,519.58	110	JESSICA GROCERY STORE, INC.		9000491	CUSTODIAL SERVICES	2,519.58	
17950	01/27/06	95.83	130	CITY OF WATSONVILLE UTILITIES		7240	12/1-1/2 SAKATA	72.40	
						7241	12/1-1/1 SAKATA	13.73	
						7242	12/1-1/1 RODRIGUEZ	9.70	
17951	01/27/06	944.28	R444	CSAA-IIB		7235	PROPERTY DAMAGE	944.28	
17952	01/27/06	811.39	R444A	CSAA-IIB		7243	PROPERTY DAMAGE	811.39	
TOTAL		938,584.41		COAST COMMERCIAL BANK			TOTAL CHECKS 203	938,584.41	

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**Page 1 of the January Ridership Report
will be included in the
February 24, 2006 Board Packet.**

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BUS OPERATOR LIFT TEST *PULL-OUT*

VEHICLE CATEGORY	TOTAL BUSES	AVG # DEAD IN GARAGE	AVG # AVAIL. FOR SERVICE	AVG # IN SERVICE	AVG # SPARE BUSES	AVG # LIFTS OPERATING	% LIFTS WORKING ON PULL-OUT BUSES
FLYER/HIGHWAY 17 - 40'	7	1	6	1	5	1	100%
FLYER/LOW FLOOR - 40'	12	2	10	7	3	7	100%
FLYER/LOW FLOOR - 35'	18	2	16	14	2	14	100%
FLYER/HIGH FLOOR - 35'	15	2	13	4	9	4	100%
GILLIG/SAM TRANS - 40'	10	1	9	1	8	1	100%
DIESEL CONVERSION - 35'	15	3	12	11	1	11	100%
DIESEL CONVERSION - 40'	14	2	12	7	5	7	100%
ORION/HIGHWAY 17 - 40'	11	3	8	6	2	6	100%
GOSHEN	3	1	2	1	1	1	100%
TROLLEY	1	0	1	0	1	0	100%
CNG NEW FLYER - 40'	8	1	7	5	2	5	100%

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

PASSENGER LIFT PROBLEMS

MONTH OF JANUARY 2006

BUS #	DATE	DAY	REASON
2210CN	21-Jan	Saturday	Bus will roll w/doors open & with Kneel position
2217CN	5-Jan	Thursday	"ABS Fail" light came on & ramp no longer deployed or stowed
8080F	30-Jan	Monday	Problem Stowing Lift
8081F	3-Jan	Tuesday	Very hard to stow
8090F	9-Jan	Monday	Lift not working properly
8092F	12-Jan	Thursday	The kneel and rear door opened, also doesn't have any power
8092F	20-Jan	Friday	Kneel, lift, dash fans & GPS box have no power to them.
9806LF	5-Jan	Thursday	Beeper intermittent at best
9806LF	6-Jan	Friday	W/C Lift has problems deploying, will deploy with manual help
9813LF	16-Jan	Monday	Ramp deploys really slowly
9813LF	30-Jan	Monday	No warning sound for lift or kneel
9817LF	13-Jan	Friday	The air system sometimes causes the kneeling system as well as the whole front end of the bus to bounce up & down.
9822LF	11-Jan	Wednesday	Lift doesn't stow all the way down the floor
9823LF	8-Jan	Sunday	Lift platform operates fine but makes a rattle sound while lifting up & and a snap sound while stowing
9825LF	17-Jan	Tuesday	Ramp too slow
9825LF	21-Jan	Saturday	Kneels very slow
9839G	10-Jan	Tuesday	No power to lift or kneel

F New Flyer
 G Gillig
 C Champion
 LF Low Floor Flyer
 GM GMC
 CG CNG
 CN SR855 & SR854
 OR Orion/Hwy 17

Note: Lift operating problems that cause delays of less than 30 minutes.

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Dropped Service for FY 2006

Month	FY 2006		FY 2005	
	Dropped Hours	Dropped Miles	Dropped Hours	Dropped Miles
July	0	0	1.35	42.89
August	213.92	3,575.86	0.00	0.00
September	140.97	2,336.50	0.76	18.87
October	STRIKE	STRIKE	0.00	0.00
November	113.77	1,780.56	0.00	0.00
December	95.61	1,659.66	0.00	0.00
January	16.49	286.31	6.07	127.13
February			23.31	276.75
March			8.66	99.08
April			37.96	641.12
May			1.50	37.03
June			4.15	69.30
TOTAL	580.76	9,638.89	83.76	1,312.17

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**Santa Cruz METRO
December 2005 Ridership Report**

FAREBOX REVENUE AND RIDERSHIP SUMMARY BY ROUTE

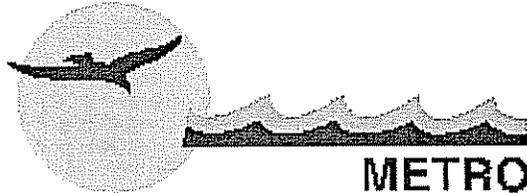
ROUTE	REVENUE	RIDERSHIP	UC		Day Pass	S/D Riders	W/C	S/D Day Pass	Cabrillo	Bike	Passes/ Free Rides
			Student	Faculty							
10	\$ 980.96	13,284	9,805	1,999	12	47	22	6	58	353	790
13	\$ 128.63	2,695	2,374	173	-	1	-	-	4	35	62
15	\$ 491.18	11,756	10,457	637	5	9	2	2	66	213	290
16	\$ 3,573.27	33,828	25,939	3,179	41	141	38	20	211	789	2,214
19	\$ 1,092.60	10,389	7,726	1,006	9	44	13	14	98	263	864
3B	\$ 1,424.22	2,598	169	124	31	79	7	19	73	56	1,317
4	\$ 1,244.26	3,815	88	106	17	167	30	38	83	87	2,467
7	\$ 622.50	1,409	45	49	4	42	16	8	213	39	682
7N	\$ 1,205.49	1,774	248	68	1	36	10	-	78	70	595
9	\$ 251.31	349	24	17	6	8	1	1	-	-	157
12A	\$ 20.02	341	279	43	1	-	-	-	1	9	6
20	\$ 1,724.52	9,148	5,877	835	23	64	7	8	161	189	1,130
31	\$ 1,018.81	1,458	31	22	9	13	8	7	40	69	721
32	\$ 555.03	657	12	3	1	9	8	3	9	14	267
33	\$ 222.14	497	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	4	343
34	\$ 216.75	222	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	84
35	\$ 25,254.79	32,659	453	257	359	868	102	165	793	1,109	15,343
40	\$ 1,230.74	1,349	14	12	29	51	-	13	23	88	552
41	\$ 929.06	1,254	79	57	11	10	-	7	39	64	485
42	\$ 748.26	845	77	16	6	12	-	2	24	68	257
53	\$ 462.42	844	9	22	5	86	26	4	84	16	427
54	\$ 357.87	629	3	5	2	40	6	3	44	17	338
55	\$ 1,249.96	2,657	13	33	18	129	43	22	613	55	1,207
56	\$ 326.48	698	5	7	2	12	14	10	113	20	374
66	\$ 10,456.44	14,651	579	381	181	545	157	82	493	404	6,460
68	\$ 6,194.79	9,576	835	352	83	260	79	42	317	280	4,096
69	\$ 6,649.71	10,255	715	470	88	401	81	35	255	299	4,445
69A	\$ 16,738.65	20,890	729	556	178	843	215	125	557	533	7,876
69N	\$ 1,395.24	2,283	250	86	-	48	18	-	210	106	820
69W	\$ 16,638.35	22,272	725	628	156	757	133	113	1,428	584	8,533
70	\$ 1,269.23	3,191	134	48	16	85	27	15	1,092	78	1,081
71	\$ 43,404.45	54,283	1,158	1,104	349	2,245	244	297	4,198	1,881	19,052
72	\$ 3,090.18	3,554	38	22	37	135	8	60	147	77	1,390
74	\$ 2,490.21	2,485	14	5	19	90	5	6	79	20	731
75	\$ 6,463.17	6,801	22	20	71	376	36	46	136	138	2,355
76	\$ 612.70	666	2	6	9	44	2	8	9	8	248
79	\$ 1,384.62	1,566	7	33	18	124	75	35	65	6	593
88	\$ 8.10	3,696	2	-	-	1	18	-	1	-	150
91	\$ 3,012.71	3,704	80	126	76	78	8	18	410	167	1,181
Unknown	\$ 60.75	483	-	257	22	-	-	48	12	35	65
TOTAL	\$ 165,200.57	295,511	69,017	12,764	1,896	7,908	1,459	1,282	12,237	8,244	89,968

ROUTE	REVENUE	RIDERSHIP	VTA/SC		17 Day Pass	S/D Riders	W/C	METRO	ECO Pass	Bike	Monthly Pass
			Day Pass	CalTrain							
17	\$ 27,449.82	13,511	16	23	112	882	55	1,988	53	542	6,708

RIDERSHIP	
Night Owl	1,312
UC Shuttle	-
TOTAL	1,312

December Ridership	310,334
December Revenue	\$ 192,758.34

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Agenda

Metro Advisory Committee

6:00 pm
February 15, 2006
920 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, California

- I. Roll Call
- II. Agenda Additions/Deletions
- III. Oral/Written Communication
- IV. Consideration of Minutes of January 18, 2006 Meeting
- V. Receive Information Relative to MetroBase Status
- VI. Discussion of ADA/504 Review
- VI. Receive Information Relative to Bus Operator Training
- VII. Discussion of Possible Grants for Holiday Service
- VIII. Discussion of Funding to Help Pleasant Care on Week-Ends
- IX. Discussion of Paratransit Coordination Task Force Recommendations
- X. Review of MAC Bylaws
- XI. Communications to METRO General Manager
- XII. Communications to METRO Board of Directors
- XIII. Items for Next Meeting Agenda
- XIV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 15, 2006 @ 6:00 pm
Santa Cruz Metro Conference Room

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- METRO Advisory Committee (MAC)

November 16, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the METRO Advisory Committee (MAC) met on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at the METRO Center Conference Room, 920 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Chair Paul Marcelin-Sampson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Norm Hagen
Paul Marcelin-Sampson, Chair
Mara Murphy
Dennis Papadopulo
Stuart Rosenstein
Lesley Wright
Robert Yount, Vice-Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan Alper
Dave Williams

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Paulson, ParaCruz Administrator
Leslie White, General Manager

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None

3. ORAL/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Oral: Robert Yount reported that cigarette smoke has been wafting through the lobby at METRO Center. He quoted a passage from a report by the California Environmental Protection Agency relative to environmental tobacco smoke.

Oral: Chair Marcelin-Sampson advised that MAC members Dave Williams and Dan Alper would not be in attendance at the meeting. He stated Dan Alper's absence would be excused due to illness; but Dave Williams' absence status would be decided later, when the reason for his absence became known. Chair Marcelin-Sampson advised MAC that a public meeting regarding Highway 1 auxiliary lanes would take place on November 17, 2005. He advised MAC that the next METRO Board meeting would take place in Watsonville. He distributed a copy of the METRO Board of Directors 2006 meeting schedule.

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Oral: Les White advised MAC of the pending METRO Board Resolution to declare December 1, 2005, as Rosa Parks Day. He stated that a ceremony would take place at METRO Center on that day, at 3:00 p.m. He said transit systems around the country would observe a one-minute pause in their schedule at noon, in honor of Ms. Parks. He went on to say that METRO solicited donations to fund the Rosa Parks Day celebration, which could include removal of the collection of cash fares on that day, if sufficient donations are received.

ACTION: MOTION: CHAIR MARCELIN-SAMPSON SECOND: LESLEY WRIGHT

MAKE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE ROSA PARKS DAY CELEBRATION TO TODAY'S AGENDA AS AN EMERGENCY ITEM SINCE IT CAME TO MAC'S ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING OF TODAY'S MAC AGENDA AND THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE ACTION BEFORE THE NEXT MAC MEETING.

Motion passed unanimously with Dan Alper and Dave Williams being absent.

Oral: Les White detailed the Rosa Parks Day celebration on December 1, 2005. He also detailed the Board's presentation of a Resolution of Appreciation that will be presented to Representative Sam Farr by the Board of Directors on December 2, 2005.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2005 MAC MEETING (OCTOBER MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO THE STRIKE)

ACTION: MOTION: ROBERT YOUNT SECOND: LESLEY WRIGHT

ACCEPT AND FILE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2005, MAC MEETING.

Motion passed unanimously with Dan Alper and Dave Williams being absent.

5. DISCUSSION OF ROUTE 54

Dennis Papadopulo detailed his unsettling experience as a bus rider from early September. He said he waited for a bus that normally stopped on Route 54. He waited a long time for the bus to arrive until he was told the bus didn't stop there anymore. He stated that several times in the recent past he waited for regularly scheduled buses to arrive, only to learn that the bus service he'd been expecting had been cancelled. Les White detailed the provisions of Industrial Wage Order Number 9. He stated that Mr. Papadopulo's recent experience of lack of reliable bus service could possibly be due to implementation of the Order. He explained that the District, in anticipation of bus operator staffing shortages that would inevitably occur as a result of the Order, prepared new bus operators for training. He said that at the time of the strike, new bus operators were

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ready and available for their training. He said the training was halted by both UTU and SEIU due to the strike. He said that even though the strike is resolved, bus riders are suffering from its residual effects and the strike's aftermath has created an unfortunate situation for bus riders. He said unreliable bus service is the norm until the new bus operators have completed their training.

ACTION: MOTION: STUART ROSENSTEIN SECOND: NORM HAGEN

MAKE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE LACK OF RELIABLE BUS SERVICE TO TODAY'S AGENDA AS AN EMERGENCY ITEM SINCE IT CAME TO MAC'S ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING OF TODAY'S MAC AGENDA AND THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE ACTION BEFORE THE NEXT MAC MEETING

Motion passed unanimously with Dan Alper and Dave Williams being absent.

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF "ZEN AND THE ART OF BUS RIDING"

MAC reviewed, discussed, and revised the Zen document.

ACTION: MOTION: PAUL MARCELIN-SAMPSON SECOND: DENNIS PAPADOPULO

MAC RECOMMENDS THAT "THE ART OF BUS RIDING" BE RELEASED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR, AND THAT IT BE FORMATTED SO THAT IT IS LEGIBLE FROM A SEATED POSITION, AND THAT IT BE TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH, AND THAT THE CAPITALIZATION BE FIXED AS WELL

Motion passed unanimously with Dan Alper and Dave Williams being absent.

7. DISCUSSION OF FACILITATING INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN BUS OPERATORS AND BUS PASSENGERS.

MAC members detailed their experience as bus riders relative to the level of service they've received from bus operators when they've asked for help with directions. Les detailed the District's history of providing bus operators with sensitivity training. He suggested that the District's Training Coordinator be invited to attend the next MAC meeting to hear MAC's concerns. Lesley Wright stated that the District could improve the current level of service provided to disabled passengers. She stated that it's been her observation and experience that bus operators are providing inadequate securement of wheelchairs. Discussion ensued as to how to facilitate conversation between bus operators and passengers without compromising safety.

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8. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE GRANTS FOR HOLIDAY SERVICE

Discussion of this topic was deferred.

9. DISCUSSION OF PLACING SIGNS FOR MAC IN BUSES

Stuart stated he would touch base with Les.

10. DISCUSSION OF PARATRANSIT COORDINATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

MAC sub-committee members calendared future meetings.

10b. DISCUSSION OF ROSA PARKS DAY CELEBRATION

MOTION: ROBERT YOUNT SECOND: NORM HAGEN

MAC RECOMMENDS THAT THE METRO BOARD COMMEMORATE DECEMBER 1, 2005, AS ROSA PARKS DAY

Motion passed unanimously with Dan Alper and Dave Williams being absent.

10c. DISCUSSION OF DROPPED BUS SERVICE AND BUS TRIPS

MOTION: STUART ROSENSTEIN SECOND: LESLEY WRIGHT

MAC STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE METRO BOARD URGE METRO DRIVERS TO MINIMIZE THE USE OF ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE TO THE DEGREE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE NUMBER OF MISSED TRIPS FOR SERVICE

MAC expressed their strong feelings of displeasure relative to the recent labor action and its residual effects.

Motion passed unanimously with Dan Alper and Dave Williams being absent.

11 COMMUNICATIONS TO GENERAL MANAGER

Norm Hagen advised that he would be making a statement at the next Board of Director's meeting relative to Watsonville bus service.

12. COMMUNICATION TO THE METRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

None.

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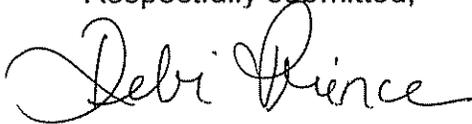
13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA

- Receive Information Relative to Bus Operator Training
- Discussion of Possible Grants for Holiday Service
- Discussion of ParaTransit Coordination Task Force Recommendations

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Marcelin-Sampson thanked everyone for participating, and he adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DEBI PRINCE
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

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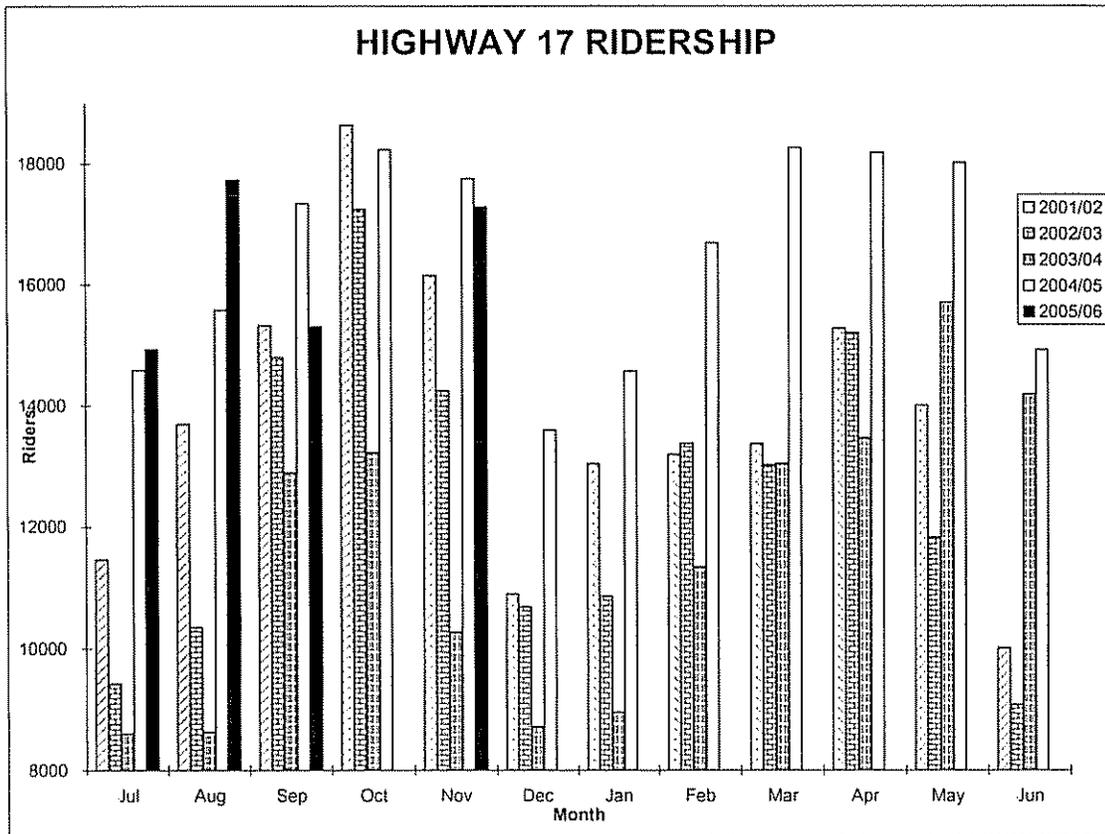
The next MASTF meeting is scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the Santa Cruz METRO Center Conference Room.

The Agenda for the February meeting and the Minutes of the January meeting have not been made available to METRO Staff by MASTF Chair.

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HIGHWAY 17 - NOVEMBER 200

	November			YTD		
	This Year	Last Year	%	This Year	Last Year	%
FINANCIA						
Cost	\$ 109,782	\$ 111,701	(1.7%)	\$ 443,386	\$ 571,144	(22.4%)
Farebox	\$ 41,244	\$ 59,229	(30.4%)	\$ 199,955	\$ 262,769	(23.9%)
Operating Deficit	\$ 63,067	\$ 43,928	43.6%	\$ 210,681	\$ 261,052	(19.3%)
Santa Clara Subsidy	\$ 31,533	\$ 21,964	43.6%	\$ 105,341	\$ 130,526	(19.3%)
METRO Subsidy	\$ 31,533	\$ 21,964	43.6%	\$ 105,341	\$ 130,526	(19.3%)
San Jose State Subsidy	\$ 2,762	\$ 2,642	4.5%	\$ 5,616	\$ 8,401	(33.2%)
AMTRAK Subsidy	\$ 2,708	\$ 5,903	(54.1%)	\$ 27,134	\$ 38,922	(30.3%)
STATISTICS						
Passengers	17,283	17,753	(2.6%)	65,243	83,496	(21.9%)
Revenue Miles	36,239	39,594	(8.5%)	153,811	205,145	(25.0%)
Revenue Hours	1,360	1,485	(8.5%)	5,769	7,693	(25.0%)
Passengers/Day	617	592	4.3%	562	546	3.1%
Passengers/Weekday	809	772	4.9%	711	687	3.5%
Passengers/Weekend	271	231	17.3%	257	236	8.8%
PRODUCTIVITY						
Cost/Passenger	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.29	1.0%	\$ 6.80	\$ 6.84	(0.6%)
Revenue/Passenger	\$ 2.39	\$ 3.34	(28.5%)	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.15	(2.6%)
Subsidy/Passenger	\$ 3.81	\$ 2.62	45.2%	\$ 3.32	\$ 3.23	2.7%
Passengers/Mile	0.48	0.45	6.4%	0.42	0.41	4.2%
Passengers/Hour	12.71	11.95	6.3%	11.31	10.85	4.2%
Recovery Ratio	37.6%	53.0%	(29.1%)	45.1%	46.0%	(2.0%)



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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: February 24, 2006
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Paulson, Paratransit Administrator
SUBJECT: METRO PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

This report is for information only- no action requested

II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- METRO ParaCruz is the federally mandated ADA complementary paratransit program of the Transit District, providing shared ride, door-to-door demand-response transportation to customers certified as having disabilities that prevent them from independently using the fixed route bus.
- METRO assumed direct operation of paratransit services November 1, 2004.
- Operating Statistics reported are for the month of November 2005.
- New regulations regarding lunch and rest breaks went into effect August 1, 2005.
- Customer feedback information is for the month of November 2005.
- Staff received a request from a member of the public to include eligibility determination statistics, as they had been during the initial recertification process. Breakdown chart attached.

III. DISCUSSION

METRO ParaCruz is the federally mandated ADA complementary paratransit program of the Transit District, providing shared ride, door-to-door demand-response transportation to customers certified as having disabilities that prevent them from independently using the fixed route bus.

METRO began direct operation of ADA paratransit service (METRO ParaCruz) beginning November 1, 2004. This service had been delivered under contract since 1992.

New regulations requiring meal periods became effective August 1, 2005. This presented new scheduling challenges resulting in decreased driver productivity and increased use of supplemental service providers.

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During the month of November, five (5) service complaints and seven (7) compliments were received regarding service issues. Two (2) of the complaints were found to be "not valid" when investigated. Two of the valid complaints were related to late trips. The other was due to a reservation booking error

Operating Statistics for FY 05-06 through November 2005

	July 05	Aug 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05
Scheduled	7570	7935	8413	9526	8516
Performed	6513	6799	7220	8384	7199
Total miles	50,755	56,599	55,890	64,163	55,208
Av trip miles	5.86	6.03	5.69	5.75	5.79
Within ready window	91.97%	91.99%	90.93%	87.88%	89.67%
Excessively late/missed trips	9	12	23	33	19
Monthly call volume	6163	6719	6465	7481	6325
Call average seconds to answer	36	29	29	30	26
Hold times less than 2 minutes	88%	90%	90%	90%	92%
Distinct riders	795	806	842	878	827
Most frequent rider	52 rides	49 rides	57 rides	53 rides	45 rides
Shared rides	58.5%	58.9%	63.6%	66.3%	66.1%
Passengers per rev hour	1.68	1.38	1.58	1.64	1.66
Rides by supplemental providers	5.47%	7.94%	8.23%	13.10%	15.19%
SCT cost per ride	\$22.23	\$22.79	\$22.95	\$25.17	\$22.73
ParaCruz driver cost per ride	\$23.58 (est)	\$24.87 (est)	\$23.31 (est)	\$25.26 (est)	\$24.77 (est)
Rides < 10 miles	81.29%	82.85%	79.87%	78.01%	77.89%
Rides > 10	18.71%	17.15%	20.14%	21.99%	22.11%

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

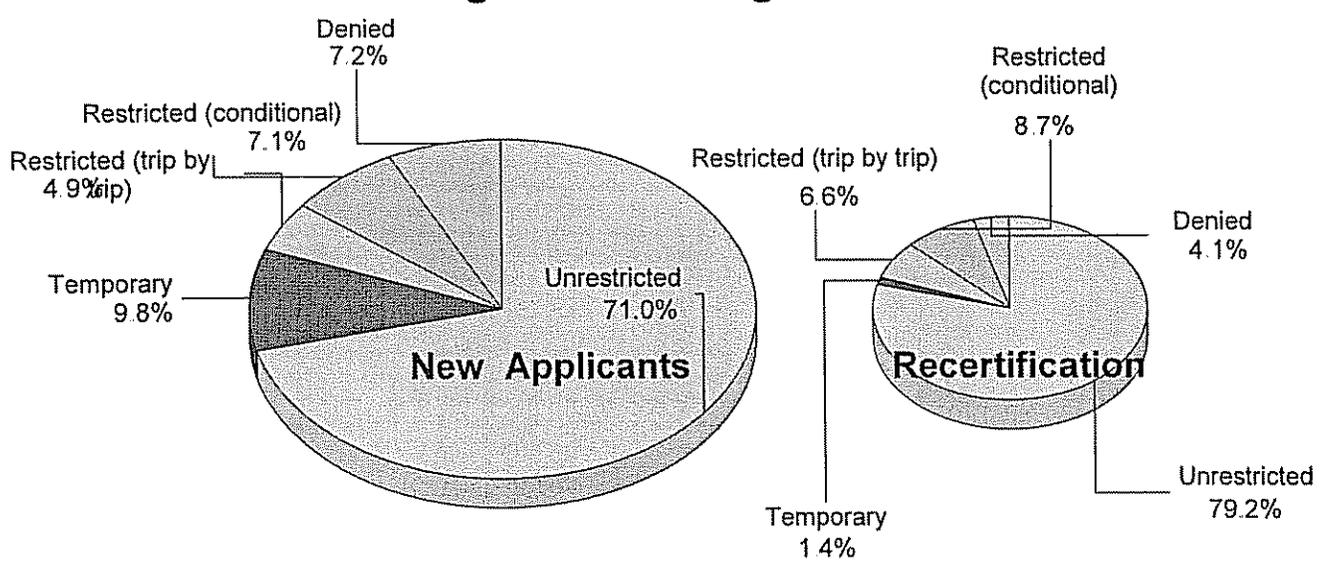
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V. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Cumulative Eligibility Breakdown

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METRO ParaCruz Eligibility Determinations - Aug 1 02 through Jan 31 05



New Applicants

Unrestricted	1811
Temporary	249
Restricted (trip by trip)	126
Restricted (conditional)	181
Denied	184
Group Total:	2551

Recertification

Unrestricted	1090
Temporary	19
Restricted (trip by trip)	91
Restricted (conditional)	120
Denied	56
Group Total:	1376

Grand Total: **3925**

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: February 24, 2006
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Frank L. Cheng, Project Manager
SUBJECT: STATUS OF THE METROBASE PROJECT

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors accept and file the MetroBase Status Report.

II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- Arntz Builders trailer and containers installed adjacent to 1122 River Street.
- Public Outreach Newsletter sent to areas possibly affected by construction.

III. DISCUSSION

The construction process has begun with providing 1122 River Street Site to Arntz Builders, the General Contractor for the MetroBase Service & Fueling Building. Arntz Builders was allowed to set up their temporary facility and containers adjacent to the work site. With this setup, they will be allowed to work efficiently on the site with minimal temporary facility relocation.

On January 27, 2006, the Board of Director was presented with the timeframe for the driving of the concrete piles. As an initiative, METRO is sending out MetroBase Newsletters to inform the public information about the project, contacts, and upcoming meetings. The impact to residents and businesses will be kept to a minimum.

New updates on the MetroBase Project.

- Arntz Builders trailer and containers installed adjacent to 1122 River Street.
- Public Outreach Newsletter sent to areas possibly affected by construction.

Previous information regarding the MetroBase Project:

A. Service & Fueling Building (IFB 05-12)

- Notice to Proceed issue effective January 9, 2006 with 365 calendar day construction period.
- Weekly Construction Meetings

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IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funds for the construction of the Service & Fueling Building Component of the MetroBase Project are available within the funds the METRO has secured for the Project.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: MetroBase Newsletter (provided at Board Meeting)

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: February 24, 2006
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Mark J. Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE VOTING RESULTS FROM APPOINTEES TO THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors accept and file the voting results from appointees to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.

II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- Per the action taken by the Board of Directors, staff is providing the minutes from the most recent meetings of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.
- Each month staff will provide the minutes from the previous month's SCCRTC meetings.

III. DISCUSSION

At the January Board of Directors Meeting of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, the Board requested that staff include in the Board Packet information relating to the voting results from the appointees to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. Staff is enclosing the minutes from these meetings as a mechanism of complying with this request.

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no cost impact from this action.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A:** Minutes of the January 5, 2006 Regular SCCRTC Meeting
Attachment B: Minutes of the January 5, 2006 Public Hearing
Attachment C: Minutes of the January 19, 2006 Transportation Policy Workshop

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

Minutes

Thursday,
January 5, 2006
9:00 a.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA

1. Roll Call

Members Present:	Jan Beautz	Ellen Pirie
	Dene Bustichi (Alt.)	Emily Reilly
	Tony Campos	Antonio Rivas
	Randy Johnson	Mark Stone
	Mike Keogh	Marcela Tavantzis
	Dennis Norton	Mardi Wormhoudt
	Rich Krumholz (ex-officio Alt.)	
Staff Present:	Pat Dellin	Rachel Moriconi
	Karena Pushnik	Gini Pineda
	Kim Shultz	Grace Blakeslee
	Cory Caletti	Luis Mendez

2. Oral Communications

3. Additions or Deletions to Consent and Regular Agendas

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin announced that there would be no Closed Session. Chair Pirie removed Item 28 from the Agenda. Ms. Dellin said that Caltrans provided a handout designated as page 14e-2 and that pages were added to Items 27 and 29. She said that Commissioner Rivas distributed maps of the Watsonville wetlands trails to Commissioners. Ms. Dellin added that additional written public comments for this evening's public hearing were copied and distributed to Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA (Wormhoudt/Rivas) as amended

4. Approved Minutes of the December 1, 2005 Regular SCCRTC Meeting

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POLICY

No consent items

PROJECTS and PLANNING

5. Accepted Update on Highway 1 Projects
6. Accepted Information Item Regarding Highway 17 Glenwood Curve Safety Project/Caltrans Open House

COMMISSION BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

7. Approved Staff Recommendations Regarding Expenditures for Voicemail Upgrade and Telephone System Maintenance (Resolution 12-06)

ADMINISTRATION

No consent items

COMMITTEE MINUTES

8. Accepted Draft Minutes of the October 12th, 2005 Joint SAFE on 17 and Traffic Operation Systems Oversight Committee Meeting
9. Accepted Draft Minutes of the December 9, 2005 Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee Meeting
10. Accepted Draft Minutes of the November 14, 2005 and December 12, 2005 Bicycle Committee Meetings

INFORMATION/OTHER

11. Accepted Monthly Meeting Schedule
12. Accepted SCCRTC Staff Comment Letters on Draft Environmental Documents and Plans Prepared by Other Agencies - None
 - a. Quarterly Report on Environmental Document Review
13. Accepted Correspondence Log
14. Accepted Letters from SCCRTC Committees and Staff to Other Agencies
 - a. Letter from the Elderly and Disabled Technical Advisory

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- Committee to the City of Santa Cruz Regarding Pedestrian Access in the Proposed Roundabout Design
- b. Letter to Caltrans Regarding Transportation Concept Report for Highway 17
 - c. Letter from the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee to Governor Schwarzenegger Regarding Protecting Proposition 42
 - d. Letter to Caltrans Regarding 2006 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)
 - e. Letter to Caltrans Regarding Caltrans Phone Number for Public Information on Local State Highway Projects
15. Accepted Miscellaneous Written Comments from the Public on SCCRTC Projects and Transportation Issues
16. Accepted Handouts from Staff and Commissioners at Previous Regional Transportation Commission Meetings
17. Accepted Information Items
- a. California Transportation Commission Press Release Regarding Appointment of New Executive Director
 - b. Caltrans News Release Regarding Adding Safety Messages and Amber Alerts to Highway Information Number
 - c. Letter from Caltrans to Debbie Bulger of Mission: Pedestrian Regarding Audible Pedestrian Signals

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18. Approved Staff Recommendations Regarding SAFE Call Box Maintenance Contract (Resolution 13-06)
19. Approved Contract with Cingular Wireless for Digital Cellular Phone Service for Call Boxes (Resolution 14-06)

REGULAR AGENDA

20. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Rivas referred to the maps of the Watsonville wetlands trails that he distributed to Commissioners. He said that the City of Watsonville is proud of the trail system which includes informational pods along the trails. He noted that maps are available at the museum in Ramsey Park as are packets of cards to aid in self-guided tours of the trail system.

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21. Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin said that the Commission has been recognized by the *Mid County Post* as the organization of the year.

22. Caltrans Report

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, noted the response letter from Caltrans about establishing a local or toll-free phone number that the public may call to ask questions about State Highway projects. He said that the local phone number is 831-423-0396.

Mr. Krumholz said that Highway 9 south of Glengarry is completely closed due to mudslides and that Caltrans is trying to get an emergency contract to repair the highway. He later updated the Commission with the news that a contract was awarded to Granite Construction and that the closure was expected to last 30 days.

He also mentioned that the Caltrans Public Hearing regarding improvements to the Glenwood Curves Project on Highway 17 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17th at 5:00 pm at Scotts Valley High School.

23. SCCRTC Executive Director Recruitment Update - Oral Report by Acting Executive Director

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin said that the recruitment is on schedule and that the recruiter will have a full report at the next Budget and Administration / Personnel Committee meeting.

24. Article 8 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim from the County of Santa Cruz for Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin said that the Transportation Development Act claim was consistent with the *2005 Regional Transportation Plan*.

Commissioner Wormhoudt moved and Commissioner Reilly seconded to approve the Bicycle Committee and staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission approve the a resolution approving the County of Santa Cruz's FY 2005/2006 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 claim for \$174,377 and a reallocation of \$29,526

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for pedestrian and bicycle projects.

A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Beautz, Norton, Pirie, Rivas, Reilly, Stone and Wormhoudt voted "yes". Commissioners Campos and Johnson had not yet arrived at the meeting. The motion (Resolution 15-06) passed unanimously.

25. Update on Highway 1/17 Merge Lanes Projects

Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5, said that bids for a contract to remove the trees in the areas identified as needing removal will be opened tomorrow. He said this "minor contract" would not be awarded until the major construction contract bids are opened on January 24th and that more information will be available at the Project Development Team meeting on January 26th.

Commissioner Wormhoudt thanked the committee for its responsiveness to the Commission's concerns.

Commissioner Beautz moved and Commissioner Wormhoudt seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Accept the Project Development Team's plan for coordinating the early contract for tree removal with the construction contract for the Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes Project;
2. Request that Caltrans report back to the RTC at its February meeting with the results of this coordination effort; and
3. Request that Caltrans and City of Santa Cruz staff present an overview of the Public Information Program for this project at an upcoming meeting of the RTC.

The motion passed unanimously.

26. Transportation Funding Task Force Update and RTC Appointments

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin reported that staff has received some responses to the invitations to organizations to participate in the Transportation Funding Task Force. She said that the first meeting of the Task Force is tentatively planned for late February or early March.

Ms. Dellin said that the Commission needs to appoint four

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representatives, including one for the Commission itself. An application form was distributed, with applications due by January 23rd.

Commissioner Pirie nominated Commissioner Wormhoudt to represent the Commission.

Commissioner Reilly moved to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Accept this Update on the Transportation Funding Task Force;
2. Approve the proposal of Commission Chair Pirie to appoint Commissioner Mardi Wormhoudt as the RTC's representative on the Transportation Funding Task Force; and
3. Assist staff in identifying appropriate individuals to apply for the other three RTC appointments to the Task Force: representative of the Land Use Development Community; representative of Automobile Advocates/Auto Drivers At Large; and representative of Commuters at Large.

Commissioner Rivas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners discussed details of the remaining three appointments. Commissioners agreed that meetings should be held in the evenings or on weekends.

27. Draft 2006 Legislative Agenda and 2005 Legislative Update

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin referred Commissioners to the draft legislative agenda beginning on page 27-11.

Ms. Dellin said that Governor Schwarzenegger intends to propose a massive infrastructure bond measure during the State of the State Address which, if approved, would provide additional funding for transportation projects.

Commissioner Campos joined the meeting.

Ms. Dellin said there may be a growth management plan associated with the bond which will include a land use and transportation plan. In addition, it may be possible that the infrastructure bond could include earmarked projects. She said that staff will work with the committees and bring recommendations for earmarks to the Commission along with

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the final legislative agenda in February. She added that staff will advocate that regional planning agencies have control over which projects are funded for their regions.

Director Dellin said that Deputy Director Luis Mendez and Senior Planner Rachel Moriconi will attend the Transportation Research Board meeting in Washington, DC in February. They will meet with Carolyn Chaney, the Commission's legislative staff person.

Commissioner Keogh noted that Items 5 and 7 of the draft Legislative Agenda were not specific and asked that if either of the recommendations were to be implemented that they be placed on the Regular Agenda for Commission approval.

With that caveat, Commissioner Keogh moved to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Accept a report on the 2005 Legislative Session;
2. Review and accept the proposed Draft 2006 State and Federal Legislative Agendas and release to the RTC committees for review and comment; and
3. Direct staff to work with California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) and our elected state representatives to support amendments to proposed infrastructure bonds that provide greater benefit to Santa Cruz County's efforts to address transportation funding needs and support CALCOG amendments to SB 1024 (Perata), the Infrastructure Bond Act.

Commissioner Beautz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION - Removed from Agenda

28. Conference with Real Property Negotiator for Acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Property: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Watsonville Junction to Davenport

Agency Negotiator: Kirk Trost, Miller, Owen & Trost

Negotiation Parties: SCCRTC, Union Pacific

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

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29. Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition: Agreements for Structural Assessment

Paul Chrisman, Miller, Owen & Trost, joined the meeting via telephone.

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin said that a resolution to approve a contract with HNTB to perform additional structural analysis would need to be approved by the Commission. She said that the resolution is consistent with action the Commission approved in November and with the financial plan.

Ms. Dellin referred to the revised Right of Entry Agreement and asked that staff recommendations be approved with the changes noted in the revised agreement.

Commissioners discussed the end date for invoices to be submitted to Union Pacific in order to have the railroad company pay for some of the costs of the additional analysis and agreed that the Commission needed some leeway regarding the end date.

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin noted that it was important that HNTB inspect the La Selva trestle after Union Pacific had finished working on it. She said that the work should be completed by January 15th and that the Right of Entry agreement is expected to be signed soon. Ms. Dellin added that an updated overall project timeline would be presented at the next meeting.

Bill Delaney said that he was dismayed that the County and California procurement procedures allow the awarding of a non-competitive contract and made several points regarding the scope of work described in the HNTB contract.

Mr. Delaney said that the Commission should ask HNTB to determine future capital improvement costs for structures. In addition, he said that a change in the level of freight service could impact Cemex, possibly causing them to close the cement plant. Lastly, he said that if shippers think that the Commission is not interested in freight service, a case could be made before the Surface Transportation Board that the Commission is not supporting an important method of transporting goods.

Commissioner Johnson joined the meeting.

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Commissioner Beautz said that the Commission should be looking at what future obligations will be and asked why it was not included in the scope of work.

Director Dellin said that the report will address short and long term capital costs and Deputy Director Luis Mendez said that staff will work with HNTB to clarify this in the scope of work.

Commissioner Tavantzis asked why the Commission is asking for a recommendation to reduce freight service.

Deputy Director Mendez said that the report will inform the Commission whether the rail line can carry the current freight loads. If it cannot, it will provide information on the options available, which could include lower freight loads and/or repairs.

Commissioner Norton noted that the Commission has never discussed discontinuing freight service.

Commissioner Norton moved and Commissioner Wormhoudt seconded to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Approve the proposed amendment to the right of entry agreement with Union Pacific as included in Attachment 1, with modifications as discussed;
2. Approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with HNTB to produce additional detailed structural analyses as shown on the approved scope of work at a maximum cost of \$201,110 and add \$6,000 to the Miller, Owen & Trost contract for structural assessment work including peer review of the structural analyses to be produced by HNTB.

The motion (Resolution 16-06) passed unanimously.

30. Next Meetings/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

A Public Hearing on the Draft 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is scheduled for this evening, January 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

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The next Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

The next regular SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff

ATTENDEES

Bill Delaney	
Jack Sohriakoff	County Public Works
Bill Comfort	
Mauna Loa Morris	Hope Services
Paul Elerick	CFST
Don Hoernschemeyer	CFST
Genevieve Bookwalter	Sentinel
Les White	Santa Cruz Metro
Mark Dettle	City of Santa Cruz
Reid Searle	
Cliff Walters	Sierra Railroad

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AND
SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES

Minutes

Thursday,
January 5, 2006
7:00 p.m.
(Evening Public Hearing)

Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Jan Beautz Ellen Pirie
 Dene Bustichi (Alt.) Emily Reilly
 Tony Campos Antonio Rivas
 Cliff Barrett (Alt.) Mark Stone
 Mike Keogh Marcela Tavantzis
 Dennis Norton Mardi Wormhoudt
 Rich Krumholz (ex-officio Alt.)

Staff Present: Pat Dellin Rachel Moriconi
 Gini Pineda Kim Shultz
 Grace Blakeslee Cory Caletti
 Luis Mendez Tegan Speiser

2. Oral Communications

3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additional comment letters regarding the *2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program* were handed out to the Commissioners and provided to the public.

4. 7:00 PM Public Hearing on the *2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)*

Senior Planner Rachel Moriconi presented a PowerPoint overview of the proposed *2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)* explaining that it is a state mandated document that lists the proposed projects for inclusion in the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Moriconi said that it also serves as a tool for Santa Cruz County to monitor previously programmed

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transportation projects.

Ms. Moriconi identified regional and local projects recommended for funding, noting that the RTC previously decided that 80% of the funding would go to regional projects and 20% to projects proposed by local jurisdictions. She said that the recommendations were made after receiving input from the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee and project sponsors. She added that the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Committee had also provided recommendations and that requests for public input on the draft RTIP had generated comments that were provided to the Commission for their review. The Public Hearing tonight would give additional opportunity for the public to submit comments on the proposals to the Commission.

Ms. Moriconi also presented recommended amendments to existing projects. She described the benefits and risks associated with the proposal to shift funds for the rail line acquisition to an earlier year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Keogh, staff responded that there are no risks asking the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to shift funds for the MetroBase project as proposed in the document.

Commissioner Wormhoudt said that the list showed the total costs for projects except for the Highway 1 Widening/HOV Lane Project which only showed the cost for the environmental document phase. She said that it was somewhat misleading to only include part of the project cost.

Senior Planner Moriconi explained that the CTC allows that funds be requested for the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase of projects. She added that the San Lorenzo Valley Bridge at Highway 1 project and the trails project also did not include full costs for the projects, but that the full costs could be included.

Commissioner Wormhoudt said she would like to see the full project costs for all projects in the RTIP.

The floor was opened for the Public Hearing.

Ed Davidson, Santa Cruz, said he was opposed to the rail

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line acquisition, that there was no future for passenger rail and that he was opposed to the bike trail. He said that in order for people to get out of their cars, travel modes needed to be routed to take them to destination points such as schools, colleges and places of employment. He said that the rail corridor is not scenic.

Robert Vallerga, Soquel, said that the Senior Advisory Board and Senior Coalition support the staff report and that he personally was especially interested in supporting the Highway 1 Soquel-Morrissey auxiliary lanes project.

Bruce Korb said he would like to see the budget split into a recreational budget and a real transportation budget and to let the Parks and Recreation Department deal with bike and pedestrian paths since they were not transportation modes for most people.

Bob Yount said there was a real need for sheltered bus stops and that Metro should be given funding for them.

Micah Posner, People Power, said that our society has a coercive transportation system that forces people to drive and that the big problem is that too much money is dedicated to highway expansion.

Ron Pederson, Live Oak, said he supports the Highway 1 auxiliary lanes project.

Peter Scott, Campaign for Sensible Transportation (CFST), urged the Commission to remove highway widening from the project list, saying that widening won't work and that not enough attention is being paid to funding public transportation.

Stacia Fletcher, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, said she is pleased to see funding proposed for the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail and that the coastal trail could complement the rail trail. She added that the Sanctuary wants to ensure that the coastal trail does not fall by the wayside to the rail trail.

Jim Danaher, Sierra Club and CFST, said he objects to placing such a high priority on the Highway 1 auxiliary lanes.

Bill Comfort said the project list was a good compromise.

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He added that he was concerned about reprogramming STIP funds for the rail right-of-way acquisition to FY06-07 if it would put pressure on completing the purchase and not allow for due diligence by the Commission.

Mike Dalbey said that the rail trail would serve both transportation and recreational needs and that it is scenic.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Beautz said that the proposed list was a good compromise and that the Commission needed to pay attention to the number of people who use the various modes of transportation. She said that 125,000 vehicles use the highway and moved to approve the staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Review the draft *2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program*
2. Hold a public hearing on the *2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)*, including funding proposals shown in Attachments 2 and 3 of the staff report;
3. Consider the recommendations made by the Commission's Bicycle Committee and Elderly and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee; and
4. Approve a resolution adopting the 2006 RTIP, with any changes determined at this meeting, to:
 - a. Program \$20 million of the region's share of projected new State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, as recommended by the Interagency Technical Advisory Committee and staff for regionally-significant projects and local jurisdictions' projects;
 - b. Reflect the most current scope, funding, and timing information for other projects listed in the *Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)*, as summarized in Attachment 7;
 - c. Reprogram STIP funds for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line to FY06/07, after weighing the benefits and risks of this programming;
 - d. Trade new STIP- Transportation Enhancement funds designated for the Hacienda Drive (SV 19) and Calabasas Road (CO 17) Bike Lane/Sidewalk projects for more flexible Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds from the San Lorenzo River

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Bike/Pedestrian Bridge project, as requested by project sponsors and shown in Chapter 6 of the document;

- e. Request that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) incorporate proposals for STIP-funded projects into the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as shown in the 2006 RTIP;
- f. Request that the CTC give priority for programming and allocations to Santa Cruz County projects carried over from the 2004 STIP, if (and/or when) STIP funds are insufficient to either program or allocate to all of the STIP projects identified in the 2006 RTIP; and
- g. After approval by the CTC, request that Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) incorporate amendments into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

Commissioner Keogh seconded.

Commissioner Wormhoudt asked if the maker was willing to include in the motion that the full cost of all the projects be specified in the list. Commissioner Beautz agreed.

Commission Alternate Bustichi asked if the Commission would be creating an untrue document if it approved the project list without knowing the full cost of the projects.

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin said that project costs are the best estimates available and that the cost estimates are updated as a project moves forward. Senior Planner Moriconi said that it is common for the cost estimates in the Project Study Report to be different from the actual project costs when the project goes to construction.

Commissioner Beautz modified Commissioner Wormhoudt's request to say that the listed full cost for the projects would be the best estimates available.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Next Meetings/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for

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Thursday, January 19th, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

The next regular SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff

ATTENDEES

Bruce Korb	
Robert Vallerga	Senior Coalition
Mark Dettle	City of Santa Cruz
Alison White	
Bob Yount	
Bryan Kevko	Granite Construction
Ed Davidson	
Peter Scott	CFST
Micah Posner	People Power
Stacia Fletcher	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
Ron Pederson	
Jim Danaher	Sierra Club
Bill Comfort	
Mike Dalbey	

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Regular Agenda

5. Update on Executive Director Recruitment

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin said that the recruitment was proceeding on schedule and that the recruiters will screen 29 applications. Ms. Dellin suggested scheduling a half day for finalist interviews before the full Commission on 2/16/06 from 8:00 am until noon as part of the TPW meeting. She also said that the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee recommends that the Commission create an *ad hoc* committee for the semi-finalist interviews to discuss compensation and an employment agreement.

Commissioner Wormhoudt moved and Commissioner Spence seconded to approve the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee and staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Accept an oral status report on the recruitment for the Executive Director;
2. Schedule a half-day meeting of the full Commission on Thursday, February 16th from 8:00 am to noon to interview finalists identified by the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee; and
3. Create an ad hoc committee to formulate a recommendation to the full RTC on compensation and an employment agreement for the new Executive Director.

Bill Comfort asked if the meeting on February 16th would be open to the public. County Counsel Rahn Garcia said that the Brown Act allows for meetings regarding hiring and personnel issues to be held in closed session.

Commissioner Wormhoudt added that the February 16th meeting be held in closed session to the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on the Governor's Budget Proposal and Proposition 42 Funds

Senior Planner Rachel Moriconi said that the Governor's proposed FY06-07 state budget looks good for transportation, largely due to full funding of Proposition 42. Ms. Moriconi added that the budget also includes repayment of some of the loans made from transportation funds to the state general fund in prior years and that some of this repayment depends on tribal gaming bonds which are tied up in litigation. She said that these funds were not assumed for FY06-07 in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate and that the *2006 State Transportation Improvement Program* will be adopted in accordance with the Fund Estimate adopted last fall. She added that the allocation of funds programmed to receive STIP funds will depend on Proposition 42 funds and the repayment of prior loans. If the final state budget does not match the STIP Fund Estimate, release of funds to projects could be delayed.

Ms. Moriconi said that the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) proposes that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) program FY06-07 funds

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for a list of projects including MetroBase, Highway 1 Soquel-Morrissey Auxiliary Lanes, the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition, Freeway Service Patrol and the Struve Slough Bridge construction.

Senior Planner Moriconi concluded by saying that the CTC will meet in early February to see if some funds will be released early and that staff will continue working with legislators as well as state and local transportation partners to secure funding for the region's transportation needs.

7. Discuss Projects for Inclusion in Infrastructure Bond Proposals

Senior Planner Rachel Moriconi briefly reviewed the possibility of a statewide infrastructure bond proposal to go before voters this year. Included in the bond measure are significant transportation funds. She said it is hoped that funds will be distributed equitably on a formula basis that allows decisions regarding which projects will be funded to be made by regional planning agencies, the CTC and Caltrans. She cautioned that there is a possibility that specific projects may be listed in the bond measure itself. If this is the case, it is important that the Commission provides input identifying and prioritizing projects it would want to be included in a final bond measure with earmarked projects.

Ms. Moriconi pointed out that the Governor's preliminary list of projects does not include bus transit projects or projects specific to Santa Cruz County. She referred to a list of projects recently approved by the Transit District Board of Directors and additional projects identified by staff for the Commission and its committees to consider.

Acting Executive Director Pat Dellin noted concern about the size of the proposed bond measure and that no new revenues are identified for repayment of the debt service. She reiterated staff's position that the best process is to let regions decide what projects are funded.

Micah Posner said that the infrastructure bond introduced by Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez included funding for freight rail improvement and that the Commission may want to add freight improvements to its list of proposed projects.

Commissioners discussed prioritizing projects and Commissioner Wormhoudt noted that there are projects identified with very different fiscal impacts. She said that prioritizing is meaningless if it is unknown how much money will be allocated to the region.

Director Dellin suggested coordinating the proposed project list with the categories identified by the Governor in his preliminary proposal.

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Commissioner Reilly asked that staff bring references to what documents to look at for more information regarding the proposed projects to the February meeting and to include a timeline for each project if one is available.

Closed Session

- 8. Conference with Real Property Negotiator for Acquisition of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Property: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Watsonville Junction to Davenport

Agency Negotiator:	Kirk Trost, Miller, Owen & Trost
Negotiation Parties:	SCCRTC, Union Pacific
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms

Open Session

- 9. Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition – Updated Draft Timeline and Financial Plan

Kirk Trost, of Miller, Owen & Trost, participated in the discussion via telephone.

Acting Deputy Director Luis Mendez explained the updates to the timeline and financial plan. He noted an error, saying that the time frame designated for the Surface Transportation Board filings needed to be moved later to match when a short line operator is selected. He said that the updated timeline calls for a discussion by the RTC on purchase in the summer and close of escrow in the fall.

Commissioner Keogh asked if this change affected the proposed completion date. Director Dellin said the timeline is still in line with the completion date but noted that the schedule is dependent on information and documentation from other sources coming in on time.

Ms. Dellin asked Mr. Trost about the makeup of the Transportation Board and how long the filings take. He responded that it is impossible to predict and that there are no guarantees regarding how long they will take.

Commissioner Keogh asked Mr. Trost if all the information regarding leases had been received from Union Pacific. Mr. Trost said that no information had been received but that the requests for this data would now be resumed.

In response to a question from Commissioner Keogh, Director Dellin said that a comprehensive financial plan will be developed when the Commission receives information on maintenance costs and a final bid from the short line operator. These costs will be put together with capital improvement costs.

Mr. Trost added that the comprehensive financial plan is an item on the due diligence list and will be completed before staff recommends to close or consummate the

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transaction. He said that the Commission is at the mercy of Union Pacific releasing documents.

Commissioner Keogh asked why there was an increase in the appraisal costs, noting that it was assumed to be less costly and timelier to use the same appraisers that performed the original appraisal. Mr. Trost said that because the process started more than four years ago, the appraisers have to go back and look at the property again. In addition, the appraisal study must stand up to Caltrans review.

Commissioner Wormhoudt moved and Commissioner Pirie seconded to approve the Rail Acquisition Task Force (RATF) and staff recommendations that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Approve the revised draft timeline for the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition Project and;
2. Approve the revised draft Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line Acquisition Financial Plan

with the added revision regarding correcting the timing of the Surface Transportation Board filings in the timeline as discussed above.

The motion passed with Commissioner Keogh noting "no" because he said it was not acceptable to increase the budget for the appraisers.

Mr. Trost exited the meeting.

2. Oral Communications

Chair Beautz reopened Oral Communications in response to a request from Micah Posner to speak.

Micah Posner said that the public will be saddened by the delays in the timeline. Speaking on behalf of Friends of the Rail Trail (FORT), he suggested that the Commission convey to the public its commitment to build a trail by starting a master planning process for a rail trail before the rail purchase is completed. He distributed a letter supporting this proposal.

Chair Beautz referred the letter to the Budget and Administration/Personnel Committee.

10. Next Meetings / Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

The next regular RTC meeting will be held Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

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The next Transportation Policy Workshop will be held Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the special time of 8:00 a.m. at the RTC Office, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA with a Closed Session immediately following any regular Commission business.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff

ATTENDEES

Bob Yount	
Les White	SCMTD
Rahn Garcia	County Counsel
Bill Comfort	
Genevieve Bookwalter	Santa Cruz Sentinel
Cliff Walters	Sierra Railroad
Micah Posner	Friends of the Rail Trail

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: February 24, 2006
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors recognize the anniversaries of those District employees named on the attached list and that the Board Chair present them with awards.

II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- None.

III. DISCUSSION

Many employees have provided dedicated and valuable years to the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. In order to recognize these employees, anniversary awards are presented at five-year increments beginning with the tenth year. In an effort to accommodate those employees that are to be recognized, they will be invited to attend the Board meetings to receive their awards.

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Employee Recognition List

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**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

TEN YEARS

None

FIFTEEN YEARS

None

TWENTY YEARS

None

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Maria Granados-Boyce, Bus Operator

THIRTY YEARS

None

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: February 24, 2006
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED STA CLAIM FOR FY2006.

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to submit an amended claim to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission for FY2006 State Transit Assistance funds.

II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- In March, 2005, METRO staff submitted a claim to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) for \$1,100,894 in STA funds based upon SCCRTC's estimate of STA revenue during the coming year.
- In December, 2005, the SCCRTC increased the amount of STA funds available in its proposed FY2006 Budget based upon the State Controller's revised amount for Santa Cruz County.
- Adopting the attached Resolution will authorize METRO staff to submit an amended claim to the SCCRTC for the increased amount of STA funds available to the District.

III. DISCUSSION

State Transit Assistance funds are derived from a portion of the ¼ cent sales tax on motor fuel by formula as defined by the Transportation Development Act. Each spring, the State Controller appraises the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) of the revenue amount projected to be allocated to the County during the coming year. In March, 2005, the District submitted a claim to the SCCRTC for \$1,100,894.00 in STA funds forecast to be allocated to the County in FY 2006.

In December, 2005, the SCCRTC adopted an amended FY2006 budget which increased the amount of STA funds available to the District by \$441,957 based on the State Controller's revision for Santa Cruz County STA funding allocation.

Adopting the attached resolution (Attachment A) will authorize staff to submit an amended claim (Attachment B) for the increased amount of STA funds available in FY2006.

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IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The amended STA claim will increase the amount STA revenue in the District's FY2006 Capital Program Funding by \$441,957.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Amended FY2006 STA Claim

Attachment B: Amended FY2006 TDA/STA Claim

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Resolution No. _____

On the Motion of Director: _____

Duly Seconded by Director: _____

The Following Resolution is:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED CLAIM TO THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FOR STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Controller is authorized under Section 99313 of the Public Utilities Code to allocate State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to regional transportation planning agencies and county transportation commissions; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Sections 99313 and 99314 et al of the Public Utilities Code, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is authorized to submit a claim for STA operating funds to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's proposed expenditures are in conformity with the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the level of passenger fares and charges is sufficient to enable the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District to meet the fare revenue requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 99268.2(b); and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is not precluded by any contract entered into on or after June 28, 1979, from employing part-time drivers or from contracting with common carriers of persons operating under a franchise or license; and

WHEREAS, the sum of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's allocations from the State Transit Assistance fund and from the Local Transportation Fund does not exceed the amount the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is eligible to receive during fiscal year 2004. Such funding, however, shall not relieve the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District of its responsibility pursuant to Section 6735 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Chapter 3; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has made a reasonable effort to implement the productivity improvements recommended pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99244; and

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WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is making full use of federal funds available under the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency Act of the 21st Century, as amended:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Manager of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is authorized to submit a claim of \$1,542,851 in State Transit Assistance funds for FY 2006.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors -

NOES: Directors -

ABSTAIN: Directors -

ABSENT: Directors -

APPROVED _____
MIKE ROTKIN
Board Chair

ATTEST _____
LESLIE R. WHITE
General Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARGARET GALLAGHER
District Counsel

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: February 24, 2006

TO: Executive Director, SCCRTC

FROM: General Manager, SCMTD

**SUBJECT: AMENDED FY 2006 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CLAIM
DISBURSEMENT REQUEST**

Disbursement of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's FY 2006 claim for an amended amount of \$5,740,612.00 in TDA funds and 1,542,851.00 in STA funds is requested as follows:

1. TDA FUNDING FOR FY 2006

<u>Disbursement Schedule</u>	<u>Operating Funds</u>	<u>Total Disbursement</u>
First Quarter (PAID)	\$1,419,421.50	\$1,419,421.50
Second Quarter(PAID)	\$1,419,421.50	\$1,419,421.50
Third Quarter	\$1,450,884.50	\$1,450,884.50
Fourth Quarter	\$1,450,884.50	\$1,450,884.50
	\$5,740,612.00	\$5,740,612.00

2. STA FUNDING FOR FY 2006

<u>Disbursement Schedule</u>	<u>Capital Funds</u>	<u>Total Disbursement</u>
First Quarter (PAID)	\$385,728.00	\$385,728.00
Second Quarter (PAID)	\$385,727.00	\$385,727.00
Third Quarter	\$385,698.00	\$385,698.00
Fourth Quarter	\$385,698.00	\$385,698.00
	\$1,542,851.00	\$1,542,851.00

TDA funds will be used for capital and operating expenses. The STA funds will be used to fund transit projects included in the District's Capital Improvement Program.

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**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CLAIM
FISCAL YEAR 2006**

TO: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
1523 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

FROM: SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
370 Encinal Street, Suite 100
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

This applicant, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District, qualified pursuant to Section 99203 of the Public Utilities Code, hereby requests in accordance with Article 4, Section 6630 of the California Code of Regulations that its claim for Local Transit Funds be approved in the amount of:

TDA Funding:

Five million, seven hundred forty thousand, six hundred twelve dollars (\$5,740,612.00).

STA Funding:

One million, five hundred forty-two thousand, eight hundred fifty-one dollars (\$1,542,851.00).

For Fiscal Year 2006 to be drawn from the local transportation trust fund of the following respective county in the following respective amount:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Santa Cruz	Transportation Development Act	\$5,740,612.00
Santa Cruz	State Transit Assistance Funds	<u>\$1,542,851.00</u>
		\$ 7,283,463.00

When approved, please transmit this claim for payment. Approval of the claim and payment by the County Auditor to this operator is subject to such monies being on hand and available for distribution, and to the provisions that such monies shall be used only in accordance with the terms of the approved annual financial plan.

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

BY: _____
LESLIE R. WHITE
General Manager

DATE: _____ February 24, 2006 _____

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: February 24, 2006
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Mark J. Dorfman, Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO CALTRANS FOR FY2006 RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to submit a grant application to the California Department of Transportation to assist funding public transit operations in the non-urbanized part of Santa Cruz County.

II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- Each year, the Federal Transit Administration apportions federal funds through the state to assist public transit operators in non-urbanized areas.
- This year, Caltrans apportioned \$168,582 to Santa Cruz County.
- To receive these funds, the District must define operating projects for public transit service in the non-urbanized portion of the County and submit an application to the Caltrans District 05 office.
- The attached resolution authorizes the General Manager to coordinate with public transit providers, submit an application and execute a grant agreement for financial assistance for public transit operation in rural Santa Cruz County.

III. DISCUSSION

Under Chapter 49, United States Code Section 5311, the Federal Transit Administration grants financial aid to the states to support intercity public transit in non-urbanized areas. The State of California apportions the FTA Section 5311 funds each year to the counties. Caltrans apportioned \$168,582 to Santa Cruz County for FY 2006. This is an increase of more than \$100,000 over last year's apportionment resulting from higher authorization levels in the new Surface Transportation Act, carryover of unobligated funds from last year and a one-time discretionary allocation of \$21,595 from Caltrans.

The Section 5311 funds are available only for public transit in non-urbanized areas, those areas within a county that lie beyond a designated urban area with over 50,000 population. As part of the grant application, the District develops a program of projects identifying the public transit service to be provided in the non-urbanized areas of Santa Cruz County. The Program of

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Projects is included as Attachment A. The District will make reasonable efforts to coordinate this project with social service agencies and other transit providers within the service area, although no public hearing is required.

Adopting the attached resolution will authorize the General Manager to submit an application to the Caltrans District 5 Office for FTA §5311 funds. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission will adopt the program of projects for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan to be incorporated into the State Transportation Improvement Plan as required by the Section 5311 program.

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This grant will provide \$168,582 in operating revenue to the District. The District will contribute \$1,023,706 in local matching funds from the FY 2006 operating budget to fully fund the project.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A:** Section 5311 Program of Projects
Attachment B: Resolution Authorizing FTA Section 5311 application

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County/Region: Santa Cruz District: 05
 Original Submission Date: 02/06/06 Revision No. _____ Revision Submission Date: _____

GRANT 24
Section 5311 Program of Projects (POP)

(A) Available Funding:

Carryover:	\$3,076.00	FY2006
Discretionary: (+)	\$21,595.00	
Estimated Apportionment [FFY 2006] (+)	\$143,911.00	
(A) TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: =	\$168,582.00	

(B) Programming (POP): Complete Parts I and II on page 3

		<i>Federal Share</i>
Part I. Operating Assistance - Total: (+)	\$168,582.00	
Part II. Capital - Total: (+)		
(B) Total [Programmed]: (=)	\$168,582.00	

(C) Balance

		<i>Federal Share</i>
(A) Total Funds Available: (+)	\$168,582.00	
(B) Total [Programmed]: (-)	\$168,582.00	
* Balance: (=)	\$0.00	

*** Balance Options – Regional Apportionment Funds ONLY (check one):**

- a. Not applicable; there is no balance remaining.
- b. Balance of _____ to be carried over into next grant cycle.
- c. OTHER

Justification: _____

(D) Flexible Funds: Complete Part III on page 3

		<i>Federal Share</i>
(D) Part III. Flex Fund - Total:	\$0.00	

FUNDING SUMMARY

		<i>Federal Share</i>
(B) Regional Apportioned - Total [Programmed]: (+)	\$168,582.00	
(D) Flex Fund - Total: (+)	\$0.00	
GRAND TOTAL [Programmed]: (=)	\$168,582.00	

Contact Person/Title: Thomas Hiltner/Grants Analyst Date: 02/03/2006
 Phone Number: (831) 426-6080

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PART I. Regional Apportionment - Operating Assistance					
	SUBRECIPIENT	FY	OPERATING TIME PERIOD	NET PROJECT COST	FEDERAL SHARE
1.	Santa Cruz METRO	2006	July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006	\$1,192,288.00	\$168,582.00
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
Operating Assistance - TOTAL:					\$168,582.00

PART II. Regional Apportionment - Capital					
	SUBRECIPIENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	NET PROJECT COST	FEDERAL SHARE
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
Capital - TOTAL:					

For Flex Fund Projects - a complete application MUST be submitted with the POP:

Part III. FLEX FUNDS [i.e. CMAQ, STP, or Federalized STIP*] if applicable					
	SUBRECIPIENT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	a. Fund Type b. FTIP Page Attached?	Net Project Cost	FEDERAL SHARE
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
Flex Fund - TOTAL:					

***Federalized STIP projects must complete CTC allocation process by February 2006.**

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Resolution No. _____
On the Motion of Director: _____
Duly Seconded by Director: _____
The Following Resolution is Adopted:

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR
FTA SECTION 5311 FY2006 RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Act authorizes financial assistance to public transit operators in non-urbanized areas as directed by 49 CFR 5311; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation administers the Section 5311 program in California and allocates federal funds by formula to each county with intercity public transit between urban areas including more than 50,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District operates intercity public transit in Santa Cruz County and is the only public transit operator designated to receive federal financial assistance from the Section 5311 program; and

WHEREAS, all applications for financial assistance impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision of local share costs of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT:

1. That the General Manager is authorized to submit an application to the State of California Department of Transportation on behalf of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District for financial assistance to operate public transit service in non-urbanized portion of Santa Cruz County.
2. That the General Manager is authorized to submit and file with this application all assurances and all supplemental information as required by the California Department of Transportation.
3. That the General Manager is designated to execute standard grant agreements with the California Department of Transportation on behalf of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District to obtain \$168,582 in FTA Section 5311 funds for Fiscal Year 2006 to assist with public transit operations in the non-urbanized portion of Santa Cruz County.

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4. That the District has committed \$1,023,706 in local matching funds to the project.
5. That the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has, to the extent feasible, coordinated this project with other transportation providers and users in the region, including social service agencies capable of purchasing public transit.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24^h day of February, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors -

NOES: Directors -

ABSTAIN: Directors -

ABSENT: Directors -

APPROVED _____

Mike Rotkin
Board Chair

ATTEST _____

LESLIE R. WHITE
General Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARGARET GALLAGHER
District Counsel

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