

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

METRO PUBLIC MEETING

FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

May 2, 2016

Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County

7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos CA 95003

- 1 DALE FLOWERS: On the 55, it takes a left by
- 2 Capitola Avenue and gets on Bay and goes over to Park.
- 3 When it comes back from Park, it takes a left turn on
- 4 Bay and goes right down into Capitola city. And in the
- 5 summertime, this is like, you're putting this huge bus
- 6 on this little narrow street, right, and it's slow. It
- 7 really slows down this thing.

8 So my recommendation is that they backtrack,
9 they go back by Gayle's, and then back down and then
10 make a right turn and you get out of there. Don't go
11 through the city of Capitola. That would take -- in the
12 summertime, you can get stuck there for at least five
13 minutes, at least, going through the city of Capitola.

14 Okay. Second recommendation is that they
15 institute a continuous improvement program that includes
16 management, drivers, and citizens. That could be from
17 the advisory committee of citizens. That's my second
18 recommendation.

19 My third recommendation is, is that they
20 provide more rider education, like don't put your feet
21 on the seats; please have your change ready; if
22 possible, exit through the rear, and that would, I
23 think, help speed up the process. I mean,
24 sometimes we'll get people on there that they start --
25 the driver is trying to get things going. I can see why

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1 they're late.

2 The number of stops, some improvement could be
3 made in the number of stops. As an example, at
4 Cabrillo, the stop at Sesnon House, and the stop at the
5 main area, these are kids. Why do they need two stops?
6 That would save five minutes, two minutes, one minute.

7 But the number of stops, whatever the standards are, I

8 don't think are being met.

9 I'll give another example on the 55 where you

10 get off at the natural foods store in that little

11 shopping center, and then a hundred yards you get off at

12 State Park; one or the other.

13 (End of comments.)

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15 ROBERTA HILL: My concern is shutting down the

16 Soquel Park and Ride location completely, because there

17 is very limited parking for people who are coming from

18 long distances. And for me, Scotts Valley is not an

19 option. I have physical reasons why I don't drive, so

20 that would just really impact me. And I just feel that

21 this is an obvious hit for you guys, an obvious target.

22 But I did want to go down on the record saying

23 the parking problem with Pasatiempo is significant. And

24 also, the parking pick-up area is very unsafe, going at

25 4:30 or 5:30 in the morning, standing there in the dark

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1 by myself, in the rain, no cover, no lights, there's

2 bushes behind me, there's cars driving up right there,

3 and as a female standing out there, I feel very unsafe.

4 So I would prefer to keep Soquel, at least, you

5 know, the ones that are -- I mean, there's not that many
6 that go there. So that's my two points.

7 Thank you.

8 (End of comments.)

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10 OSCAR ARROYO: So I'm coming here because I
11 oversee the La Selva Beach after-school program. It's
12 also a summer camp during the summertime, and it's
13 sponsored through Santa Cruz County Parks.

14 And on Wednesdays, a couple times a month, like
15 two to three times a month, during the school year we
16 use the 56 to take the kids into Santa Cruz on local
17 field trips, the 56 that goes by there on Playa at 2:20,
18 and have been doing it for over 20 years. I have been
19 working there for over 20 years, and during the
20 summertime we use it every Wednesday.

21 In the summertime, we go early in the morning.
22 We take the one, I think, that leaves at 8:20, same bus,
23 56, on Playa, every Wednesday. So I'm here on behalf of
24 the program, the children, and the parents who want to
25 see that route stay so we can continue taking kids on

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1 those field trips.

2 During the school year, it's anywhere from

3 about 25 to as many as 40-people plus that go on those

4 field trips. And during the summer, it's even more.
5 Sometimes it's anywhere from 40 to 55 people altogether
6 that use that route. And without that route, we would
7 no longer be able to take the kids on local field trips,
8 because it's the only means of transportation in and out
9 of La Selva. Parents can't carpool their kids because
10 they're at work during that time. So that would be our
11 only way of taking the kids on field trips. If it were
12 to be cut, we can no longer do that.

13 We have probably over 50 children that attend
14 our after-school program, and during the summer, that
15 increase could be up to 60 or 70 children, but they
16 don't always go on the field trips, all of them.

17 And the parents support having that route, and
18 we want to have that route. It's not just me, but on
19 behalf of the children and the parents that attend the
20 program.

21 So I guess, specifically, on those Wednesdays
22 during the school year, Wednesday, it's 2:20 that we
23 catch the 56 city bus. And during the summer, it's the
24 morning one that we catch, the 8:20.

25 So I'm hoping something can be done to be able

1 to accommodate us and save that route. So I was wanting

2 to stop by and communicate that. Thank you.

3 (End of comments.)

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