

Transportation Funding Task Force
May 15, 2007
Mid County Senior Center, Capitola

Draft Minutes (on agenda for approval at 10/29/07 TFTF meeting)

Attendees: See attached

Convener Fred Keeley called Transportation Funding Task Force meeting to order at the Mid County Senior Center in Capitola, California.

Welcome, Oral Communication, Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting –

Action: (Ned Van Valkenburgh/Shirley Allen) - The 5/1/07 TF Task Force meeting minutes were approved.

Commonalities, Poll Concept, Timing, Process – Task Force members reviewed the staff report which outlined four proposed Transportation Funding Concept Plans which propose various percentages to Highway 1 Improvements, Local Streets/Road Maintenance, Public Transportation/Bicycles/Pedestrian Improvements and Rail projects plus a proposed polling plan. Materials were presented by Task Force members (Attachment 1).

Action: (Chris Mann/David Casterson) – The Transportation Funding Task Force approved polling voters about the four proposed Transportation Funding Concept Plans plus the Original Plan (developed over the course of the meetings in 2007 by the Task Force) plus polling about acceptable funding options including sources other than sales taxes. A friendly amendment (Ned Van Valkenburgh/Peter Scott) to add the language from the staff report stating that the poll would ask voters about 1) their level of support for various project options and funding packages; 2) specific questions about individual projects; and 3) acceptance of funding mechanisms was accepted by the maker of the original motion and the second. This motion passed with 58 voting in favor and 4 against.

Transportation Funding Task Force members requested that the final two meetings be held in the fall to ensure maximum participation by minimizing conflicts with summer vacations.

Staff will request that the Regional Transportation Commission fund the poll at their May 17 meeting. If authorized, staff and consultant Eileen Goodwin will solicit qualifications from a polling firm, develop a contract and implement a poll. The results will be available for the fall TF Task Force meetings.

Attachments: Materials presented by TFF members at the meeting

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**Attendees to 5/15/07
Transportation Funding Task Force meeting in Capitola**

Transportation Funding Task Force Members

Ron Manabe-Action Pajaro Valley, Brenda Bremer – American Medical Response, Tom Mullen – Auto Advocate/Driver-at-Large, Lynn Robinson – Auto Advocate/Driver-At-Large, Sesario Escoto – Cabrillo College, Don Hoernschemeyer and Bill Malone – Campaign for Sensible Transportation, Janene Adema – Capitola Chamber of Commerce, Thom Onan -Central Coast Center for Independent Living, Ron Graves – City of Capitola, Emily Reilly – City of Santa Cruz, Dene Bustichi – City of Scotts Valley, Chris Mann – City of Watsonville, Lee Otter– Coastal Commission, Majel Jordan – Community Bridges Board Member, Corinne Hyland – Community Traffic Safety Coalition, Bruce Korb – Commuter-at-Large, Thomas Pistole – Commuter-at-Large, Timothy Schewe – Commuter-at-Large, Michael Stewart – County Emergency Medical Care Commission, Steve Robbins – County Sheriff, John Daugherty – Disabled Individual, Virginia Johnson – Ecology Action, Dave Wright-Friends of the Rail Trail, Jan Beautz – Highway Construction Authority, Terry Hancock – Human Care Alliance, Zack Dahl and Charles Eadie – Land Use Development Community, Luis Alejo – La Raza Lawyers Association of Santa Cruz County, Debbie Bulger – Mission Pedestrian, Daniel Dodge and Ned Van Valkenburgh – Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, Celia Scott – Open Space Alliance, Jerry Beyersdorff – Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sandra Coley – Pajaro Valley Transportation Management Association, Karen Osmundson – Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Micah Posner – People Power, Shirley Allen – Pleasure Point Business Association, Bill Comfort – Rio del Mar Improvement Association, Scott Wood-Safe on 17 Task Force, Piet Canin-Santa Cruz Area TMA, Mark Millenam – Association of Realtors, John Brown – Santa Cruz Bicycle Industry Coalition, Jim Conklin – Santa Cruz Business Council, Bill Tyssling – Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, Marilyn O’rourke – Santa Cruz Coalition Against Recreational Rail, Michael Krakowiak – Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Comm. Center, Maggie Ivy – Santa Cruz County Conference and Visitors Council, Tom Rider-Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau, John Collins – Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Gustavo Gonzalez – Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, David Casterson – Bicycle Committee, Tom Crain – SCCRTC Elderly & Disabled TAC, Kirby Nichol – Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board, Paul Marcelin-Sampson – Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Consumer, Sharolyn Ullestad-Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce, Robert Jones – Seacliff Improvement Association, Bob Vallerga-Senior Coalition, Michael Moleski-Seniors Council, Kristen Raugaust and Charles Paulden – Sierra Club, Bill Leland-Coastal Watershed Council , Donna Blitzer – UCSC, Sandra Lipperd – UTU Local 23, Donna Ziel – Valley Women’s Club of San Lorenzo Valley, Jim Van Houten – Watsonville Wetlands Watch

Transportation Funding Task Force Technical Advisory Committee (ex-officio)

Mark Dorfman – SCMTD Staff, Scott Wood – CHP, Jennifer Calate – Caltrans, John Presleigh-County of Santa Cruz Public Works

Public:

Amy McKenna, Chuck Huddleston, Bonny Hawley-Asm. John Laird Staff, Reed Searle, Jason Smith, Teresa Buika and Larry Pageler-UCSC TAPS, Michael Singer, Richard Stoves, Ellen Mellon, Mike Mellon, Elizabeth Thompson, Stephanie Keenan, Cristi Kimes, Peter Scott, Gunzer Vorcor, Ed Parter

Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission/Staff/Consultant:

Neal Coonerty – RTC Commissioner, George Dondero-Executive Director, Karena Pushnik – Project Manager, Kim Shultz- Senior Staff, Rachel Moriconi – Senior Staff, Eileen Goodwin – SCCRTC Consultant

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