

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 7, 2012**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Chow, T. Collette, D. Cruz, S. Curry, M. Hall, S. Koya, P. Loranger, K. Nobles, S. Price, P. Ratto (Chair), D. Wilcox

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Chow, D. Cruz, J. McKie, K. Nobles

SAMTRANS STAFF PRESENT: K. Cheema, P. Lee, N. McKenna, E. Proctor, S. Sanchez (MV Transportation),

Chair Peter Ratto called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Committee (Wilcox/Price) approved the minutes of February 1, 2012; A. Chow abstained.

DISCUSSION ON LIAISON REPORTS

Chair Ratto said there are six members who serve as a liaison to a variety of committees and board meetings. In some cases the committees don't have meetings so there is never a report so is there a value in having representation. He sees a value for a report on the SamTrans and Joint Powers Board, but that is it, but would like to hear from the committee on their suggestions on these reports.

Peter Loranger said he is the representative on the Caltrain Accessibility Advisory Committee and this committee meets about every two years and when he does attend it is valuable but there seems to be some overlapping with the SamTrans Accessibility Advisory Committee that Tom Collette attends.

Mr. Collette said he is a voting member on the SamTrans Accessibility Advisory Committee and also gives a report on activities of the SamTrans CAC.

Chair Ratto said he doesn't want to discourage everyone from attending any meetings.

David Wilcox said he has never attended a Senior Mobility Action Plan meeting since he has been on the committee.

Chair Ratto said he would like to see someone start attending the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) meetings and report to the CAC.

Andy Chow said he attends most of the JPB meetings as well as the JPB CAC meetings and could report on both.

Mr. Wilcox said he will fill in for Mr. Chow when he is not able to attend the JPB meetings.

The consensus among the committee was to keep the liaison reports on the monthly agenda.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Ratto reported:

- Hoped everyone responded to District Secretary Martha Martinez's email to add your name to the letter sent to Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and Senator Jackie Speier requesting they oppose the House's American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood said this is the worse transportation bill he has seen in 35 years of public service. While the CAC is not a political body opposition to this act falls within the CAC's Statement of Purpose which is to "focus on issues of direct concern to the users of fixed-route bus service."
- With the increased gas prices, he has noticed more people are taking transit on both the trains and buses. Saturday ridership on Routes 390 and 391 seems to be up with many full buses and standees.

SAMTRANS STAFF UPDATE

No report.

CAC MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Sonny Koya said people are very happy with the excellent service being provided on Route 292. It is running on time and people are very happy. A slight time modification was done last year on Route 292 by 11 minutes and now departs South San Francisco at 7:11 a.m. and is a big hit with the ridership. One driver, David and his number is 7,000, has raised the bar. He is always on time, very courteous and his driving is the best. Mr. Koya asked who is in charge of the parking lot in Brisbane on Old Bayshore because the striping has washed away and people are not able to park safely. He hoped someone will be recruited from the Daly City area for the CAC. Assistant District Secretary Nancy McKenna responded that 15 applications were received, including one from Daly City. Lastly, he asked if there will be a meeting on July 4th since it falls on a Wednesday this year. Chair Ratto said that would be the CAC's bye month.

Sondra Price said recently she was on Routes 390 and 391 and she saw two adults paying their fare with large amounts of coins and it took a very long time. She said both times the driver was very patient and didn't say anything.

Maureen Hall asked if someone could take Redi-Wheels from San Francisco to Seton Medical Center. Manager, Bus Contracts Paul Lee said yes and Redi-Wheels has connection points with San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Golden Gate Transit and AC Transit.

Mr. Chow asked about the transfer from one agency to another and does it require two phone calls. Mr. Lee said a person would call their member agency and they will call Redi-Wheels and arrange the connection with the outlying agency.

Saundra Curry asked if at the next meeting could be a status report on the time change on Route KX. Also what was the goal of making the change and is the goal being met.

Mr. Collette thanked those who put the bus schedules at the information booths at San Francisco International Airport.

Mr. Wilcox said there has been a huge improvement at the bus stops on the routes he takes. People who ride Redi-Wheels to the Arthritis Center at Mills Hospital are very upset about service, i.e. missed pick-ups and late pick-ups and staff should expect a large number of complaints.

LIAISON REPORTS

a. SamTrans Board - Peter Ratto

- Presentation given on Caltrain.
- Bus ridership trended up in December.
- Ten new Redi-Wheels vehicles were purchases.

b. SamTrans Accessibility Advisory Committee - Tom Collette - no meeting

c. Caltrain Accessibility Advisory Committee - Peter Loranger - no meeting.

d. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board – Andy Chow

- The Board approved the fare increase on Clipper and keeping the 8-ride paper ticket.
- Approved a subsidy for Warm Planet Bike Facility at 4th and King Station.

e. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Citizens Advisory Committee - Andy Chow - did not attend meeting.

f. Senior Mobility Action Plan - David Wilcox – no meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held April 4, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, San Carlos, California 94070.

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.