



**GCT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Wednesday, July 15, 2009  
1:30 p.m.  
Gold Coast Transit Board Room**

**Meeting Summary**

**TAC Members Present:** Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura; Drew Lurie, City of Ojai; Kathy Connell, Ventura County, Jason Lott, City of Port Hueneme and Vic Kamhi, VCTC (ex-officio).

**TAC Members Absent:** Martin Erickson, City of Oxnard.

**GCT Staff Present:** Deborah Linehan, General Manager; Steve Brown, Planning & Marketing Director; Andy Mikkelson, Director of Transit Operations; Chuck McQuary, Transit Planner, and Helene Buchman, Transit Planner.

**Members of the Public:** None

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Chair Jeff Hereford called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., and introductions were made.

**2. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)**

None.

**3. Committee Members' Comments**

None

**4. Approval of May 20, 2009 Meeting Summary**

While there was not a quorum of those attending the May meeting, all members read the Meeting Summary and voted their approval.

**5. Approval of June 17, 2009 Meeting Summary**

Kathy Connell made a motion to approve the June meeting summary. Jeff Hereford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**6. Status Report on Implementation of July Service Improvements- Steve Brown**

Andy Mikkelson reported that our Operators had favorable comments on the schedule changes resulting from separation of the interlines on routes 1/6, 2/3, and 4/5. On-time performance for our riders is improved and Operators are able to take their scheduled breaks.

A new, more liberal transfer policy also went into effect which is causing some confusion with the passengers. To assist the passengers in a better understanding of how it works we will be putting bi-lingual copies of the policy on all the buses over the next two days. Andy also reported that the transfer system now required between Route 16 and the Ojai Trolley passengers appears to be working well.

While the service improvements have had positive reception, the last minute changes to the Route 16 Ojai service have been challenging in terms of coordination with both neighborhoods and bus riders affected by the changes. In addition, GCT has spent an inordinate amount of staff time and funds required for internal re-planning and last minute bus book revisions. In the latter case, Steve Brown thanked the City of Oxnard for providing their City Corp youth to assist GCT in attaching service revision stickers and inserting the revised Route 16 maps and schedules into the new bus books.

**7. Status Report on Service Hour Gap- Route 16 & Ojai Trolley - Steve Brown**

Currently the gap in service is unresolved. Drew Lurie indicated that he has had discussions with HELP of Ojai regarding coordination of their service with the Trolley.

**8. Update on SB716 and Other Legislation Affecting Transit in Ventura County- Vic Kamhi**

The Bill as proposed would essentially allow LTF funding for farm worker van pool programs in non-urbanized areas if an unmet needs process is followed. Further, it would require that all TDA funds attributed to urban areas must be used for transit (after adjustments for bike, rail, pedestrians and transportation planning). The proposed effective date is likely to begin in FY2013. Vic reported that the bill has gone to the Assembly Floor and voting on its passage is scheduled in September, assuming approval of the State Budget.

With regard to federal funding of transportation there are two different paths being discussed: the first is a continuing resolution to maintain the current funding with no major

restructuring of the process. The other is a total revamp of the current transportation bill that would consolidate all the programs into nine categories, such as an Urban Mobility Plan, an Intercity Program for Rail etc.; the current Section 5307 and other funding mechanisms would go away.

**9. Status on Usage of ARRA Funds for Operating Costs- Steve Brown/Vic Kamhi**

Per Steve Brown, there is no further change to an earlier decision to spend \$500,000 this year and in the next year for paratransit operating costs. Further use of the funds will depend on the state of the economy.

**10. Future Agenda Items**

As there is no Board meeting in August there is no special need for an August TAC meeting. The next scheduled TAC meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Hereford adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

***Minutes Approved:***



**GCT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Sign-in Sheet  
July 15, 2009, 1:30 p.m.**

Agency Represented	Committee Member		Committee Alternate	
	Initials	Name	Initials	Name
Ojai	DL	Drew Lurie		Michael Culver
Oxnard		Martin Erickson		Ken Ortega
Port Hueneume	JS	Jason Lott		Andy Santamaria
San Buenaventura	JH	Jeff Hereford		Tom Mericle Rick Gallegos
County of Ventura	KC	Kathy Connell		Nazir Lalani
VCTC (ex-officio)		Vic Kamhi		Mary Travis
GCT (staff)	SB	Steven Brown	CM HB	Chuck McQuary Helene Buchman

**Others in attendance:**

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Deborah Linahan	GCT	x 118
Andrew Mikkelson	GCT	x 111