



GCTD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
1:30 p.m.
Gold Coast Transit Board Room

Meeting Summary

TAC Members Present: Jason Lott, City of Port Hueneme; Austin Novstrup, City of Ojai and Treena Gonzales, County of Ventura; Martin Erickson VCTC.

TAC Members Absent: Farhad Zaltash, City of Oxnard; Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura

GCTD Staff Present: Steve Brown, General Manager; Steve Rosenberg, Director of Finance and Administration; Andrew Mikkelson, Director of Operations; Reed Caldwell, Director of Engineering & Construction; Chuck McQuary, Facility Project Planner; Claire Johnson-Winegar, Planning Manager; Matt Miller and Beatris Megerdichian, Transit Planners and Margaret Heath, Paratransit Manager.

Members of the Public: None.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Vice Chair Jason Lott called the TAC meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None.

3. Committee Members' Comments

Martin Erickson announced that VCTC will be conducting a Tri-annual Performance audit for Article 4 and 8C to determine whether TDA funds have been used properly. He also thanked GCTD staff for their efforts in promoting the Oxnard-Camarillo route.

Steve Rosenberg reminded members to confirm with him their finance point of contact for the purposes of audit.

4. Staff Comments

Claire Johnson-Winegar announced that GCTD will be implementing a holiday bus that will run throughout the GCTD system in the month of December.

5. Approval of the September 2016 Meeting Summary

Austin Novstrup made a motion to approve the September meeting summary. Jason Lott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Fixed-Route and GO ACCESS 1th Quarter Update- Claire Johnson-Winegar and Margaret Heath

Claire Johnson-Winegar presented quarterly update for FY2016-17 and noted that ridership has decreased 4% over the first quarter of last year. The SCAG RTTAC committee presented potential causes for the decline in ridership including more people working at or near home, increased active transportation, increased vehicle ownership, increase in availability of drivers' license for undocumented immigrants as well as a 10% decrease in homelessness in Ventura County over the last year. She mentioned that staff will be analyzing APC and census data to better gauge the decrease in ridership. Ridership for the restructured 14, 15, 17 and 22 routes has increased for the first time.

Claire also provided an update for Go Access services and mentioned that ridership is forecasted to exceed 9,000 boarding's for the month of October. That would be an 11% increase over the last year. She mentioned that AAA (Area Agency on Aging) has purchased 46,500 Go Access tickets which equate to 15,500 trips. It appears that the agency is using Go Access services more which may be reducing AAA's operational costs and seniors likely asking for more financial assistance.

7. Pedestrian Access to Bus Stops- Beatris Megerdichian

Beatris Megerdichian updated TAC members on the number of requests received per jurisdiction. She also reminded members to use Google Docs spreadsheet to update the status of the requests.

Claire shared the Active Living for All Ages video from Streetsblog which illustrated the importance of creating communities around transit through transit oriented development. The video highlighted increased walkability, connectivity of sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements to shift mode choice towards walking, biking and taking transit. The video illustrated how communities that plan for seniors are planning for the whole community.

Steve Brown mentioned that he has been using fixed route and Go Access services for commuting and to medical appointments. He has experienced lack of connectivity in sidewalks and large gaps in pedestrian access as he has attempted to walk to his destination. Steve reminded members to be cognizant of pedestrians travel paths, and that includes more than just sidewalks, when approving development plans.

Martin Erickson commented that Article 3 funds can be used to make pedestrian improvements however some cities did not apply for funding in the previous year and are also having major project delivery issues.

Austin Novstrup suggested GCTD identify high priority corridors that the cities can use when planning for improvements or when new developments are proposed which can be used as an opportunity to make pedestrian improvements.

8. Development Plans and Review Committees- Claire Johnson-Winegar

Claire reminded TAC members to share information on development updates early on and invite GCTD to any development meetings that the cities are having. She advised members to send meeting formation to Matt Miller on upcoming projects.

Steve Brown reminded members that if they require letter of support from GCTD that they will be happy to provide it to them in a short amount of time.

9. Development Updates- Claire Johnson-Winegar

Bus stop construction on Esplanade and Vineyard Ave will resume and should be completed before the holiday break. Construction work on Victoria Ave. has caused some delays on the routes but should be completed before the end of November.

Jason Lott mentioned that there will bus stop construction on Ventura Road and Pleasant Valley (northbound).

10. Future Agenda Items

None.

11. Adjournment

Vice-chair Jason Lott adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.



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Sign-in Sheet
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Agency Represented	Committee Member		Committee Alternate	
	Initials	Name	Initials	Name
Ojai		Austin Novstrup		Greg Grant
Oxnard		Farhad Zaltash		Ashley Golden
Port Hueneme		Jason Lott		Butch Britt
San Buenaventura		Jeff Hereford		Tom Mericle Rick Gallegos
County of Ventura		Treena Gonzalez		David Fleisch
VCTC (ex-officio)		Ellen Talbo		Martin Erickson
GCTD (staff)		Vanessa Rauschenberger		Claire Johnson-Winegar Matt Miller Beatris Megerdichian

Others in attendance:

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Andrew Mikkelsen	GCTA	x 111
Steve Rosenberg	GCTD	x 119
Steven Brown	GCTD	x 116
Reed Caswell	GCTD	x 117
Chuck Marney	GCTD	x 137