



GCTD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
10:00 a.m. - Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
Gold Coast Transit District - Board Room

## Meeting Summary

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

**TAC Members Absent:** Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura; Robert Hearne, City of Oxnard

**GCTD Staff Present:** Steve Brown, General Manager; Steve Rosenberg, Director of Finance and Administration; Andrew Mikkelson, Director of Operations; Vanessa Rauschenberger, Director of Planning and Marketing; Claire Johnson-Winegar, Planning Manager; Matt Miller and Beatris Megerdichian, Transit Planners; Margaret Heath-Schoep, Paratransit Manager; Cynthia Torres Duque, Marketing and Communications Manager

**Members of the Public:** None.

### 1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Jason Lott called the TAC meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

None.

### 3. Committee Members' Comments

None.

### 4. Staff Comments

Vanessa Rauschenberger announced that Unmet Needs process is currently underway with the comment period extended to March 21<sup>st</sup>. She noted that GCTD is not part of the Unmet Needs process but often receives comments relating to its service area. GCTD staff will work towards addressing any comments received through the process.

Vanessa also informed TAC members that the VCTC's Draft Coordinated Plan will be presented to the VCTC Commission in March.

Additionally, she informed members that CTAC discussed technology and its impact on transit, specifically Uber. She provided members a brief summary of the Transit Center's study on the impact of Uber on transit. She mentioned some of the study's highlights including why Uber won't kill transit and the partnership opportunities available with Uber and Lyft. Vanessa

informed members that other agencies partner with Uber to provide first/last mile connections and serve neighborhoods not conducive for transit. Claire Johnson-Winegar mentioned that transportation network companies (TNCs) often provide service that compliments transit, such as trips late at night when providing public transportation is often most expensive.

Trenea Gonzales informed members about CTAC's discussion regarding VCTC updating Article 3 call for projects process. VCTC is moving forward with combining Article 3 and CMAQ funds as a larger call for projects. She mentioned VCTC will also be assessing project delivery process and follow up.

Vanessa announced that the construction contract for the new facility has been awarded. GCTD staff is planning a groundbreaking ceremony expected to take place in April/May.

## **5. Approval of the January 2017 Meeting Summary**

Trenea Gonzales made a motion to approve the January meeting summary. Jason Lott seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **6. Upcoming Grant Funding Opportunities – Claire Johnson-Winegar**

Vanessa Rauschenberger reminded members that GCTD has received comments throughout various outreach events regarding the difficulty in transferring between GCTD and Camarillo Area Transit (CAT) paratransit services. GCTD, in coordinating efforts with CAT, will be pursuing funding to pilot a program for direct service between the two service areas. The pilot program will allow GCTD's GO ACCESS to provide direct trips to Camarillo. CAT will be applying for funding for a program that would reciprocate by providing service into GCTD service area. Applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Claire Johnson-Winegar announced that GCTD also plans to apply for Large Urban funding through VCTC's call for projects. GCTD would likely apply for education based projects targeting seniors, social service agencies and schools.

Additionally, GCTD will be applying for CMAQ funding through VCTC call for projects. The two priority projects include mid-life rehabilitation for GCTD's aging buses and service for Route 23-Ventura Road route.

Claire informed members that GCTD staff will be meeting with Center for Transportation and the Environment to discuss strategies when applying for grants that help reduce emissions. Projects could include solar panels, electrical charging stations as well as no emission buses.

## **7. Final Option-Year – MV Transportation – Margaret Heath-Schoep**

Margaret Heath-Schoep informed members that GCTD staff will be recommending the Board of Directors to exercise the fifth and final year of operating, maintenance and management of the GO ACCESS contract with MV Transportation. MV Transportation has continued to provide quality service to passengers as evidenced by improved on-time performance and a low customer complaint ratio. The current MV contract is set to expire June 30, 2017.

## **8. TDA Budget Discussion – Steve Rosenberg**

Steve Rosenberg recognized and thanked TAC members for submitting their TDA budgets. Steve mentioned that the service budgets are within baseline amounts with the exception of Ojai which is in part due to the expiration of some CMAQ funds.

Austin Novstrup mentioned that the baseline will likely be revised to a lower amount than indicated as they move towards a fare increase and service reductions.

Austin also updated members on the status of the wash pad project which is currently under engineering and expected to be complete at the end of this fiscal year.

## **9. Development Updates – Claire Johnson-Winegar**

Claire Johnson-Winegar announced that Development Advisory Committee meetings, both in Oxnard and Ventura, have been very helpful.

Claire also mentioned that there is new development on Thompson and Santa Cruz that will include 27 housing units. She noted that there is a gap between bus stops in the vicinity of the new development and staff will be working with Ventura to add stops in this area.

Additionally, the bus stop on Victoria & Gonzales is under design by Stantec. She reminded members that it is a priority stop for routes 20 and 21 due to the high ridership of the stop.

Claire also mentioned that she plans to attend the city of Ventura Homeless Stakeholder Committee to understand their needs and help educate about transit's perspective. She also attended the Ventura Chamber's Economic Development and Legislative Committee meeting to get involved in those issues as well.

She informed members that new bus stops are under construction at Rose Ave and Simon Way for route 22.

Jason Lott mentioned that the housing project on Victoria Ave between Channel Islands and Hemlock will be moving forward starting in April. The project will include 112 housing units and construction of a signalized intersection. He recommended speaking with Yvonne Gonzales.

## **10. Future Agenda Items**

FY 17-18 Budget

## **11. Adjournment**

Chair Jason Lott adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



**GCTD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Sign-in Sheet  
February 15, 2017 10:00 a.m.**

Agency Represented	Committee Member		Committee Alternate	
	Initials	Name	Initials	Name
Ojai	AN	Austin Novstrup		Greg Grant
Oxnard		Robert Hearne		
Port Hueneme	JL	Jason Lott		
San Buenaventura		Jeff Hereford		Tom Mericle Rick Gallegos
County of Ventura	TG	Treena Gonzalez		David Fleisch
VCTC (ex-officio)		Ellen Talbo		Martin Erickson
GCTD (staff)	VR	Vanessa Rauschenberger	CJW MM BM	Claire Johnson-Winegar Matt Miller Beatris Megerdichian

**Others in attendance:**

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Andrew Mikkelsen	GCTD	x 111
Margaret Heath	GCTD	x 120
Martin Erickson	VCTC	x 110
April De...	GCTD	x 110
Steven Brown	GCTD	x 116
Steve Rosenberg	GCTD	x 119