



GCTD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
10:00 a.m. - Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Gold Coast Transit District - Board Room

Meeting Summary

TAC Members Present: Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura; Jason Lott, City of Port Hueneme; Treena Gonzalez, County of Ventura; Cynthia Daniels, City of Oxnard; Austin Novstrup, City of Ojai; and Aaron Bonfilio, VCTC.

TAC Members Absent: None.

GCTD Staff Present: Steve Rosenberg, Director of Finance and Administration; 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; Andy Mikkelson, Director of Operations.

Members of the Public: None.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Vice Chair Treena Gonzalez called the TAC meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None.

3. Committee Members' Comments

Austin Novstrup thanked GCTD for their participation in "Touch a Truck" fundraiser for PTA.

Treena Gonzalez expressed appreciation to GCTD for their participation in Public Works Week taking place on May 23rd at the Government Center.

Jeff Hereford announced that Bike to Work Week will take place May 15-19 and City of Ventura will have 3 bike hubs set up for cyclists.

4. Staff Comments

Vanessa Rauschenberger informed members that Steve Brown and Martin Erickson are attending the CTA Legislative Conference.

Vanessa announced that the Fleet Manager position has been filled by James Beck, former senior mechanic at GCTD and has over 30 years of experience in the fleet industry. He will be assisting Reed Caldwell, Director of Construction & Engineering and Feet & Facilities.

She also mentioned that GCTD's application for SCAG's Sustainable Communities Grant was successful in being awarded. She mentioned that staff, with the help of a consultant, will be conducting a First-Mile Last-Mile Connectivity Study for Naval Base Ventura County.

Vanessa briefed TAC members on a recent article by Transit Center regarding the ingredients required for transit ridership. She provided members a copy of the article and mentioned the three ingredients: Speed, Frequency & Reliability and Walkability & Accessibility.

Cynthia Daniels updated members on the bus stop reconfiguration on southbound Victoria & Gonzales for routes 20 and 21. She mentioned that it is in process of design approval and there will be a change order to the medians project. The project is anticipated to be built out within the next fiscal year.

Margaret Heath-Schoep followed up on the dialysis centers discussion held at the last TAC meeting and the recent media coverage on dialysis centers. She confirmed that all 6 locations in GCTD service area are properties operated by the two largest companies, DaVita and Frensius. Additionally, she noted that there is a bill in the state senate, SB 364 that will require improvement of staffing ratios in the dialysis industry.

5. Approval of the April 2017 Meeting Summary

Jeff Hereford made a motion to approve the April meeting summary. Cynthia Daniels seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. New Facility Update – Cynthia Torres Duque

Cynthia Torres Duque thanked members and others who attended the New Facility groundbreaking. She mentioned that there was a good turnout by public, staff and elected officials including Congresswomen Julia Brownley. Cynthia stated that Ms. Brownley spent some time speaking with staff and locally elected officials. She shared photos of the groundbreaking and a short drone video.

7. Update on SB 1 – Steve Rosenberg

Steve Rosenberg gave a presentation outlining SB 1 as it pertains to GCTD and Ventura County. He informed members that SB 1 is a set of taxes and fees that will provide funding mainly for highways and streets but also for transit. A few of the SB 1 taxes and fees include a gas and diesel tax, registration fee hike and electric car fee. He outlined various funding allocations for highways, streets and rail. Steve mentioned that there will be a significant emphasis on grants for active transportation and transit and intercity service. He informed members that GCTD's STA allocation is projected to increase in FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 and the same applies to VCTC countywide transit allocation.

Jeff Hereford mentioned that they will be applying for ATP funding for FY 2019-20 for sidewalk improvements in the Montalvo area. He also mentioned that the sidewalk improvements on Ventura Avenue used ATP funding.

8. TDA Budget for FY 2017-18 – Steve Rosenberg

Steve Rosenberg mentioned to TAC members that there were minimal changes to the TDA Budget since the last meeting.

Vanessa Rauschenberger reiterated that GCTD wants to continue to work with VCTC to improve transit in our region and advocate for funding that they have to distribute to be based on needs, ridership and demand.

Jeff Hereford made a motion to approve the TDA Budget for FY 2017-18. Treena Gonzalez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Outreach for Service Change – Claire Johnson-Winegar

Claire Johnson-Winegar informed members that minor changes were made to the schedules to improve on-time performance. She also mentioned that a number of routes now have weekend schedules to help improve on-time performance. Claire noted that a trip on Route 21 was shifted to provide half hourly service during the peak hours.

Vanessa Rauschenberger announced that in addition to outreach events at Oxnard and Ventura transit centers, staff will be holding group meetings to share service change information.

Cynthia Torres Duque mentioned that the service change outreach schedule will be made available on GCTD's website. GCTD staff will hold a meeting at the Oxnard Transit Center and at the E.P. Foster Library in early June.

9. Development Updates – Claire Johnson-Winegar

Claire Johnson-Winegar mentioned that she and Vanessa Rauschenberger recently met with City of Ventura's Community Development Director, Jeff Lambert. Both she and Vanessa found the meeting to be very informative and helpful to know as GCTD plans its service. She mentioned that there will be significant growth in the city along main corridors like Main St. and Thompson Blvd. Claire also mentioned that a number of projects include high density housing close to transit service.

Vanessa Rauschenberger informed members that they would like to have both Jeff Lambert and Ashley Golden from City of Oxnard to present development updates to GCTD's TAC members.

Matt Miller informed TAC that there will be development along Johnson & Northbank with the addition of a signal at the intersection. GCTD has requested the southbound bus stop at Johnson and Loop Rd to be moved north to Johnson and Northbank.

10. Future Agenda Items

None.

11. Adjournment

Vice Chair Treena Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.



**GCTD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Sign-in Sheet
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Agency Represented	Committee Member		Committee Alternate	
	Initials	Name	Initials	Name
Ojai		Austin Novstrup		Greg Grant
Oxnard		Robert Hearne		Cynthia Daniels
Port Hueneme		Jason Lott		
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