



**GCT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Wednesday, December 14, 2011  
1:30 p.m.  
Gold Coast Transit Board Room**

## **Meeting Summary**

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

**TAC Members Absent:** None.

**GCT Staff Present:** Steve Brown, General Manager; Andrew Mikkelson, Director of Transit Operations; Helene Buchman, Planning and Marketing Director; Chuck McQuary, Vanessa Rauschenberger, Claire Johnson-Winegar, Transit Planners, and Margaret Heath, Paratransit & Special Projects Manager.

**Members of the Public:** None.

### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Chair Martin Erickson called the TAC meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and introductions were made.

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

None.

### **3. Committee Members' Comments**

Jeff Hereford inquired about the status of the Union negotiations. Steve Brown replied that the Board approved the resolution presented to the Union. In addition, a three-page list of the Board package will be distributed to the Operator and Maintenance personnel.

Martin reported that members of the public thanked GCT for the new Route 14 at a recent City Council meeting.

#### **4. Staff Comments**

Helene Buchman announced that the new Route 17 Vineyard-Central-Rose will be able to stop at the JJC by turning around in the facility's drop-off area. GCT plans to discontinue use of the drop-off stop when the stops on Vineyard are opened. In addition, the route will schedule hourly service and be extended to Oxnard College (as opposed to turning around at St. John's Hospital).

Helene also briefed the TAC on the upcoming three-day Stuff the Bus program to be conducted by GCT, non-profits and a local radio station.

#### **5. Approval of the November 16, 2011 Meeting Summary**

Jason Lott made a motion to approve the meeting summary. Drew Lurie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **6. Recommendations for Programming of STP, CMAQ and TE Funds**

An Overview of the Victoria Avenue Corridor Service being proposed by GCT in an application for CMAQ funds was distributed for TAC review. GCT staff is seeking letters of support for the application from GCT's Member Agencies.

While scheduled on the Agenda as an ACTION item, TAC determined to delay a recommendation pending further review by their respective Planning and Public Works departments.

#### **7. City of Ojai Recommendations to City Council Regarding Transit Service**

Helene described the results of the Ojai Transportation Committee meeting where it was recommended to the Council that Ojai withdraw from the JPA, discontinue all fixed route into the City, re-route the trolley and raise Trolley fares. The Council approved the recommendation.

The Committee also recommended that the City retain its current Paratransit service (which will be reviewed by GCT legal counsel). If GCT maintains its current Route 16 service into Meiners Oaks it would travel within the city limits. Who pays for the service remains an open item.

Any changes to the Ojai routes will not be effective until July 2012. The increase in the Trolley fares will be in February to coincide with the GCT service change. The potential Paratransit service to Ojai will be reviewed at the next TAC meeting.

It was noted that Ojai leaving the JPA will increase the funding percentage for the remaining JPA members.

**8. GCT/Ventura County Memorandum of Agreement for Reimbursement of MediCal Eligible Trips**

Margaret Heath reported that the final document is currently in review with both parties.

Martin thanked Margaret for getting the Memorandum to this point, and for her dedicated work in improving GCT's Paratransit service.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

- Election of Officers
- Ojai Paratransit service
- GCT CMAQ application for the Victoria Avenue service
- 30 Month CMAQ Progress Report on Route 40 Johnson-Market service
- Potential Changes to GCT Routes 10 and 11

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Martin Erickson t adjourned the meeting at 2:35 P.M.

***Minutes Approved:***



**GCT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Sign-in Sheet  
December 14, 2011, 1:30 p.m.**

Agency Represented	Committee Member		Committee Alternate	
	Initials	Name	Initials	Name
Ojai	DL	Drew Luric		TBD
Oxnard	ME	Martin Erickson		Ashley Golden
Port Hueneme	JL	Jason Lott		Andy Santamaria
San Buenaventura	JH	Jeff Hereford		Tom Mericle Rick Gallegos
County of Ventura	KC	Kathy Connell		David Fleisch
VCTC (ex-officio)		Vic Kamhi		Myra Montejano
GCT (staff)		Helene Buchman	CM VR CJ	Chuck McQuary Vanessa Rauschenberger Claire Johnson-Winegar

**Others in attendance:**

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Steve Braun	GCT	
Andrew Mickelson	GCT	x 607