



**GCT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
1:30 p.m.
Gold Coast Transit Board Room**

Meeting Summary

TAC Members Present: Drew Lurie, City of Ojai; Martin Erickson, City of Oxnard; Tom Mericle, City of Ventura, and Kathy Connell, Ventura County.

TAC Members Absent: Jeff Hereford, City of Ventura; Jason Lott, City of Port Hueneme; Ashley Golden, City of Oxnard, and Vic Kamhi, VCTC (ex-officio).

GCT Staff Present: Steve Brown, General Manager; Steve Rosenberg, Director of Administrative Services; Helene Buchman, Planning and Marketing Director, and Chuck McQuary, Vanessa Rauschenberger, Claire Johnson-Winegar, Transit Planners.

Members of the Public: None.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Vice-Chair Kathy Connell 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

Martin announced that the OTC re-paving project is complete. Kathy reported that 25 members of the public and two City Council members attended a scheduled meeting on the Heritage Valley Study. Tom stated that the model for the proposed Ventura Freeway Capping Project is available for review, and, the Montalvo annexation into the City from the County was approved. The annexation is awaiting a review by LAFCO. With regard to transit, the annexation would change the Bristol/Grand bus stop from County to City control and affect the current allocation of jurisdictional mileage in the annual GCT budget.

4. Staff Comments

Helene reviewed an email that indicated the Wagon Wheel Project is facing some uncertainty because of potential changes in RDA funding. She also suggested Oxnard and Ventura need to review the warming centers policy with regard to the high quantity of discounted tickets being ordered from GCT and distributed by Ventura.

5. Approval of the February 15, 2012 Meeting Summary

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

6. Cancellation of the Route 40 Johnson-Valentine CMAQ Project Demonstration- Helene Buchman

Helene outlined the Board's finding and recommendation that because the project failed to meet its ridership goals it should be discontinued. The cancellation of service will be included and discussed in public outreach meetings as part of the overall review of changes being considered for the August 2012 service change.

7. Temporary Market Street Sheet Shuttle

Staff distributed an overview of the proposed shuttle service. Its purpose is to serve as a temporary bridge between cancellation of Route 40 in August and the start of the new Victoria Corridor service in February 2013.

The shuttle would make three trips to the Ventura Adult Continuing Education Center (VACE) for three critical times during the school day. The trips would be coordinated with the GCT Route 11.

The temporary service is predicated on VCTC approval of the CMAQ application for the Victoria Avenue Corridor service. If the application is not approved, the shuttle will not be pursued and service to the VACE will end on August 17th.

8. Service Change Plan for 2012/13

Staff distributed an outline of three Budget Scenarios: 1) Status Quo Plus changes that are already approved, 2) Moderate Changes and 3), Significant Changes that assume additional funding or grant availability. Each of the three scenarios included options for service change periods of August to February 2013, and, February to June 2013.

1. Status Quo

August to February

- Eliminate Route 40
- Re-route 16 to downtown Ojai

February to June 2013

- Add New Victoria Ave. Service (Assumes approved CMAQ grant)

2. Moderate Changes

August to February (Everything in "Status Quo plus")

- Add peak booster trips on Rt. 6
- Modify Rt. 10 to extend service beyond Wells Ctr. to Saticoy
- Modify Rt. 11 to serve Market St. & Donlon and eliminate Saticoy loop
- Add temporary Market St. Shuttle

February to June 2013 (Everything in "Status Quo plus")

- Combine Routes 7 & 9
- Modify Rt. 8 to link Gisler area to Oxnard Blvd. stops
- Modify Rt. 17 to serve Westar loop
- Eliminate Temporary Market St. shuttle

3. Significant Changes

August to February (Everything in "Status Quo plus and Moderate" plus)

- Add mid-day trips to Rt. 11

February to June 2013 (Everything in "Status Quo plus and Moderate" plus)

- Add two-way service on Rt. 19
- Eliminate Rt. 20
- Add two-way service on Rt. 5

Due to past concerns raised by Gisler residents, Martin Erickson suggested placing plans for two-way service on Route 19 ahead of Modifying Route 8 to link Gisler area to Oxnard Blvd. stops. In acknowledging the suggestion, staff indicated that an Origination/Destination survey of Routes 8 and 9 will be conducted within the next month to review the impact of the planned change on both the Gisler and Lemonwood neighborhoods. The O/D survey results will be readily available when GCT and the local jurisdictions hold scheduled public outreach meetings to review potential service change plans.

9. Premises for April Budget Discussion- Steve Rosenberg

Steve advised that he plans for the revenue hours and miles for the service change options to be available for the TAC April budget review. The budget will assume: federal funding will be the same; STA will be slightly higher; Status Quo will be higher than the FY 2011/12 budget; the natural gas rebate is gone, and JARC funding for Route 19 ends. Further, the Vineyard CMAQ grant (Route 17) is funded all year and the Victoria Avenue CMAQ grant is funded beginning in February 2013. He also plans to re-instate Capital Reserve (at a lower level).

10. Transit Operators Meeting Regarding the Regional Transit Study- Helene Buchman

As this was an information only item on the agenda, no action was considered or taken. As most of TAC had attended the previous Transit Study meetings, further discussion at today's meeting focused on the current structure of GCT as a JPA vs. becoming a District, with regard to; , funding for streets and roads, operation of VISTA, and GCT's plan to address issues raised by VCTC.

Helene stated that there will be a strategic planning session with the GCT Board to determine the likely process for establishing GCT as a district. All those who could potentially become part of the district would be invited.

11. Public Outreach Meetings: Schedule of- Cynthia Torres

Cynthia distributed a schedule of the proposed outreach meetings within each of the jurisdictions. The meetings are currently planned to begin in mid-April and continue through mid-May. Cynthia will meet with each TAC member to firm the dates, meeting places and logistic needs.

All meetings are planned to be completed before the City Council's budget discussions begin.

12. Future Agenda Items

- Budget review
- Firm up outreach meetings

Minutes Approved:



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

Others in attendance:

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Steve Rosenberg	XXXX GCT	X119
Steven Brown	GCT	X116