



**GCT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Wednesday, October 20, 2010
1:30 p.m.
Gold Coast Transit Board Room**

Meeting Summary

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

TAC Members Absent: Martin Erickson, City of Oxnard.

GCT Staff Present: Steve Brown, General Manager; Steve Rosenberg, Director of Administrative Services, Andrew Mikkelson, Director of Transit Operations, Chuck McQuary, Transit Planner, Helene Buchman, Transit Planner, Mary Russo, Marketing Coordinator, and Claire Johnson-Winegar, GCT Intern.

Members of the Public: Carlos Hernandez and Vanessa Rauschenberger, COH & Associates, Inc.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Jeff Hereford called the TAC meeting to order at 1:38 p.m., introductions were made and Jeff congratulated Steve Brown in participating in this TAC meeting as the new GCT General Manager.

2. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

None.

3. Committee Members' Comments

None.

4. Staff Comments

Mary Russo announced that a Town Hall Meeting under the direction of the City of Ventura will be held at 6:00 PM on November 4th. GCT will review the schedule adjustments planned for the January service change that will address the current overload and on-time performance problems being experienced on Route 6 buses. Meeting announcements will be placed on all GCT buses.

Steve Rosenberg stated that the 2nd Quarter Financial Report has been completed and will be presented to the Board at their next meeting. A copy will be available on the GCT website. Steve Brown added that for the first time, the entire Board Packet is being published on our website.

5. Approval of September, 2010 Meeting Summary

Kathy Connell made a motion to approve the August meeting summary. Jason Lott seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

6. Presentation of the Vineyard Corridor Study Plan and CMAQ Application Plans- Helene Buchman

Helene provided the background for the Study Plan that is scheduled for completion and submittal to Caltrans in February. Public input on the plan will be obtained through three outreach meetings to be conducted in November within the corridor area. At the November meeting, TAC will be asked for formal input.

Carlos Hernandez, COH& Associates, Inc. is the consultant hired by GCT to develop the substantiating data for the project, schedule and plan the public outreach meeting agendas and to prepare the final study report. Carlos then narrated a comprehensive power point presentation that described the project study areas, status of the project and the purpose, or need for the study as well as several service options for serving the corridor.

Helene said that the study has formed the basis for a CMAQ Application to be submitted by GCT later this month. The application will request funding of the operating costs for service linking North Oxnard to the new River Park project via St. John's Hospital, and Rose, Central and Vineyard Avenue's. Initially, the project was to extend to Oxnard College, but after discussion, staff agreed with the TAC member's suggestion to delete that segment in order to reduce project costs.

7. Review Plan for January 2011 Service Change- Chuck McQuary

The proposed service change will primarily affect GCT service in Ventura, as follows:

- All changes will be revenue neutral;
- Route 6- service will be added to reduce overloads and trips with low ridership will be deleted;
- Connectivity at Wells Center will be improved on Routes 10 and 11

Charts detailing the proposed service adjustments will be prepared and presented to attendees at the November 4th Town Hall meeting in Ventura.

8. Discuss the Process to Develop Priorities for Service Modifications and Constrictions in the Event of TDA Funding Reductions- Helene Buchman/Chuck McQuary

This item was essentially covered in the discussion of Item 7, above. However, as a reminder to TAC, Steve Rosenberg advised that the \$1.1 million in ARRA funds (\$600,000 fixed route; \$500,000 paratransit) will not be available for this upcoming fiscal year. In addition, the natural gas subsidy previously available to GCT will likely not be enacted, which will cause a significant increase in our operating costs.

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9. Review of GCT JARC Application Plans- Helene Buchman/Chuck McQuary

A handout was provided which provided the details of the GCT application which is due in November:

- o Proposed Project- Expansion of the Route 19 Gonzales/Lombard-OTC service;
- o Proposed Expansion- Morning Weekday peak hour shuttle and weekend service;

The project will not need additional capital costs as GCT buses are available, and a 50% local match is required for operating costs.

10. Future Agenda Items

- o TDA Funding Reductions;
- o Preliminary indications on CMAQ applications;

TAC recommendation on the Vineyard Corridor Study.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Hereford adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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		Michael Culver
Oxnard		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)	VK	Vic Kamhi		Myra Montejano
GCT (staff)	SB	Steven Brown	CB HT	Chuck McQuary Helene Buchman

Others in attendance:

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Mary Russo	GCT	x 110
Carlos Hernandez	COH & Associates, Inc.	805 886-4406
Steve Rosenberg	GCT	x 119
Andrew Mikkelson	GCT	x 111
Claire Johnson-Winegar	GCT	x 100
Vanessa Ranschenberger	COH & Associates, Inc.	805 814 1880