



MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMITTEE (TCC)

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA
Thursday, January 26, 2006
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Coffman-Grey called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

ROLL CALL:

TCC MEMBERS

William C. Boyd
Mark Bradley
Michael Cooper
Keith Coffman-Grey
Isabelle Greene
David Tabor

Attendance

Present
Excused
Present
Present
Present
Present

CITY STAFF PRESENT :

Browning Allen, Transportation Manager
Robert J. Dayton, Supervising Transportation Planner
Anne Van Belkom, Senior Office Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, SBMTD
Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning/Compliance, SBMTD
Kent Epperson, Director, Traffic Solutions

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The TCC Minutes from January 12, 2006, will be held over to the next meeting for additional corrections.

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Tabor to approve the PC/TCC Minutes from the joint meeting on December 8, 2005, as written.

Ayes: 5 (Boyd, Coffman-Grey, Cooper, Greene, Tabor)
Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Bradley)

3. MTD's Downtown/Waterfront and Commuter Lot Shuttle Reports and the Crosstown Shuttle Report – Browning Allen

Browning Allen commented that Steve Maas from SBMTD was in the audience to take TCC questions. Chair Coffman-Grey was pleased to note the slight increases in ridership during the last months. Steve Maas mentioned that the Downtown/Waterfront Shuttle had shown an increase, and that there was a small increase in the Commuter Lot Shuttle. There was a slight decrease overall in the Crosstown Shuttle this last quarter, but the ridership for the Crosstown Shuttle was up for the month of December 2005.

4. Traffic Solution's Annual Report – Kent Epperson

TCC members received the updated version of the County Bike Map. In his presentation, Mr. Epperson gave a review of the Traffic Solutions' Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Annual Report, with a current update. He briefly reviewed Traffic Solutions' scope of services and performance measures as well as its revenues and expenditures. The primary focus was to review accomplishments and current goals.

With regard to carpooling, Mr. Epperson related that as gasoline prices rise, carpooling also increases. The problem with carpooling is that it requires both a commitment and an identical work schedule. With the new trend toward more flexible schedules for employees, carpooling becomes more difficult to arrange.

The Clean Air Express is being incorporated into the North County Transit Plan. Since CMAQ funds for the Clean Air Express are ending this year, additional funding is being requested from SBCAG.

A new emphasis will be given to individualized marketing which has been identified as having a high success rate, although it is an expensive program. Funding for this program has not yet been identified but SBCAG is looking into funding sources. Money from Washington may be a possibility.

Mr. Tabor voiced his concern about the lack of good transit alternatives for school children. Since few children now ride their bikes to school, this eliminates a great number of potential future bikers. He feels that what is needed is to provide enough attractive alternatives. Traffic Solutions is working on this item.

Chair Coffman-Grey agreed that a well-rounded look at alternative transportation is needed. He also suggested that one of the reasons school children are no longer riding their bikes to school is that many children do not attend their neighborhood school.

5. Enhanced Transit Assistance – Browning Allen.

Per Council direction, an Enhanced Transit Subcommittee was formed to look at transit enhancement options in order to develop specific recommendations regarding enhanced transit assistance. The purpose for tonight's meeting is for the TCC to review these recommendations and to determine whether to submit a recommendation to Council to support the recommendations

made by the Enhanced Transit Subcommittee.

Public Comment: Max Anders, intern at Pueblo, does not want any "My Ride" program funds taken away in order to be used for enhanced transit. He feels that the Measure D funds should be used to fund the enhancements and that the "My Ride" funds should continue to only pay for bus passes.

TCC members asked a number of questions about the Wharf Woody and the funding sources used to pay for this service. TCC members felt that the Waterfront Department should assist in paying the costs for enhanced transit in their location.

MOTION : Made by Boyd and seconded by Tabor.

The Transportation & Circulation Committee is submitting a recommendation to Council supporting the recommendations made by the Enhanced Transit Subcommittee regarding enhanced transit for Priority 1 – Lines 1 & 2; Priority 2 – Lines 6 & 11; and Priority 3 – Line 3.

Ayes: 5 (Boyd, Coffman-Grey, Cooper, Greene, Tabor)
Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 (Bradley)

The timetable for this item is as follows:

- Next week – To Planning Commission.
- March – To Finance Committee.
- End of March or April – To Council.
- Following Council approval, staff needs to meet with SBMTD to develop an agreement.
- Additional MTD buses can be here within a year.

6. Staff Briefing on Current Topics.

Traffic Calming – St. Francis: Tully Clifford is scheduled to come before the TCC in a few months to give an update on the traffic calming installations.

Oak Park NTMP: The ballots are being tabulated. An update on the final results of the ballot will be brought to the TCC on March 23, 2006.

TCC members asked for the following additions to future TCC agendas or for a formal response to the following questions:

- a) Request for Agenda Item for March TCC meeting: Parking on City streets that are too narrow. What do State and City Ordinances specify? What is City's response?
- b) What is status on Measure D? Where does TCC fit in the process? Will future updates be scheduled?
- c) When will the TCC have input on traffic related issues regarding the new airport? (Mr. Allen responded that the consultant had not even been selected, so it is too early in the process.)
- d) What is the status of the City's General Plan Update? Where and when would the TCC be involved? (The TCC was informed that this is a three year process and that the Planning Division will be encouraged to also notice TCC members so they can attend future meetings. Mr. Allen will obtain timetable information.

7. Review of Upcoming Agenda Items.

February 23 – The TCC meeting will be held in the Public Works Conference Room.

- a) Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected
- b) Street Light Committee
- c) Mission Street Bikeway

March 23 - a) Bike Station
b) Oak Park NTMP Ballot Result

April or May - Downtown Parking Study results

Sherrie Fisher, SBMTD, asked to be put on the TCC Agenda in order for the TCC to give input on the proposed changes to MTD service. Mr. Allen stated that the same thing was done last year, and we can accommodate her request.

8. Committee Member/Subcommittee Comments.

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7: 37 PM