

**CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
990 PALM ST.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007
Approved 09-12-2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman D. Gregg Doyle called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jean Knox, D. Gregg Doyle, Susan Rains, Diana Gould-Wells, Tracey Amundson, Christine Batteate, and Denise Martinez

Absent: Kathy Howard, Margaret Crockett

Staff: Tim Bochum, John Webster, and Sabrina Haggie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gould-Wells, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Amundson, and Ms. Batteate were sworn in as members of the Mass Transit Committee.

Mr. Bochum introduced John Webster, the City's new Transit Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

A. CONSENT ITEMS

A-1 Approval of March 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Rains moved to approve minutes as presented.

Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

B-1 Summary of Route 4 and Fall Evening Service Extension

Mr. Bochum discussed the pilot program for extended evening service, reporting that a 2.5-hour session had as large as ridership as a daily route, evidencing the demand for service. He noted that Friday evening were lower in riders. He said ASI had done a good job getting the word out about the new evening service and that most of the riders were students.

He suggested that the MTC create an ad hoc committee to further discuss the service extensions.

Mr. Doyle moved that the chairperson choose 2-3 members to meet with staff 2-3 times to discuss evening service needs and alternate route options.

Ms. Rains seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B-2 Progress Report SLO Transit Ridership Training Program

Mr. Bochum reported he had met with Cal Poly representatives regarding WOW Week transportation needs and stated that Cal Poly uses private charter services. He said he'd return to the next meeting with a progress report.

C. ACTION ITEMS

C-1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for Next Fiscal Year

Mr. Doyle nominated Jean Knox as Chair. There were no other nominations. Ms. Knox was unanimously voted in as MTC Chair.

Ms. Rains nominated Ms. Martinez as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Ms. Martinez was unanimously voted in as MTC Vice Chair.

C-2 Approval of Meeting Schedule for Next Fiscal Year

Mr. Doyle moved to approve the meeting schedule as presented.

Ms. Martinez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

C-3 Annual Review of MTC Bylaws

There was general discussion of the bylaws,

Mr. Doyle recommended that Article 6A Chair election section be revised to read “May or June meeting.”

Ms. Amundson moved to accept the bylaws as amended.

Ms. Rains seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

D-1 Transit Manager’s Report

Mr. Bochum recapped several points in the report for discussion.

There were no questions regarding the Manager’s report.

D-2 Operating and Performance Reports

Mr. Webster distributed and discussed a report with a revised format for reporting ridership information, with a spreadsheet breakdown by month and by pass type regarding fare revenue.

E. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Knox expressed a strong concern that our SLO Transit bus system was being affected and delayed due to the impact of some disabled riders because of the extra time it took to access and secure themselves unassisted on our vehicles. There was discussion as to whether these passengers needed an aide to assist them during their travel such as in steering their wheelchairs onto the bus and into position to be secured by the driver.

She stressed that it was her understanding that Runabout Services would be better suited for disabled riders with severe mobility and motor skill challenges especially those traveling alone and that Runabout would not be as greatly impacted as they did not have defined time-points or a schedule to meet.

She urged staff to work with Runabout to address our current route #3 on time performance issues as well working together to better serve our disabled riders and provide for their transportation needs.

Mr. Bochum suggested a Runabout representative attend the next meeting and explain how the Runabout qualifying system works, whom they can serve, and how they can better address the Route 3 issues of fixed route systems being impacted.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Woske, Recording Secretary