

**CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
995 PALM ST.  
WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Susan Rains called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Susan Rains, Tracey Amundson, Margaret Crockett, Denise Martinez,  
Stanley Yucikas, and Kathy Howard

Absent: D. Gregg Doyle

Vacant: Alternate (2)

Staff: John Webster

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**A. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A-1 Approval of July 9, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Crockett moved to approve the slate of minutes as presented.

Ms. Amundson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **B-1. Preparation of FY 2009-11 Council advisory body recommendations**

Mr. Webster discussed the requirements of the Goals Memo from Ken Hampian and reported that the Council wants key input from all advisory bodies. He discussed the fiscal challenges and budget restrictions facing the City. Staff was looking for a prioritized five to seven goals for a two-year budget cycle.

The MTC agreed to email recommendations for goal setting to Mr. Webster, who will return to the November regular meeting with a compilation of the MTC recommendations for discussion.

## **C. ACTION ITEMS**

### **C-1. Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) – Update from Urbitran Assoc. Staff**

Stuart Geltman, Urbitran Assoc. representative, presented the updated information, stating there were not a lot of substantial changes and only minor modifications to the previous presentation. Highlight discussion included:

- Planning Precepts: included addressing unmet needs, crowding issues, extending transit coverage, fare integration, creating Poly Canyon service, emerging corridors
- System Plan: modifications to each route, additional proposed route for “cross-town” access, RTA coverage
- No Trolley changes
- Supported MTC action to address Ramona/Tassajara issues
- New service areas and downtown transfer center

He stated that once routes were finalized, Urbitran would work on the following aspects:

- Implementation of schedule
- Financial plan
- Capital plan
- Management plan
- Marketing plan

Mr. Yucikas discussed the possibility of the “cross-town” route to include Cal Poly/Amtrak/Airport loop.

**C-2. Review – Direct staff regarding TDA performance audit recommendations**

Mr. Webster discussed the previous audit recommendations, the current recommendations, and the on going “report card” for upcoming meetings. Discussion highlights included:

- RTA needs to improve service delivery plus a fare study
- Segregation of fuel cost breakdown – diesel costs increased dramatically
- Strategic Marketing Plan had not been implemented yet
- Web page update

Mr. Yucikas discussed the 511 Program.

**C-3. Review taxi application for “Green Go”**

Deren and Frank Wek, Green Go representatives, discussed the hybrid vehicle fleet for the taxi service and stated the vehicles were quieter than normal taxis and got 50 mpg on the highway. He stated the services would begin with two vehicles. He felt that while his company would be the third taxi service in the area, his company would improve the carbon footprint.

Mr. Webster noted that staff supported the application.

Ms. Howard discussed the need for a vehicle that could accommodate storage of a wheelchair/power chair in transit.

Mr. Yucikas moved to recommend that staff draft a favorable report to accept the application for submittal to Council.

Ms. Crockett seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**D. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**D-1 Transit Manager’s Report**

Mr. Webster recapped several points in the report, including:

- Ridership report
- Year-to-date Performance Indicators/charts
- Contractor liquidated damages
- State budget update from recent Operators meeting
- Bus and Trolley replacement

- Federal Transit Administration grant
- Federal 5317 New Freedom Grant application
- SLORTA
- Transit Operators Group meeting

Mr. Yucikas asked that data on left-behind passengers/bikes be provided at MTC meetings to track capacity issues. He also discussed Rideshare Week participation and collaboration.

## **D-2 Operating and Performance Reports**

Mr. Webster recapped the report.

## **E. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Howard expressed a concern about how close the new benches were placed to the curb edge. Mr. Webster stated there were regulations in place and agreed to investigate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Woske, Recording Secretary