

Approved March Minutes at the MTC Meeting May 14th, 2008

**CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jean Knox called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Denise Martinez, Jean Knox, D. Gregg Doyle, Susan Rains, and Margaret Crockett

Absent: Tracy Amundson, Christine Batteate, and Kathy Howard

Staff: John Webster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

A. CONSENT ITEMS

A-1 Approval February 13, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes

Mr. Webster noted that the Urbitran representative name should read “Will Calves.”

Ms. Rains moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Ms. Crockett seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no items.

C. ACTION ITEMS

There were no items.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

D-1 Transit Manager's Report

Mr. Webster recapped the bus replacement meeting, which he stated was very productive. He discussed details of purchase orders and design modifications to the 35' and 40' vehicles, saying that availability was running @ 12 months on back order and by spring of 2009, there should be nine new vehicles in the Slo Transit Fleet which included the two recently delivered thirty foot vehicles in October 2007.

Additional highlight discussions included:

- **IMPLICIT PURCHASING POOLING SOLUTIONS** – joint vehicle procurement project
- **TROLLEY REPLACEMENT** – they had received only one bid, but the bid was within budget
- **FTA** – should be completed by May 1, 2008
- **CARB** – reported that City is in compliance, emissions had been reduced an impressive 86%, and vehicles had been retrofitted
- **SRTP** – still receiving technical memos
- **Bus Stop Improvement Project** – the project had been completed under budget and remaining funding could be slated for other priorities, e.g.

shelters, benches, extra trash cans. Mr. Webster requested MTC direct staff.

- SLORTA – there were many fleet problems and discussed the coordination of vehicle loans with the city
- DEE LAWSON was introduced as the new Transportation Assistant
- RAMONA DRIVE SERVICE ISSUES – a report had been submitted to Council on the status. As of March 23, 2008, there would be no service on Ramona Drive after 6 p.m. on weeknights and none on weekends. Notices would be posted at bus stops. The buses will turn on Tassajara Drive. Discussions about site modifications with the property owner at the corner of Tassajara and Foothill were on going,

D-2 Operating/Performance Report

Mr. Webster discussed the report information, noting that the extra week of vacation at Cal Poly affected ridership numbers. He stated ridership was up overall for the year by 5%, without counting evening service. He discussed the advertising and expanded marketing efforts to promote bus services. He also discussed bus stop improvements and signage.

Michelle Mason, 1137 Laurel Lane, requested information about Cal Poly's contribution to the student ridership efforts. Mr. Webster stated that when Poly Canyon comes on line, that will require Cal Poly to contribute additional funds.

Ms. Mason also confirmed that the Trolley would have wheelchair access. She also noted a need for service for the disable population in the Brizzolara area, stating the closest bus stop is at the corner of Nipomo/Higuera streets.

Christine Mulholland, MTC Council rep, reported that new MTC members would be appointed in mid-March.

E. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Webster reported that MTC member Kathy Howard was still recovering and that flowers had been sent to her on behalf of the MTC and staff.

Ms. Rains wanted to invite the EDAPT group from campus to make a brief

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presentation at the regular May MTC meeting. Mr. Webster agreed to include it on the May meeting agenda.

Ms. Knox reminded members about the March 13, 2008 Advisory Body dinner. She also noted this was her last meeting, as her term was over.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. to the Wednesday, May 14, 2008 2:30 p.m. regular meeting, with location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Woske, Recording Secretary