

APPROVED
CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
990 PALM ST.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2005

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Jean Knox, D. Gregg Doyle, Denise Martinez, Bob Johnson, and Susan Rains

Alternates: Kathy Howard (voting) and Angela Strohn (voting)

Absent: Dustin Robinson and Jose Lemus

Staff: Austin O'Dell, Tim Bochum

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

A. CONSENT ITEMS

A-1 Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2005

D. Gregg Doyle requested that the language at the top of page two be revised to read, "...eliminate the problem of students left behind."

Ms. Knox requested that her comments regarding the N. Chorro Street service proposal read:

"Ms. Knox noted that additionally, the early service proposals had included service along N. Chorro. The MTC was advised that because of previous resident concerns, buses were not allowed on N. Chorro Street. She commented that residents would need to specifically ask for bus service before it could be considered. She also added that movement between Routes. 1, 2, 3, and Cal Poly needed to be examined closely."

Motion made by Ms. Strohn, seconded by Ms. Rains, to approve the minutes as amended, reflecting corrections above. The motion passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

B1. Recommendation from Service Review Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. O'Dell made a presentation on the history of service statistics and improvements made to the current performance levels. He noted that general and Cal Poly ridership had increased significantly and discussed fare box ratios.

Primary service issues included existing vehicles not being large enough to accommodate increased capacity without alterations and that students were being left behind at a couple of key stops during peak hours. Hence, the goals outlined were to increase and accommodate high capacity on the buses and to create more service between the downtown, Cal Poly, and service areas of the city.

Some mitigations included:

- Alter existing buses to make them more capable of handling increased capacity by taking out seats and installing grab handles for standing room
- Increase headways (e.g. Route 6) which are currently too expensive
- Modify transit network with cost neutrality

Mr. O'Dell made a detailed presentation on the suggested modifications to Routes 1, 2, 6a and 6b and the Trolley:

- **Route 1.** Provide additional service between southern portion of City and Cal Poly, noting the change had to be made because there was no longer a left turn allowed from Highland onto North Chorro
- **Route 2.** Provide additional service on weekends between downtown core and Highland/Foothill area (e.g. northern alignment on Saturdays/Sundays)
- **Route 6a.** Reconfigure alignment to provide more seamless service to downtown and Cal Poly, eliminating the need for transfers.
- **Route 6b.** Reconfigured alignment, now including new service areas (e.g. Peach/Broad Streets). Relocate service from Mott Gym to Mustang Stadium on California.
- **Modified Trolley.** Provide better access and connection between Cal Poly campus and downtown while still providing key service to upper Monterey Street

Mr. Doyle discussed details of the headway modification and indications of reductions of services. He prepared and handed out a distribution analysis, which he discussed in detail.

Cindy Campbell, Cal Poly Parking supervisor, noted concerns about bus schedules being able to better accommodate student class schedules so riders

could get to class on time. She suggested having Routes 6a and 6b arrive at Cal Poly at the top of the hour.

Staff made the following suggestions for moving ahead with the Service Proposal recommendations:

- Let the proposed service changes play out
- Implement modifications to the Trolley service
- Consider upcoming new service contract, which addressed increased fuel costs, CARB cost issues, etc.

Nicholas Hellowell, 673 Palm, suggested having 6B busses arrive at Mott Gym at :02 after the hour and leave Mott gym at :07 after the hour to better accommodate class schedules.

Jay Hahn, student, favored more frequent buses, as he has classed on the opposite end of campus from Mott Gym and his choices were therefore limited.

Dan Maguire, student, favored increased options during non-peak service hours.

Tyler Middlestat, ASI Student President, favored the proposal presented and was particularly concerned with students left behind at bus stops. He favored frequency within the modifications that he felt would yield higher ridership per hour. He felt the proposed modifications better utilized resources available. He also agreed with the suggestion of wider distribution of stops on campus, as the northern part of the campus was becoming more active.

Kim Blakeman and Frank Villaneuva discussed the statistics of student leave behinds and stated drivers are not reporting nearly as many incidents during peak times.

Mr. Doyle asked them to revisit their data, as he had experience within the last three weeks of witnessing several leave-behinds and drivers reporting inaccurately back to base.

Christine Mulholland discussed CARB options of clean diesel vs. bio-diesel.

Motion made by Mr. Doyle to accept the subcommittee recommendations, with a goal of implementation by September, 2006. The motion failed because of lack of a second.

Mr. Johnson felt the scope of the changes needed MTC review and extensive public input regarding problems and recommendations and felt approval at this time was premature.

Ms. Rains agreed with the need for public input and wanted review of actual schedule information based on the modifications to routes.

The Committee discussed options for obtaining public input.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to direct staff to perform financial viability analysis on the modifications and to present schedule samples to the MTC at their next regular meeting.

Ms. Knox wanted the MTC to move forward with the subcommittee recommendation and have staff be clear and targeted within their analysis, as well as having a chance to test some of the modifications.

Ms. Rains agreed with the need to move forward cautiously, due to the large scope of changes presented.

Mr. Doyle agreed with the need for staff comparative financial analysis and bring electronic file for the draft schedules to the January MTC meeting. He also requested the schedule matrix be included in the distributed agenda packet, received by members no later than one week prior to allow for adequate member review prior to the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items to discuss.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

D-1 Transit Manager's Report

This was not discussed.

D-2 Operating and Performance

This was not discussed.

D-3 Access to Service Information

This was not discussed.

D-4 Trolley Fare Policy

This was not discussed

E. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. to the next regular meeting on January 11, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Woske
Recording Secretary