

**CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Jean Knox called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jean Knox, D. Gregg Doyle, Tracey Amundson, and Denise Martinez

Absent: Susan Rains, Diana Gould-Wells (Alternate), Christine Batteate (Alternate), Margaret Crockett, and Kathy Howard

Staff: John Webster, Tim Bochum and Sabrina Haggie

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**A. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A-1 Approval of May 9 & July 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Amundson moved to approve the minutes as submitted.

Ms. Martinez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **B-1 Fall Service and Street Repair Updates**

Mr. Webster discussed the issues re re-training and re-alignment of Route 4 and noted the support efforts made by Ms. Haggie and Kim Blakeman. He reported that the dry run had been positive.

Mr. Blakeman reported that one resident on Ramona Street had complained about the re-alignment, due to perceived increase in noise and vehicle speeding. He reported that the route section would be monitored to ensure vehicles were being operated per standards.

### **B-2 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP), Steering Committee and Survey**

Mr. Webster noted the upcoming September 18 Steering Committee meeting and discussed the rider survey efforts.

MTC Chair Ms. Knox, Ms. Martinez, and Ms. Rains will act as Steering Committee for meeting with Urbitran staff.

Mr. Webster agreed to try to schedule a meeting for early September 20 and if it could not be arranged, would invite the group back for a meeting at the next opportunity.

Mr. Webster requested that MTC members submit a list of ridership notes and issues they would like Urbitrans to consider at their meeting and submit it back to him prior to September 18.

Mr. Bochum discussed the details of the consultant effort regarding transit operations, maintenance, and contracts. He also noted a walking survey would be performed and that phone surveys have not proved to be useful in the past.

### **B-3 MTC Advisory Board Training September 20, 2007**

It was confirmed that the location for the training seminar would be the City Corporation Yard, 25 Prado Lane.

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**B-4 Bus Fare Decals**

Mr. Webster reported that the decals were a better way to outline/indicate fare information and that Medicare Cardholders had been added as a fare category.

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**C-1 Web Based Transit Vehicle Purchase Pool Project**

Mr. Webster discussed the staff report regarding the procurement pool concept and progress of current “piggy-backing” on purchase contracts and RFPs with other agencies for quicker access to large volume, lower cost vehicle purchases. He noted customization details could be included, there was no long-term commitment or mandatory purchase involved, and that agency participation could be terminated at any time. He projected savings of at least 10% Local Match (TDA) and felt that participating in the proposed procurement pool was a “win/win” situation.

Mr. Blakeman stated he agreed with the participation concept and felt the contract/bid process was flexible enough to accommodate First Transit operating needs and concerns.

Mr. Doyle moved to recommend that Council accept entering into the Purchase Pool Agreement with Implicit Purchase Pool Solutions as outlined by staff.

Ms. Amundson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**D. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**D-1 Transit Manager’s Report**

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

He also discussed various options for map/route signage available to riders for review, e.g. H-post signs, P-post signs.

Mr. Blakeman reported on a minor collision had occurred on Chorro/Pacific Sts. involving a new Route 3 operator and noted there were no injuries.

### **D-2 Operating and Performance Reports and New Schedule/maps**

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

Mr. Doyle asked for passenger-per-mile/passenger-per-hour data on a route-by-route basis to be included in future reporting. Staff agreed.

### **D-3 Letter to Council re Taxi Service**

Chip Forsythe, proposed business operator, discussed his desire to start an alternative taxi service to specifically serve downtown patrons during Thursday through Saturday late night hours. He noted that the existing taxi service was virtually unavailable during those hours and he wanted to provide service for inebriated drivers. He detailed some of the pertinent proposal points.

He discussed obstacles with both "taxi" and "limousine" designations for his restored VW van. He stated that being available 24 hours/day by phone would not pose a problem.

Mr. Doyle stated he supported the business concept and urged Mr. Forsythe to either work towards the less restrictive "limousine" designation to be able to deal with the Public Utilities Commission and not have to be subjected to the City's more stringent "taxi" regulations.

Ms. Knox also supported the concept and suggested Mr. Forsythe contact Ride On and ERC to see what other options may be available.

## **E. MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Committee member comments.

Staff requested that the November 14 regular meeting be moved to another date to accommodate staff travel to a conference scheduled over that date.

The Committee agreed to reschedule the meeting to 2:30 on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:0 p.m. to the newly rescheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

Approved MTC NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Woske, Recording Secretary