

Minutes approved at Regular Meeting on November 18-2009

**CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
COUNCIL HEARING ROOM
990 PALM ST.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Susan Rains called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Susan Rains, Denise Martinez, Robert Wolf, Elizabeth Thyne,
Art Apruzzese, Margaret Crockett, and Stanley Yucikas

Absent: Tracy Amundson

Vacant: Alternate (open)

Staff: John Webster, Dee Lawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

A. CONSENT ITEMS

A-1. Approval of July 8, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Thyne noted that her member comment regarding the double decker bus was made on behalf of another citizen.

Mr. Wolf moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Ms. Martinez seconded the motion.

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The motion passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items.

C. ACTION ITEMS

C-1. Review and Approve Program of Projects

Mr. Webster made an extensive presentation on the 5307 Program of Projects funding. Highlight discussion points included the following projects for FY 2009-10:

- SLO Transit Operating Assistance
- Website/Marketing
- Staff Vehicle replacement
- Forklift purchase for the Transit facility
- Bus Replacement
- Downtown Transit Coordination Center Study
- San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA) Projects

Mr. Webster summarized by saying that approximately \$23,572 was left in reserve and not programmed to cover possible additional requests for operating funding. Also that the DTCC study was a discretionary project that might be the first to be deferred if the funding level anticipated in the POP was reduced early next year at the Federal level. He stated there would be no City General Fund impact and recommended the MTC approve the Program of Projects proposal as submitted.

Mr. Yucikas discussed the possibility of expanding the scope of the DTCC study to include light rail/line service possibilities between Cal Poly and the airport.

Mr. Yucikas moved to approve the proposed Program of Projects as submitted, with the amendment to the DTCC study scope to include possible analysis regarding light rail/line service possibilities between Cal Poly and the airport.

Ms. Crockett seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

D-1. Transit Manager's report

D-2. Operating-Performance reports

Mr. Webster presented information covering the following subjects:

- **Ridership report**
- **Contractor Liquidated Damages**
- **Contingency vehicles**
- **Capital Projects**
- **FTA 5317 New Freedom Grant**
- **Various SLO Transit System reports-information**
- **Social Media**

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Yucikas noted the large expanse of primary blue paint on the front of the new buses made it hard to discern the bus arrival for passengers waiting at bus stops in early a.m./late p.m. He suggested more yellow on the front of the bus would increase visibility in low light and recommended that any future paint jobs be comprised of primarily yellow paint with blue accents at the front of the vehicles. Mr. Webster stated he would explore various paint combination with Alexander Dennis for the Double Deck and see if they can suggest a revised paint scheme.

Ms. Martinez felt that visually-impaired people should be part of any gathered visibility input/feedback.

Staff agreed to consider these suggestions when commissioning new paint jobs.

Mr. Yucikas also noted that October is "Community Planning Month" and suggested that in the future, MTC investigate possible participation in any related events.

Mr. Webster noted that the first full week in October is also "Transit Week" as part of the SLO Regional Rideshare month promotion, and SLO Transit will have a bus along with City staff at the October 1, 2009 Farmers market to provide information to the public. More information is available at the Rideshare website.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of November 18, 2009 at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Woske, Recording Secretary