

MINUTES
TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 10, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chairperson Joe Dutra at 2:04 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Dutra, Rouch, Gillespie, and Costa.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Ferravanti appeared before the Committee to voice his concerns regarding the lack of taxi service in the City after 7:00 p.m. Representatives from Busi's, O'Grady's, Wilson's Restaurants and Paso Robles Main Street also spoke on the subject.

Staff provided an explanation of three prior attempts to provide late evening transportation service, two of which included two different taxi companies.

Discussion followed with suggestions of implementing fees to local businesses in order to supplement the cab company's income. Limousine service was suggested as an alternative to City taxi service.

Staff volunteered to work with Nick Ferravanti to meet with cab company representatives to discuss late evening service. Two TAC members, Joe Dutra and Gary Costa also volunteered to join the meeting, with Bill Rouch being the alternate should Joe Durtra not be able to attend. Nick Ferravanti was going to try to get Dennis Cassidy, Police Chief, and one councilman to participate as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2003 were approved on motion by Terry Gillespie, seconded by Bill Rouch and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The Transit Report for December 2002 and January 2003 were presented. The slight reduction in fare box ratio was due to the fact that the newly implemented Route C does not have the same ridership figures or revenue base. Motion by Gary Costa, seconded by Terry Gillespie and passed unanimously to accept and file report.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Staff reported that no applications for the available position on the Transit Advisory Committee were received prior to the deadline. An application was received after the deadline and will be presented to the City Council for consideration at their meeting of March 18, 2003.
2. The new benches will be shipped in approximately one week and should be installed in thirty to forty-five days after arrival.
3. The new trash receptacles should also be arriving within the next month.
4. The two new transit buses that have been funded will be ordered soon.
5. The North County Transit Agencies have reached a tentative agreement on the MOU. The final copy will be discussed by TAC and presented to the City Council for adoption. The City of Paso Robles will be the recipient agency and will sub-distribute the funds to the other agencies.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm to the next regular meeting of April 2, 2003.