

MINUTES

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 7, 2004

Meeting Location: **Large Conference Room**
1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chariman Rouch at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members Gillespie, O'Brien, Jones and Rouch being present; Iversen being absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and, therefore, do not require separate discussion. However, if discussion is necessary, or if a member of the public wishes to comment on any item, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. Questions or clarification may be made by the Advisory members without removal from the Agenda.

1. Minutes of January 7, 2004 were presented and approved on motion by Gillespie, seconded by Rouch and passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Transit Reports for the months of January and February 2004 were presented. With a correction to the formula for Fixed Route Service, the reports were approved on motion by O'Brien, seconded by Jones and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Election of Officers:

Vice Chairman Rouch opened the nominations for Chairman.

Chris Iversen was nominated for chairman by Rouch. No further nominations were made. The nominations were closed. Chris Iversen was elected unanimously.

Vice Chairman Rouch opened the nominations for Vice Chairman.

Bill Rouch was nominated for Vice Chairman by Gillespie. No further nominations were made. The nominations were closed. Bill Rouch was elected unanimously.

TAC asked if there was a plan by Atascadero to add Saturday service. Our buses travel to Twin Cities daily including Saturday to connect with their fixed route service.

Discussion ensued as to whether or not continuing to travel to Twin Cities on Saturdays was the most efficient use of transit resources given the cost and wasted time. Maybe these resources could be put to alternative uses. It was decided to leave the trips in the schedule since passengers have become accustomed to the current schedule.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Staff reported that the recommendations made by TAC were presented to the Streets and Utilities Committee which were unanimously supported and forwarded to the City Council for consideration at their February 6, 2004 meeting. At that meeting, the Council unanimously approved the recommendations. The changes are being implemented by Public Works staff.

Staff reported to TAC that “memorandum one” of the North County Transit Study was released last week. It is 125 pages in length and includes Atascadero’s Short Range Transit Plan which makes it difficult to read. Staff will be forwarding its comments back to consultant by the end of next week.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting of June 2, 2004.