

**Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency (NCTPA)**

**Board of Directors**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2011**

**ITEMS**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Jim Krider called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board member Jack Gingles led the salute to the flag.

**3. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Joan Bennett	City of American Canyon
Michael Dunsford	City of Calistoga
Jack Gingles	City of Calistoga
Jim Krider	City of Napa
Jill Techel	City of Napa
Bill Dodd	County of Napa
Keith Caldwell	County of Napa
Peter White	City of St. Helena
Margie Mohler	Town of Yountville

Members Absent:

Del Britton	City of St. Helena
John Dunbar	Town of Yountville

Non-Voting Member Present:

JoAnn Busenbark	Paratransit Coordinating Council
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**4. Public Comment**

*Norm Manzer, St. Helena resident, reported his observations regarding VINE buses running empty or with limited passenger loads in comparison to bus capacities. Mr. Manzer stated that NCTPA is operating full sized Express buses*

and Bart Link buses from Calistoga to Vallejo and El Cerrito for more than a year with limited ridership, and yet there is no indication that this underused service will be revised or eliminated. In addition Mr. Manzer requested that the Board allow him to make a presentation at the April 2011 meeting on his observations of his experience in riding the Route 10 from Napa to St. Helena and return, his visit to the Napa Terminal (Pearl Street Transit Center), and driving the Route 10 route from Calistoga to Napa with his camera.

*Tom Johnson, Napa resident*, stated his concerns with his observations of the VINE buses running empty or with limited passenger loads. Mr. Johnson stated that he feels most (people) are in favor of some public transportation in these communities, however his main concern are the empty buses and the cost to run them. Mr. Johnson raised several questions regarding the cost to provided bus service such as: driver salaries and benefits, fuel consumption per mile, miles per day on the various routes, the overall cost per rider on this huge bus system including infrastructure cost, management, and overhead. Further, Mr. Johnson sated the difficulties he had in accessing information regarding the current NCTPA budget and meeting date and time.

*Betty Rhodes, Napa County Commission on Aging*, spoke on success of the Senior Shuttle and the importance to the senior community of this service. Further Ms. Rhodes requested that the Board continue to include transportation for seniors in all the discussions regarding transit.

## **5. Chairperson, Board Members and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Update**

### *Board Member Update*

#### *Board Member Garcia*

Reported that the City of American Canyon approved moving forward their transportation circulation update and land use plan.

#### *Board Member White*

Requested that Mr. Manzer presentation to the Board of his observations of the bus service be placed on agenda for the April 20, 2011 meeting.

## **6. Directors Update**

### *Paul W. Price, Executive Director*

Reported the demolition of the transit center is currently underway. The contractor is in the process of removing asbestos from the site and once removed the structures will be removed.

Reported Susan Smith, Executive Director Sonoma County Transportation Authority, will be at the April Board meeting to speak about Sonoma County's

self help (tax) measure process and its effectiveness in moving their county projects forward.

Reported receiving a request from the Marriott (Hotel) and the Wine Train for gate access to the Trancas Park and Ride lot as they are exploring the possibility of installing a platform in the vicinity of Solano Avenue/Redwood Road for access to hotels near the site.

Reported Chair Krider and he will be attending the Legislative Day in Sacramento on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Caltrans Update**

Kelly Hirschberg, Caltrans, provided an update on the status of various projects located throughout the county.

**8. PRESENTATION**

**8.1 Veolia Transportation gave a brief presentation of the Shadow Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) System**

**9. CONSENT ITEMS (9.1 – 9.3)**

**MSC\* GARCIA / MOHLER to APPROVE** Consent Items 9.1-9.3.

**9.1 Legislative Report February 2011**

**9.2 Approval of Resolution No. 11-09 Authorizing the Submittal of the FY 11/12 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Program FY 11/12 Expenditure Plan**

Board action approved Resolution No. 11-09 authorizing the submittal of the FY 11/12 TFCA Expenditure Plan and issuing a call for projects for the TFCA Program Manager Funds for 2011-2012.

**9.3 VINE Transit Services Ridership Report**

Staff provided the board with transit services ridership data.

**10. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**10.1 Draft NCTPA FY 11/12 Budget**

*Information Only / No Action Taken*

Staff presented the Draft NCTPA FY 11/12 Budget for Board review and comment

## 10.2 Funding for Local Transportation Projects

Staff reviewed the issue of funding needs for local transportation projects in the region, the possibility of a November 2012 Sales Tax Measure, and the summary of key survey findings and recommendations from poll performed in 2010.

Charles Sleskin, Napa resident, emphasized the importance of getting the voters of Napa to approve a sales tax measure, of deciding when is the best time to place a sales tax measure on the ballot, and who is involved in backing the sales tax measure before the Board spends a lot of time on deciding how to split the money (between the jurisdictions) and what projects are needed.

Mike Setty, Napa resident, concurs with Mr. Sleskin's statement however, stated that there is a strong anti-tax group in the community and therefore NCTPA needs to demonstrate that they are providing a cost effective transit services. Hopes one of the results of the current SRTP is that a more efficient set of routes is designed and implemented and ridership increases so that NCTPA can demonstrate they are running the most efficient service within the limits of the county and the demographics of the county as well as the tourist market. Further Mr. Setty stated that he feels placing a tax measure on the 2012 ballot is too soon for something that goes in effect in 2018, Mr. Setty suggested 2016 as it may take that long to rebuild the confidence of the public.

Board Member Caldwell recommended the Board should form of a standing committee, which would include participation from each member jurisdiction and community organizations, to advise the Board on a local transportation infrastructure plan. Further, that NCTPA should not engage consultants in the process until after the (standing) committee reviews the list of projects and makes their recommendations to the Board and after public outreach and public meetings have been conducted though out the valley.

**MSC\* CALDWELL / TEHEL to APPROVE** the formation of a Standing Committee, which would include participation from each member jurisdiction and community organizations, to advise the Board on a local transportation infrastructure plan.

## 11. INTERJURISDICTIONAL ISSUES FORUM

### 11.1 Napa County Commission for Arts and Culture Report (NCCAC)

Staff provided an update of NCCAC activities to date.

**11.2 Interjurisdictional Issues Discussion Forum and Information Exchange**

No Reports Given.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

Janice Killion, NCTPA Legal Counsel, announced that the Board would be adjourning to closed session as noted in the agenda (Public Employees Performance Evaluation, Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) Title: Executive Director).

Adjourned to Closed Session at 3:43 p.m.

**12.1 Public Employees Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))**

Title: Executive Director

Adjourned to Open Session at 3:55 p.m.

Janice Killion, NCTPA Legal Counsel, reported that there was no reportable action taken during closes session.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**13.1 Approval of Meeting Date of April 20, 2011 and Adjournment**

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday April 20, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Krider at 3:55 p.m.

  
Karalyn E. Sanderlin, NCTPA Board Secretary