

**COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**DATE:** Friday, July 25, 2008  
9:30 AM

**LOCATION:** **San Benito Bank**  
Conference Room (Upstairs)  
300 Tres Pinos Road  
Hollister, CA 95023

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Pauline Valdivia called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Pauline Valdivia, Charles Scott, Esther Alba, Clay Kempf, Tony Mercado, Annie Sue Bradford, Joy Rice, Mary Margaret Bilich

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mary Dinkuhn, Transportation Planning Manager; Betty LiOwen, Transportation Planner

**A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

*Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Clay Kempf, the Committee unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.*

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**C. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn, announced that Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer, was not able to attend the SSTAC meeting because she was attending another meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**1) Approve SSTAC Meeting Minutes dated June 6, 2008**

*Upon a motion duly made by Tony Mercado, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee unanimously approved Item 1.*

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**2) Receive MV Transportation, Inc. Monthly Management Report for the Month of May 2008 – June 2008**

*Upon a motion duly made by Charles Scott, and seconded by Clay Kempf, the Committee approved Item 2 with an abstention from Tony Mercado.*

**3) Receive Jovenes de Antaño Monthly Management Report for the Month of May 2008 – June 2008**

*Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Clay Kempf, the Committee approved Item 3 with an abstention from Pauline Valdivia.*

**4) Receive Update on County Express Fare Increase**

Transportation Planner, Betty LiOwen, reported on the fare increase that was adopted by the Board at the July Meeting.

Ms. LiOwen will email Joy Rice, of HOPE Services, a copy of the notification that went on the County Express buses, as requested.

The Committee discussed the Board's comment that a 2<sup>nd</sup> increase may be required due to the increase in fuel. Ms. LiOwen reviewed the three increase options the Board had considered and answered questions from the Committee.

**5) Receive Update on County Express Token Designs**

Ms. LiOwen presented options for potential token designs. Ms. LiOwen reported that the drivers and dispatchers along with the Advisory Council concurred on using a large, lightweight token and the colors: blue, green, purple, and red.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the different designs.

*Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee unanimously voted on a token without a border for the Fixed Route, and tokens with borders for the other routes.*

**6) Discuss Personal Care Attendant Fares on County Express' Fixed Route and Intercounty Services**

Ms. LiOwen presented the issue of Personal Care Attendant's (PCA) being charged fares for Fixed Route and Intercounty services and reviewed the advantages and disadvantages with Committee members.

Mr. Kempf recommended Option 3 (PCA rides free with paying paratransit client) as the best choice because it provides the incentive of shifting people from the Paratransit service to the Fixed Route service. Mr. Scott concurred with the recommendation.

Mr. Mercado suggested charging a discounted fare for the Personal Care Attendant (PCA), when using the Intercounty service.

*Upon a motion duly made by Clay Kempf, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend Option 3 (PCA rides free with paying paratransit client) to the LTA Board.*

Tony Mercado requested to add an item to the agenda to discuss an ongoing hygiene issue with a County Express client.

The Committee discussed the issue and recommended making a referral to the Adult Protective Services as a way of providing aid to this client.

**7) Adjourn to meeting of September 26, 2008**

Upon a motion made by Charles Scott, and seconded by Tony Mercado, the Committee unanimously adjourned the meeting.