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**CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
919 PALM ST.  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Susan Rains called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Susan Rains, D. Gregg Doyle, Denise Martinez, Tracey Amundson,  
Margaret Crockett, Robert Wolf, Elizabeth Thyne, and Stanley Yucikas

Absent: Kathy Howard

Staff: John Webster, Tim Bochum, Dee Lawson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elaina Cano, City Clerk representative, issued the oath of office for new MTC members Robert Wolf and Elizabeth Thyne.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**A. CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**B-1. Late-Breaking News on State Funding**

Mr. Webster reported there still not any final action at the State level, but noted that at the SLOCOG/RTAC meeting there would be a recommendation for the SLOCOG Board to approve an approximate \$177,000 LTF reduction impact on the SLO Transit side, with another possible loss of approximately \$76,000 STA funds if they withhold 3 quarterly

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payments. The projected deficit was approximately \$225,000-250,000,000 with STA and LTF cuts combined.

Mr. Bochum discussed the SLO Transit revenue sources, noting TDA revenues were already reduced by 10% and there could be a \$225,000 shortfall by the end of the fiscal year. He stated staff needed to forecast line item adjustments, including the possibility of raising fares and investigating service reductions. Staff would bring discussion back for the January MTC meeting.

Mr. Doyle requested information on what revenue would be realized with fare increases, especially in light of Cal Poly students being the majority of riders while paying nothing.

Mr. Bochum replied that if the City loses over \$200,000/year revenue raising fares \$.25; could possibly get \$40-\$50,000 at best and even with a fare increase it still might require service reductions at least for this Fiscal Year which ends June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Mr. Yucikas discussed capacity-building strategies.

## **C. ACTION ITEMS**

### **C-1. Review/Approve Short Range Transit Plan Routing Draft**

Mr. Webster recapped the draft plan, inviting MTC discussion on route designations.

#### **Route 1:**

Louise Justice, 3000 Augusta, felt the currently configured Route 1 was important and allowed riders to get to hospitals and shopping and returning on Route 3 in a timely manner. She noted that Route 1 currently transports YMCA campers during summers and that students in the area used Route 1 all year round.

#### **Route 2:**

The MTC felt a modified Route 2 could be more direct with a route out to Cal Poly.

Mr. Bochum suggested modifying it off of the current Elk Lane routing by staying on Higuera (also eliminate Tank Farm/Cross/Suburban Loop) to pick up the two Los Verde Park areas as well as LOVR area and looping onto the RT 101 North freeway and exit at Prado Road and the bus stop for the Day Center as part of the for the inbound segment.

MTC directed staff to discuss such modifications with Urbitran and revised the route as recommended for the final draft.

#### **Route 3:**

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Mr. Bochum suggested keeping Route 1 as it is and modifying Route 3 to accommodate the neighborhood.

Mr. Doyle suggested swapping the tails of Route 1 and Route 3 to better facilitate ridership, offering a “bigger picture” gain.

Ms. Martinez felt that Route 1 should not be modified.

The MTC discussed accepting Route 3 as proposed in the draft plan and having the proposed Route 1 modified not to proceed past Orcutt and Broad and to use Orcutt Road, Johnson, Southwood, and Laurel Lane as the turning point heading back into SLO. The MTC directed staff to discuss modifications with Urbitran and revise the route accordingly for the final draft.

**Routes 4/5:**

Mr. Webster noted the Descanso and Auto Park loops might have to be eliminated because of service cuts in this FY. Otherwise, there were no significant changes to the proposed routes. MTC Members concurred and did not propose any changes in these routes.

**Route 6:**

All agreed it was fine as proposed.

**Cross-town Route:**

The MTC agreed that funding was a huge issue and suggested holding off including it in the SRTP until the budget settled as they did not want evening service eliminated at the expense of adding this proposed routing.

Mr. Doyle felt it should either be modified to include the Performing Arts Center area or it should be deleted entirely from the SRTP.

The MTC felt that since funding for this proposed new route would still be about five years out it could stay in the SRTP but that the route along with end points could be modified in any implementation proposal at that time. Again the availability of funding would be a key component to any consideration of implementing this route.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Woske, Recording Secretary

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