



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)  
CAPITAL PROJECTS STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2016 – 3:00 PM  
METRO ADMIN OFFICES  
110 VERNON STREET  
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060**

The Capital Projects Standing Committee convened a meeting as referenced above. The Meeting Agenda Packet can be found online at [www.SCMTD.com](http://www.SCMTD.com) and is available for inspection at Santa Cruz Metro's Administrative offices at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California.

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**COMMITTEE ROSTER**

Director Dene Bustichi	City of Scotts Valley
Director Cynthia Chase, Committee Chair	City of Santa Cruz
Director Bruce McPherson	County of Santa Cruz
Alex Clifford	METRO CEO/General Manager
Julie Sherman	METRO District Counsel

**MEETING TIME: 3:00PM**

NOTE: THE COMMITTEE CHAIR MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 3:07PM by Committee Chair Chase.

**2 ROLL CALL:** The following Directors were **present**, representing quorum:

<b>Director Cynthia Chase</b>	<b>City of Santa Cruz</b>
<b>Director Bruce McPherson</b>	<b>County of Santa Cruz</b>

Director Dene Bustichi was not present.

METRO EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) WERE:

Erron Alvey, SCMTD	Stanley Sokolow, Self
Dana Bagshaw, Self	Bill Tysseling, SC Chamber
Antonio Castillo, SEIU VMU	

**3 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA / ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**4 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS STANDING COMMITTEE**

Hearing none, the meeting continued to the next agenda item,

**5 PACIFIC STATION UPDATE**

Barrow Emerson, Planning and Development Manager, distributed the 4 page document attached.

Bonnie Lipscomb, City of Santa Cruz, spoke of the funding partnership between the City of Santa Cruz and METRO. The City procured \$6M specifically targeted for housing on the site from the RDA; currently in negotiations with NIAC for the property site.

Director McPherson asked how much FTA funding is limited to the METRO site. Mr. Emerson answered there is approximately \$200K in 5309 funding. Mr. Tom Hiltner, Grants/Legislative Analyst, added these 5309 program grant funds don't have a specific expiration date; however, if there is no movement in 5 years or no spending in 18 months, it is subject to return to the FTA. PTMISEA funding was also discussed.

CEO Clifford noted we should be mindful that we are showing expenditures on those dollars or they can be withdrawn.

The Committee members, METRO staff and attendees discussed the theory, pros and cons of 'barbell staging' versus the current one station scenario. For example, would a site nearer UCSC be considered? Discussions continued regarding various station locations, configurations such as a mixed residential/business configuration, housing needs, benefits to the public and the local businesses with intent to target appropriate recommendations to the METRO board. CEO Clifford went on to explain the history of the project and lack of investigating alternatives. As a result, the focus of the project has been to keep Pacific Station in its current location. At this point, it appears that we should explore alternatives (e.g., barbell approach, 75 River Street, which comes with time constraints) using consultants with expertise in this area.

Ms. Lipscomb said the City would be happy to work with METRO on a new MOU but asked that everyone be mindful of the time sensitivities with some of their partners; e.g., the Santa Cruz Health Center. As such, they would appreciate a policy decision prior to July 2017. Mr. Emerson suggested that a thorough investigation of alternative sites and/or operating protocols (2-staging area "barbell" approach) could take a year. Directors McPherson and Chase encouraged METRO and the City to move forward to the best of their ability. CEO Clifford agreed to participate in an expedited process and to develop a new MOU.

After further discussion regarding the various proposals, etc. the following was agreed to:

- METRO's Planning and Development staff will conduct an initial review of 75 River Street logistics;
- METRO Planning and Development staff will also update the Committee regarding METRO's downtown ancillary needs;
- Develop an MOU to explore options A (existing site) and B (alternative operating protocol/new site);
- METRO will explore 75 River Street as an option;

- METRO will consider procuring consultant support related to Option A (existing site) pending funding and MOU agreement;
- METRO and the City will consider procuring consultant support for Option B (alternative operating protocols/sites) once Option A work has begun; and,
- The Capital Projects Standing Committee will continue to meet every two months.

Public comment:

Ms. Dana Bagshaw said the most important goal to her is the expansion of public transit while making it attractive to the public and drawing more riders both to the buses and to the station/downtown area.

Mr. Stanley Sokolow spoke of another potential complication in the rail corridor plans which call for a station near the beach area. Can this be integrated into the plan to serve both the rail corridor and the bus station to transport the public from the rail to the bus?

Committee Chair Chase responded that these types of options will be considered.

**6 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Committee Chair Chase asked that the next meeting be scheduled for February 2017.

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Chase adjourned the meeting at 4:35PM.

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