

**DRAFT**

Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2007

Called to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. by Chair Branson, in attendance: Janet Abelson, Steve Belkin, Joe Bischofberger, Myrtle Braxton, Richard Burnett, David Grant, Eugene Halliday, Rich Hedges, Julio Lacayo, Marshall Loring, Joshua Miele, Bruce Oka, Doug Weir, Craig Yates. Excused: Kenneth Altenburger, Eleanor Bloch, Barbara Rhodes, Shirlee Zane.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

EDAC Minutes

Minutes from the Sept. 6, 2007 meeting, moved by Mr. Hedges and seconded by Mr. Loring, were approved after correction to reflect Ms. Braxton as excused.

Advisory Council Report

Mr. Hedges reported on the Sept. 12 Advisory Council meeting. He asked if EDAC's recent appointment of member David Grant to Advisory Council was official; Ms. Vogler said she would check into it.

Chair's Report

Chair Branson introduced Josh Miele, new EDAC member. EDAC members were reminded of the Oct. 12 MTC Planning Committee meeting where Mr. Hedges and Mr. Loring present their findings on the accessibility of transit-oriented developments. Quick to thank the EDAC members who provided valuable input for the presentation, Mr. Hedges called it a true group effort. On the same topic, Chair Branson said that a draft statement of principles relating to accessible housing was recently prepared by a Contra Costa Co. joint housing and transportation group working with seniors. Hearing that, Mr. Loring said the draft statement of principles ought to include

language that evaluators of such housing programs understand disabled people's points of view, even be disabled. Mr. Loring said that an Oct. 17 event "Seniors on the Move" in South San Francisco that he announced previously was, for the first time, limited to San Mateo Co. exhibitors and the senior community.

### EDAC Subcommittees

As a strong believer in the effectiveness of working subcommittees and as an ex officio member of all EDAC subcommittees, Chair Branson said he planned to attend as many such meetings as possible. Ms. Vogler distributed a list of membership of the five current subcommittees: 1) Transportation/Land Use (Hedges/Loring), 2) Accessible Taxis (Oka), 3) Emergency Preparedness, 4) Pedestrian Safety, and 5) Senior Driver Issues/Alternatives. Ms. Vogler expressed her keen interest in member-led subcommittees that function with minimal staff involvement. Ms. Vogler commented that members should join up to two subcommittees, although, if interested, members could join more, if their schedules permitted.

Ms. Vogler's key messages:

- Nominations and self-nominations for the three remaining chair positions: submit to Ms. Vogler via email
- Leadership training follows next month's regular meeting
- Notify Ms. Vogler 10 days prior to an EDAC meeting if they would like to hold a subcommittee meeting (subcommittee chairs will initially receive monthly reminders about this)
- Most meetings will not include MTC staff, but will have easel and paper
- In order to encourage efficiency, attendance at subcommittees is encouraged for EDAC members only

### Staff Report

Ms. Vogler reminded members to confirm their attendance for MTC's Oct. 26 Transportation 2035 Summit at the Oakland Marriott. She announced the opening of the Embarcadero Transportation Information Kiosk, a one-year pilot project bringing together three key partners -- BART, Muni and MTC.

### Legislative Report

Rebecca Long focused on the main legislative measure she is tracking: SB 717 (Perata). The bill is still on the governor's desk but if signed would, among other things, change the proportion of Proposition 42 funds to improve the share that goes to State Transit Assistance from 50 percent to 75 percent (would generate \$13 million for the region).

### Report on the Transportation 2035 Plan

Ray Kan reviewed the process and schedule, and distributed a memorandum defining the plan's investment strategies. Unlike the previous long-range plan, he said this time a vision for the region's transportation system is first being identified, followed by policies and finances to apply to carry out the vision. On the topic of "prior commitments," he said that in December necessary discussion would occur about funds and projects/programs considered committed by statute or Commission policy. Also needed: produce draft financial forecasts of revenue anticipated to be reasonably available to the region in the next 25 years; consult with tribal governments. In response to a question, he said MTC had met with one tribal government (in Santa Rosa).

### Update: Coordinated Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Plan

Therese Knudsen highlighted the elderly and disabled component of the draft plan for EDAC, one of the first groups to review the draft; public comment period is through Nov. 9, 2007.

### Member comments:

- Use age-related accessibility profiles in 5-year increments, as available from census data (age 64 differs little from age 65)
- Raise threshold for respondents "not having access to a car" because it's too low for those in an urban setting such as San Francisco where not to have a car is less consequential than, say, in Half Moon Bay
- Consider including Mobility Management Centers in the plan [MMCs are in the plan]

Chair Branson said EDAC meets one more time before public comment is due on Nov. 9, and encouraged members to analyze the draft plan further.

Christina Atienza updated members on New Freedom Program funding for addressing transportation needs of disabled persons beyond requirements of the ADA. She said the Call for Projects addresses the

2006 cycle because in 2008 those funds expire. She welcomed eligible nominees from EDAC to review applications, develop criteria and the program of projects, especially during the project evaluation stage. Eligible EDAC volunteers: Loring (as back-up to) Oka, and Yates.

Asked if environmental justice planning grants could be coordinated with New Freedom funds as local match, Ms. Knudsen was not sure if planning grants could be used for that purpose.

### Update on TransLink® Launch on AC Transit

AC Transit Customer Service Manager Ken Rhodes reviewed the TransLink® launch at AC on Sept. 17. He explained fares for adults vs. programmatic discounts for holders of regional transit cards where each card must be registered through RTC (the I.D. and access program of a transit-operator consortium). Speaking of volumes, he said each card for seniors and youth has to be registered and anticipated an audience of over 10,000 seniors and approximately 30,000 school-age riders. AC's monthly pass would likely be first to be issued as a TransLink® card, and that AC is looking for funding to install a card reader at ramp doors of buses with a 2<sup>nd</sup> door.

Highlights of discussion that followed:

- Q: How is TransLink® going so far at AC Transit?  
A: On AC's busiest day recently (10/1/07, the first of the month), 183 cards were sold. AC receives the most questions from the disabled and parents asking when TransLink® will become available.
- Q: When are BART and Muni coming on board? CalTrain?  
A: Spring 2008 - keep in mind that when another operator comes on board, AC must check that nothing went awry with basic functions, not to mention inter-operational workings.
- Kudos (to MTC) for the TransLink® hats being made in the U.S.

### Other Business/Next Meeting/Adjournment

Mr. Trenten compliments Ms. Vogler on a great Benicia Bridge opening. Mr. Lacayo offered to avail members of the DMV's free "Let's Go for a Drive" video. There was no other business. The next meeting was scheduled for Nov. 1, 2007. The meeting was adjourned one-half hour early at 12:00 p.m.