

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

September 26, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, September 26, 2003 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Chairperson Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Sheryl Ainsworth
Jeff Almquist (arrived after roll call)
Jan Beautz (arrived after roll call)
Michelle Hinkle
Mike Keogh
Dennis Norton (arrived after roll call)

Ana Ventura Phares (arrived after roll call)
Emily Reilly
Mike Rotkin (arrived after roll call)
Ex-Officio Wes Scott (arrived after roll call)
Pat Spence
Marcela Tavantzis

STAFF PRESENT

Bryant Baehr, Operations Manager
Mark Dorfman, Asst. General Manager
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Steve Paulson, Paratransit Administrator
Elisabeth Ross, Finance Manager

Robyn Slater, Interim H.R. Manager
Judy Souza, Base Superintendent
Tom Stickel, Fleet Maint. Manager
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

April Axton, Lift Line
Sharon Barbour, MASTF
Heather Boerner, *Sentinel*
Donna Canales, Customer Svc. Coordinator
Olivier Diaz, Ticket/Pass Specialist
Jenna Glasky, SEA
Gary Klemz, SEIU
Paul Marcelin-Sampson, Metro Riders
Union

Manny Martinez, PSA
Bonnie Morr, UTU
Brenda Moss, Senior Network Services
Larry Paegler, UCSC
Eileen Pavlik, ADA Elig. Coordinator
Karena Pushnik, SCCRTC
Will Regan, PSA
Jim Taylor, UTU
Robert Yount, Transit Rider
Amy Weiss, Spanish Interpreter

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

DIRECTOR NORTON ARRIVED

Written:

- a. Susan Trimmingham
- b. Lisa Wehara

RE: Bus Traffic
RE: Missing Person Poster

Oral:

Robert Yount spoke in support of MASTF and asked that the Board not take that forum away from the disabled community. A copy of Mr. Yount's remarks is included as an attachment to these Minutes.

DIRECTOR PHARES ARRIVED

3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Bonnie Morr of UTU spoke regarding several issues: She does not believe that METRO is up to date with the Department of Transportation's Workplace Drug & Alcohol Testing Program Regulations. She asked the Board to direct staff to discuss the policy with the Union. A copy of UTU's letter is attached to the Minutes. She wants direction on when and how the Union and Management can form a committee regarding the Deferred Compensation Program. There is currently a model at the County that she suggests could be researched and possibly implemented at METRO. The mirrors requested by the bus operators on the new buses are causing operators to complain that there is a blind spot with these mirrors. Ms. Morr is concerned that the delivery for different mirrors won't be until mid-October. She spoke with the Bus Stop Advisory Committee (BSAC) regarding the location of various city signs at or near bus stops. When a bus enters a stop, it is hitting these signs because they are located too close to the street.

DIRECTOR ROTKIN ARRIVED

Additional signage from the City and County of Santa Cruz and from other cities is being installed and these conflict with the bus signs. Directors Reilly, Ainsworth and Phares requested lists of problem areas in their jurisdiction. Bryant Baehr will provide this information.

Les White addressed the mirror issue by stating that the operators and manager jointly selected the mirrors and when they arrived, the operators didn't like them. These mirrors are now being replaced with old-style mirrors. Tom Stickel added that the delay in shipping the newly requested mirrors is due to the fact that the manufacturer must fit this new request into their current production schedule.

4. METRO USERS GROUP (MUG) COMMUNICATIONS

Director Spence, at the request of Director Hinkle, read the following motion, which was made at the September 17th MUG meeting:

MUG supports consolidating all public, organizational and labor communications under *Oral and Written Communications* on the Board agendas.

5. METRO ACCESSIBLE SERVICES TRANSIT FORUM (MASTF) COMMUNICATIONS

Sharon Barbour stated that the Executive Board of MASTF has chosen to forego receiving monthly bus passes due to the current economic situation. She read the following motion from MASTF's Executive Committee meeting of September 18th:

MASTF supports the staff recommendation regarding leafleting policy, adding:

- 1) MASTF supports the MUG position not to allow leafleting on the center aisle of Santa Cruz Metro Center.
- 2) MASTF opposes leafleting in the middle of Lane 4 of the Santa Cruz Metro Center.
- 3) MASTF supports limiting leafleting to the area adjacent to the clock at the Watsonville Transit Center.

6. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

SECTION I:
OPEN SESSION:

ADD TO ITEM #2 ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION
b. Lisa Wehara RE: Missing Person Poster
(Insert Letter)

CONSENT AGENDA:
ADD TO ITEM #7-3

ACCEPT AND FILE AUGUST 2003 RIDERSHIP REPORT
(Insert Page 1 of Ridership Report)

DELETE FROM ITEM #7-4 CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIM: Rosa Linda Quihuiz, Claim #03-0024
(Action taken at September 12, 2003 Board Meeting)

AND

ADD TO ITEM #7-4 CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIM: Jill Anne Aida, Claim #03-0026
(Add Tort Claim)

ADD TO ITEM #7-5 ACCEPT AND FILE AGENDA FOR THE MASTF COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2003 AND THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2003 MEETING
(Add Agenda and Minutes)

DELETE ITEM #7-14 CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM RUDOLF F. MONTE FOUNDATION FOR FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER
(Action taken at September 12, 2003 Board Meeting)

ADD TO ITEM #7-16 ACCEPT AND FILE NOTIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
(Add Staff Report)

ADD TO ITEM #7-17 CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER IN CONTRACT 01-11, PURCHASE OF ELEVEN HIGHWAY 17 BUSES FROM ORION BUS INDUSTRIES
(Add Staff Report)

REGULAR AGENDA:

- ADD TO ITEM #9** CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR EXCESS WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE
(Add Staff Report)
- ADD TO ITEM #11** CONSIDERATION OF ONE-YEAR REVIEW OF PARACRUZ RECERTIFICATION
(Replace with Revised Staff Report and Revised Attachment F)
- DELETE ITEM #12** CONSIDERATION OF REVISING THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE
(Deferred to the October Board Meetings)
- ADD TO ITEM #16** CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS TO REINSTATE THE BUS ADVERTISING PROGRAM
(Add Attachment A)
- ADD TO ITEM #17** CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING ACTIVITIES BY THE PUBLIC INCLUDING LEAFLETING AT SANTA CRUZ METRO'S FACILITIES AND VEHICLES
(Insert Staff Report)
- DELETE ITEM #18** CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY ACQUISITION OF 120 GOLF CLUB DRIVE AND 1122 RIVER STREET FOR THE METROBASE PROJECT
(Action taken at the September 12, 2003 Board Meeting)
- ADD TO ITEM #19** CONSIDERATION OF RENEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
(Add Staff Report)
- ADD TO ITEM #20** CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FOUR METRO BUS STOPS BY THE UCSC ON-CAMPUS SHUTTLE BUSES
(Add Staff Report)

Additional handouts included a revised August 2003 Ridership Report (Item #7-3.1), Director Spence's proposed modification to the ParaCruz Regulation (Item #11), and an amended Notification of Action Taken in Closed Session regarding: Settlement with Deborah A. Lane and Joshua E. Loya on June 27, 2003 (Item 17-16.1). These additional documents are attached to these Minutes.

Director Rotkin suggested that when items are transferred from the Regular Agenda to the Consent Agenda at the first monthly meeting, a list of these changes be available at the second monthly meeting for the public so they are aware of what items are being approved in the Consent Agenda. This list will be in addition to listing the transferred items on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

7-1. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8 AND AUGUST 22, 2003

Director Spence suggested that a correction to the August 22, 2003 meeting Minutes be made as follows: MASTF provided the Board with a fully formed chartered group that stated it had issues that

~~pertained specifically to METRO ridership~~ was presented to the Board as a fully formed group with adopted bylaws.

7-2. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS

7-3. ACCEPT AND FILE AUGUST 2003 RIDERSHIP REPORT

Director Tavantzis acknowledged that there have been fewer lift breakdowns. Mr. White stated that this is due to new equipment in the fleet and that staff would continue to recommend to the Board that lifts be replaced with ramps.

7-4. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: Jill Anne Aida, Claim #03-0026

7-5. ACCEPT AND FILE AGENDA FOR THE MASTF COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2003 AND THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2003 MEETING

7-6. ACCEPT AND FILE AGENDA FOR THE MUG COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2003 AND THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2003 MEETING

7-7. ACCEPT AND FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT FOR JULY 2003

7-8. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ STATUS REPORT FOR JUNE 2003

7-9. ACCEPT AND FILE HIGHWAY 17 STATUS REPORT FOR JULY 2003

7-13. ACCEPT AND FILE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ SERVICE UPDATE

7-14. ACCEPT AND FILE METROBASE STATUS REPORT

7-15. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN RECLASSIFICATION

7-16. CONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO EXCESSIVE NOISE ON TWENTY-NINE NEW BUSES

7-17. DELETED

7-15. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING THE MEXICAN CONSULAR, KNOWN AS THE "MATRICULA CONSULAR", AS A FORM OF IDENTIFICATION FOR PURCHASING BUS PASSES WITH A CHECK

7-16. ACCEPT AND FILE NOTIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION REGARDING LANE, ET AL VS. SANTA CRUZ METRO, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

7-17. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER IN CONTRACT 01-11, PURCHASE OF ELEVEN HIGHWAY 17 BUSES FROM ORION BUS INDUSTRIES

DIRECTOR ALMQUIST ARRIVED.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Approve the Consent Agenda with the changes to the Minutes of August 22, 2003 suggested by Director Spence.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Beautz being absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS

The following employees were acknowledged with a longevity certificate for their years of service:

TWENTY YEARS

James Lorenzano, Bus Operator

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Donna Canales, Customer Service Coordinator

**9. CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR EXCESS WORKERS
COMPENSATION COVERAGE**

Summary:

Tom Stickel reported that METRO currently has insurance policies for Workers' Compensation exceeding \$350,000. However, General Electric notified METRO this year that it would no longer provide this coverage in California once the current policy expired. METRO proposes to increase its self-insured retention rate to \$500,000. METRO has the option to consider a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with California State Association of Counties, which is the largest JPA working with the Workers' Compensation insurance.

Discussion:

The Board directed staff to use their judgment as to including the entire contract with all addendums and attachments in the Board packets. A notation will continue to be included on the staff reports stating that the contract addendums and attachments would be available both at the Administration Office and on-line at www.scmted.com.

DIRECTOR BEAUTZ ARRIVED.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract for licensed broker services for Excess Worker's Compensation coverage with Driver Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.

EX OFFICIO DIRECTOR SCOTT ARRIVED.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. MOVED TO CONSENT AGENDA AS ITEM #7-15

11. CONSIDERATION OF ONE-YEAR REVIEW OF PARACRUZ RECERTIFICATION

Summary:

Bryant Baehr reported that the Board requested further information to the recertification procedure at its July Board meeting. The information included: 1) "immediate need" implementation, 2) skilled nursing facilities and whether they should be allowed to conduct their own recertification process of their residents and figures on resident turnover rate in these facilities. Mr. Baehr was unable to obtain these figures due to restrictions imposed by HIPAA, 3) Proposed language from Director Spence to change "immediate need" status to make it less

restrictive. Rather than a “trip-by-trip” authorization for “immediate need” cases, a 14-day timeline would be utilized under the proposed amendments to the ParaCruz Regulation. Mr. Baehr recommends the amendments to the ParaCruz Regulation as set forth.

Discussion:

Director Beautz agrees that the skilled nursing facilities should not be allowed to recertify their own residents, however, she stated that staff should go to these facilities to conduct the recertification process.

Michael Bradshaw, Team Manager of CCCIL, commented that he has two areas of concern: 1) There is still no provision for a medical person to be involved in the recertification process. The participants in the recertification and appeals processes need to understand about “good” and “bad” days for people with disabilities and base their decisions on this information. 2) People losing their eligibility due to not responding to the recertification interview notice.

Brenda Moss of Senior Services said that very little has changed since these discussions have begun. She further stated that there is a lot of frustration from the community and representatives of advocate agencies regarding the ParaCruz Program and its operation.

Sharon Barbour spoke as an individual regarding the issue of appeals. She suggested that a staff member call the person who had been denied eligibility to give them information regarding advocacy groups that could assist them with the appeal.

Mr. Baehr responded that it would be a conflict for staff to deny eligibility then to provide information on how to overturn that decision. He added that when a person doesn’t respond to their notification letter, they would be informed that they are no longer eligible when they call Lift Line to schedule a ride, at which time they would be in contact with ParaCruz staff for an interview. The process should be completed within the fourteen-day timeframe.

Beginning today, Bryant Baehr stated that people would be given the fourteen-day window to access the certification loop in the event they didn’t respond to their notification letter. Director Spence reviewed her proposed modifications to the policy which is attached to these Minutes. She added that any changes to the policy should be included in the letter to the applicants.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR BEAUTZ

Adopt the staff recommendation, including Director Spence’s modifications, and clarify that staff has discretion with regard to whom they extend the 14-day “immediate need” period of eligibility while a decision is being made about continued access to the system. Clarify that the Board’s intention is to be liberal with regard to the “immediate need” eligibility although there is a recognition that not everyone would be extended the 14-day eligibility. Make changes that clarify information sent out.

Motion passed unanimously.

12. DELETED - DEFERRED TO THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETINGS

13. **CONSIDERATION OF RENT STRUCTURE AT SANTA CRUZ METRO’S TRANSIT CENTERS**

Summary:

At the Board’s request, Margaret Gallagher conducted a review of the tenant rents at the various transit centers. Once in place and signed, most of the leases require adjustments annually based on the CPI. If a tenant vacates a tenancy, staff issues Requests for Proposals for prospective tenants.

Discussion:

Ms. Gallagher explained that if a lease is transferred, METRO processes the application and prepares documentation for the transfer and Finance reviews all the paperwork connected to the transfer. METRO’s Board of Directors approve the transfer of the lease as well.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BEAUTZ SECOND: DIRECTOR PHARES

Retain the current rent structure at the METRO transit centers.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Keogh being out of the room.

14. **CONSIDERATION OF CONSOLIDATING ALL PUBLIC, ORGANIZATIONAL AND LABOR COMMUNICATION UNDER ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Summary:

Margaret Gallagher reported that in addition to the *Oral & Written Communications* agenda item on the regular Board meeting agenda and *Labor Communications*, MUG communication and MASTF communication also are listed on the agendas. The Metro Riders Union has requested a similar place on the agendas as well.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ALMQUIST SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Designate “*Oral and Written Communications*” and “*Labor Organizations*” on the Board meeting agendas.

Motion passed unanimously with Director Keogh being out of the room.

DIRECTOR KEOGH RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

15. **CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING BUS ADVERTISING POLICY AND REGULATION TO ALLOW ADVERTISING FOR SANTA CRUZ METRO SERVICE**

Summary:

Margaret Gallagher reported that in reviewing the advertising policy that was approved by the Board last year, METRO staff realized that METRO was unable to advertise its own services.

Staff would like to be able to advertise METRO transit service, and its paratransit service to generate more revenue.

ACTION: SECOND: DIRECTOR ALMQUIST SECOND: DIRECTOR AINSWORTH

Amend the Santa Cruz METRO Bus Advertising Policy and Regulation to allow advertising for Santa Cruz METRO services.

Discussion:

Director Beautz suggested that if there is a dispute on the verbiage of an ad, it should be brought to the Board via the Consent Agenda for their input. Director Ainsworth would like to see all ads on the Consent Agenda. Numerous Directors stated that they prefer clean buses with no advertising at all.

Additional discussion on this issue was taken in conjunction with Item #16. A vote on the Motion under Agenda Item #15 was taken after discussion on Item #16.

16. CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS TO REINSTATE THE BUS ADVERTISING PROGRAM

Summary:

Mark Dorfman stated that previous guidelines from the Board stipulated that staff should move away from adhesive ads on the buses. Staff looked into internal advertising sales and joint advertising with another transit system utilizing a third party firm to solicit advertisers. Mr. Dorfman recommended that the Board of Directors authorize staff to pursue a written agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to procure advertising services for both agencies with the costs to be distributed based on sales. Expenses and revenues would be split according to the percentage of advertising obtained for each transit agency.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ALMQUIST SECOND: DIRECTOR NORTON

Authorize staff to pursue a written agreement with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to procure advertising services for both agencies with the costs to be distributed based on sales.

Discussion:

Director Almquist stated that if an arrangement was made with a third party, METRO should retain the right to sell advertising directly to customers as well. Mr. Dorfman replied that a non-exclusivity clause could be included in the Request For Proposals that would be sent out. He added that STA capital funds could be used to purchase the frames. Mr. Dorfman estimated that revenue in the amount of \$100,000 would be obtained based on 20% of the fleet having advertising and after expenditures are made for base fee and commissions. Mr. Dorfman added that staff would return to the Board with a layout of how a joint advertising structure would work. Mr. Dorfman is currently receiving calls from interested advertisers.

Suggestions from Directors included in-house staff handling advertising inquiries that come directly to METRO, thereby, eliminating the middleman; in-house staff handling all advertising.

ACTION:

Motion passed with Director Keogh voting no.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ITEM #15:

Mr. White added that SCCRTC would pay for the “One in Five” campaign signs to be on the buses. It was suggested that ads for METRO services be included on the backside of paid advertising. Mr. White reiterated that no advertising would be approved for display on the buses until the Board of Directors adopted a comprehensive advertising program.

ACTION:

Motion passed with Directors Rotkin and Spence voting no.

17. CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING ACTIVITIES BY THE PUBLIC INCLUDING LEAFLETING AT SANTA CRUZ METRO’S FACILITIES AND VEHICLES

Summary:

Les White reported that staff met with UTU, SEIU, MUG, MASTF and the Bus Riders Union in this regard. A slide presentation showed the various proposed leafleting inclusion zones at each of the three transit centers. Proposed leafleting hours are from dawn to dusk.

DIRECTORS ALMQUIST AND NORTON LEFT THE MEETING.

Leafleting at Lane 4 at the Pacific Station/Metro Center is a point of contention between UTU and the Bus Riders Union.

Discussion:

There was discussion regarding regulation of petition gatherers. It was suggested that leafleting be allowed for a one-month trial basis after which time staff would return to the Board to make a report on any conflicts that might have arisen or to add more specific language in the leafleting policy. Director Rotkin recommended that the Bus Riders Union be allowed to hand out their newsletters as long as they do not block pedestrian and vehicle traffic. He added that regulations are necessary to address safety issues but discouraged the Board from getting involved in distinguishing between exactly where people can stand to leaflet due to possible constitutional battles.

Paul Marcelin-Sampson requested that he have the opportunity to approach riders going to South County when the Board considers the inclusion zones. He suggested that a “floating” zone be established.

Bonnie Morr expressed concern regarding leafleting at Lane 4 and impeding the flow of passengers getting on and off the buses. She also thought that if a conflict arises concerning the leafleters, that the bus operators would be looked at by passengers to solve the problem.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR BEAUTZ

Allow leafleting as long as those leafleting obey rules of conduct currently enforced at the centers. For example, leafleters cannot block pedestrian or vehicle traffic and can leaflet so as not to interfere with transit services.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Almquist and Norton being absent.

20. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel

Margaret Gallagher reported that one case of anticipated litigation would be discussed along with the Rita Gentry vs. METRO and Robert Gouveia vs. METRO.

21. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

None

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Chairperson Reilly adjourned to Closed Session at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 12:06 p.m.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

DIRECTORS PHARES AND SPENCE LEFT THE ROOM.

25. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report at this time.

18. DELETED – ACTION TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2003 BOARD MEETING

19. CONSIDERATION OF RENEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

Summary:

Mark Dorfman reviewed the history of METRO's contract with UCSC. The fare increase in July 2003 prompted a renegotiation of UCSC's contract. Since UCSC officials promised the student body that there would be no additional transit fee for the next four years, METRO and UCSC staff developed a seven-year revenue neutral proposal. This proposal would stagger the increase over seven years. It would give METRO revenues of \$69,599 in this fiscal year that it

would not otherwise receive. METRO and UCSC staff will continue to work on the CPI aspect of this proposal.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR REILLY

Adopt staff's recommendation of the framework for this proposal. Continue to work on the CPI aspect of the proposal.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Almquist, Norton, Phares and Spence being absent.

20. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FOUR METRO BUS STOPS BY THE UCSC ON-CAMPUS SHUTTLE BUSES

Summary:

Les White reported that he received a request from TAPS of UCSC requesting the use of four METRO bus stops on Empire Grade Road. Staff recommends that UCSC be allowed to utilize these four bus stops and that staff monitor the situation, and return to the Board if any problems arise.

DIRECTORS PHARES AND SPENCE RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

Discussion:

Bonnie Morr expressed UTU's concerns regarding traffic congestion and impact on revenues when the on-campus shuttle picks up passenger who would otherwise take a METRO bus. She also expressed concern regarding shuttle buses and METRO buses both using the same stops. She cited specific bus stops where there would be a problem, namely, High/Bay, Coolidge, and Western Drive. Larry Paegler responded to these concerns by stating that the shuttle would run on the campus perimeter loop only and would not be contributing to the congestion.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR AINSWORTH

Continue this item for one month to get more clarity on this issue.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Almquist and Norton being absent.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairperson Reilly adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

DALE CARR
Administrative Services Coordinator