



CASTRO VALLEY

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GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING

Monday, July 16, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Marc Crawford, Vice Chair, Sheila Cunha, Dave Sadoff, Chuck Moore, Linda Tangren, Ted Riche

Excused: Ken Carbone

Location: Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94646

Summary Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

I. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ted Riche and seconded by Sheila Cunha that the minutes of May 21, 2018, be accepted as submitted.

Motion passed: 5/0

1 abstention: Dave Sadoff

II. AC Transit's AC Go Service Changes in Castro Valley – Informational Only – AC Transit

Mark Williams, Board of Directors, AC Transit, presented introductory comments regarding AC Transit's service changes.

AC Transit serves thirteen (13) cities throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, from Richmond to Fremont. AC Transit has bus yards in Oakland, Hayward (training center) and Richmond. AC Transit provides service across three bay area bridges; Dumbarton, San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge. They provide over 170,000 rides per day with 151 bus lines and over 5,000 bus stops.

Estee Sepulveda, External Affairs Representative, AC Transit, presented information about AC Go and AC Flex and AC Transit's plans for SB 1 funds.

AC Go began on June 17, 2018 and it represents AC Transit's commitment to improve service in the East Bay. AC Go was launched with significant public input, and it puts more buses on the streets, increases service hours and streamlines routes for better reliability. AC Go includes new lines, expanded service with increased frequency and more weekend service.

AC Flex Service allows passengers to schedule bus service using <http://www.actransit.org/Flex/> to schedule bus service from a desktop, tablet or mobile phone or call to schedule a ride. Users are asked to create an account to be able to confirm the reservation. Pick up and drop off locations are at selected clearly marked with Flex logo bus stops within the service zone.

SB 1 was passed last year and it is a combination of taxes and fees to be used for transit and roadway improvements. AC Transit will utilize SB 1 funds for projects, including: 1) \$12 million will be spent on getting more buses on the road; \$2 million for capital projects, including a light rail down East 14th Street; 3) Relocation of the customer service center in downtown Oakland; 4) purchase approximately 40 zero emission buses, with grant funding.

Castro Valley MAC Questions/Discussion

Q. Are buses in Castro Valley ever at full capacity?

A. There are certain times when buses may be at capacity, however the agency tries to balance the need of riders during off peak hours. The average capacity in Castro Valley is approximately 10 passengers per bus.

Q. Are there any plans to expand the AC Flex?

A. AC Transit is looking to expand AC Flex to other communities.

Q. Is there any community involvement in selecting bus routes?

A. Yes there is lots of community involvement in selecting routes.

Councilmember Crawford suggested AC Transit use smaller vehicles for off peak hours, in addition to creating smaller routes to improve efficiency.

Speakers

Chonita Chew – in 2014 more than 69% of senior citizens use the internet, flex service has been very successful, smaller vehicles would not accommodate seniors who use motorized wheelchairs.

Jim Robson – involved with AC Flex since it started; AC Transit now goes to the senior center; glad we have it, he also uses it.

Mark Williams, Board of Directors, AC Transit, recommended that the MAC send a letter to AC Transit's Board of Directors with the feedback presented at tonight's meeting regarding AC Transit service.

The MAC Council thanked AC Transit for their presentation and requested they return approximately every 6 months to report on AC Transit services.

Linda Tangren will draft a letter for the AC Transit Board of Directors and present it at a future MAC meeting.

This item was informational only and required no Council action.

III. Oral Presentation of Center Street Sidewalk Improvement Project Update – Informational Only

Maurice Kaufman, Public Works Agency, reported that the Board of Supervisors has approved the Center Street Sidewalk Improvement Project to go out for bid. The Center Street Project has grant funding from ACT for design and construction, funded in 2017 and moving forward to construction in the fall of 2018. Sidewalks will be installed between Paradise Knoll and Heyer on Center Street. Projected cost is approximately \$1 million. Contract should be awarded in September and the project should last approximately 8 months.

IV. Oral Presentation of Santa Maria Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project Update – Informational Only – Public Works Agency

Maurice Kaufman, Public Works Agency, reported that the Board of Supervisors has approved the Santa Maria Sidewalk Improvement Project to go out for bid, which will include installing new sidewalks and improve existing sidewalks.

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Speakers

Bruce Dughi stated that he would like to see dual ramps near bulb out, instead of one ramps to make pedestrians more visible and short crossing.

Bruce Dughi asked if the center line could be removed on Santa Maria to make passing cyclists safer since the street is very narrow.

JoAnne Lauer requested bike lane signs that will remind drivers that cyclists need to be in the middle of the lane.

V. Council/Staff Comments

Sheila Cunha and other Councilmembers are having spam and hacking issues which seem to stem from the County e-mail system. Paul Sanftner will follow up with Alameda County Information Technology Department.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to September 17, 2018.