

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

Agenda Item No.	Board Meeting Date	Open/Closed Session	Information/Action Item	Issue Date
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Subject: Mobility Advisory Council End of Year Report for 2010

## ISSUE

Receive an end of year report from the Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) Chair, Jan Zolin, for calendar year 2010.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

None

## FISCAL IMPACT

None

## DISCUSSION

Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) Chair, Jan Zolin, will present a report to the Board regarding the MAC's activities during the past year. The MAC provided RT staff with valuable recommendations and feedback on numerous projects and programs throughout the year, as explained in greater detail within Attachment 1. Chair Zolin will provide information to the Board regarding the MAC's actions and accomplishments, and elaborate on the MAC's work over the past year.

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## **MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL 2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

SUBMITTED TO: REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: JAN ZOLIN, CHAIR, MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) has completed its fifth year of service. The MAC was formed in accordance with Sacramento Regional Transit District's (RT) commitment to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to provide mobility for persons with disabilities and seniors.

The object and purpose of the MAC as an advisory body is to advise the RT Board of Directors on system accessibility features and improvements, to provide a communications link between RT and key stakeholder groups, whose interests are representing persons with disabilities and seniors, and to represent interest areas for persons with disabilities and seniors. In order to carry out its mission, the current MAC membership reflects a balance of organizational members and members-at-large.

I have served as Chair of the MAC for the last five years as a Member-at-large representing seniors. Mauro Lara has served as Vice Chair for the last five years representing Pride Industries. Chair of the Access and Infrastructure Committee is Eugene Lozano, who represents CSUS Services to Students with Disabilities.

The MAC provided staff with feedback and specific recommendations on the accessibility and effectiveness of the following:

- Modifications needed at certain light rail stations in order to accommodate the Urban Transit Development Corporation (UTDC) light rail vehicle that will be used for limited stop service

Throughout the year the MAC and Committees reviewed and made recommendations pertaining to the following programs and projects:

- Alkali Flat/La Valentina station - a visit was made to the site
- 65th Street station
- 16th Street station
- the Blue Line at 12th and I Street
- TransitAction Plan
- Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA)

The MAC also provided input on RT's continued need for budget rebalancing strategies and revenue enhancement opportunities. In order to help meet the aggressive budgetary challenges facing RT in 2010, the MAC requested and

the RT Board approved changes to the MAC Bylaws, which allowed us to streamline MAC's operations, resulting in budget savings of approximately 10%. We continue to receive updates regarding RT's ongoing efforts to optimize the scarce dollars it receives to operate the system.

Since the RT Board of Directors recognizes how critical public transportation is to the populations that the MAC represents, the MAC tried to be as helpful as we could in our advice regarding the very difficult choices the Board was forced to make over the last few years. The MAC would like to commend the Board for its foresight in deciding to embark on a Comprehensive Operational Analysis which will establish an orderly and deliberate approach to decisions that will be made regarding adding service as monies become available in the future.

In addition to the MAC's time and effort concerning the FY10 budget, we also discussed and provided input on the TransitAction Plan/ADA Paratransit Plan Update and the COA.

MAC was asked to provide input on the ADA Paratransit Plan Amendment (Paratransit Eligibility Certification) proposal, which clarifies that RT will not fund Age-based service in the future and also eliminated the Age-based eligibility program at RT. An AdHoc committee with MAC Vice Chair Mauro Lara as Chair was created to review the proposal and report back to the MAC. After review by the MAC, we recommended and the Board agreed to adopt the amendment.

The MAC worked very hard this year to achieve the goals outlined in our work plan. In the coming year, we plan to devote our attention to the Comprehensive Operational Analysis and assisting the process that RT is using to develop Phase 2 of the Green Line light rail extension paying particular attention to the accessibility issues important to the elderly and disabled.

Lastly, the MAC stands ready to review and assist the Board in any way we can. It has truly been a pleasure to serve the Board and very rewarding to the individual council members that the Board carefully considers MAC's recommendations.

Thank you for providing me with to opportunity to present this Annual Report to the Board.