

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

Agenda Item No.	Board Meeting Date	Open/Closed Session	Information/Action Item	Issue Date
14	01/23/12	Open	Action	12/28/11

Subject: Mobility Advisory Council End of Year Report for 2011

ISSUE

Receive an end of year report from the 2011 Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) Chair, Jan Zolin, for calendar year 2011.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None

FISCAL IMPACT

None

DISCUSSION

Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) 2011 Chair, Jan Zolin, will present a report to the Board regarding the MAC's activities during the past year. The MAC provided staff with valuable recommendations and feedback on numerous projects and programs, as explained in greater detail within Attachment 1. Chair Zolin will share information with the Board on the MAC's actions and accomplishments, and elaborate on the MAC's work over the past year. Chair Zolin will also introduce the newly elected 2012 MAC Chair, Christian Jensen.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 1/17/12

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**MOBILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

The Mobility Advisory Council (MAC) has completed its sixth 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 six years as a Member-at-large representing seniors. Mauro Lara has served as Vice Chair for the last six years representing Pride Industries. Chair of the Access and Infrastructure Committee is Eugene Lozano, who represents CSUS Services to Students with Disabilities.

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

- 7th & Richards/Township 9 Station design
- Short Range Transit Plan
- TransitRenewal Plan (Comprehensive Operational Analysis- COA)
- Passenger Information Signs
- Active Bus Stop Braille Signage
- The Connect Card (formerly known as the Smart card)
- ADA Certification for Age Eligible Paratransit Passengers
- ADA Paratransit Demand Estimate
- Priority Seating Passenger Announcements pilot project

As always, MAC was involved in discussions concerning the FY12 budget, and was frequently updated with modifications made to the budget throughout the calendar year. MAC also discussed and provided input on the COA and the TransitRenewal Plan, as well as multiple Facilities Projects including but not limited to the Connect Card/Smart Card and the Active Bus Stop Braille Signage.

MAC continues to look forward to the audio feature planned for the Passenger Information Signs, which will provide enhanced accessibility to passengers with visual impairments.

Following a previous decision that RT will not fund Age-based service in FY12, and the elimination of the Age-based eligibility program at RT, MAC was asked to review the ADA Certification for Age Eligible Paratransit Passengers efforts.

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 TransitRenewal Plan and ADA paratransit eligibility enhancements, paying particular attention to the accessibility issues important to persons with disabilities and seniors.

The election of new MAC officers occurred at the November MAC meeting. The MAC will begin its next year of service with newly elected Chair, Chris Jensen representing Resources for Independent Living, and myself as Vice Chair, representing the senior community at-large.

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 the opportunity to present this Annual Report to the Board.