

AGENDA ITEM: A-1

DATE: May 23, 2012

ACTION: APPROVED

SYNOPSIS MINUTES - MORRO BAY PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING –FEBRUARY 16, 2012  
VETERAN’S HALL – 6:00 P.M.

Chairperson Makowetski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Matt Makowetski	Chairperson
	Ron Burkhart	Vice-Chairperson
	Richard Rutherford	Board Member
	Stephen Shively	Board Member
STAFF:	Rob Livick	Public Services Director
	Janeen Burlingame	Management Analyst

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER  
MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairperson Makowetski opened public comment period and hearing none closed public comment period.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012

Shively moved to nominate Matt Makowetski to remain as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Burkhart and carried unanimously. (4-0)

Shively moved to nominate Ron Burkhart as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Matt Makowetski and carried unanimously. (4-0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 Approval of minutes of October 20, 2011 and November 1, 2011 meeting – Recommendation: Approve minutes.

MOTION: Burkhart moved to approve the October 20, 2011 and November 1, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Shively and carried unanimously. (4-0).

A-2 Director’s Report/Information Items – Recommendation: Receive and file.  
Rob Livick reviewed the Director’s Report with Board members.

A-3 Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee Memo dated November 8, 2011 – Recommendation: Receive and file.

Makowetski announced receipt of the Bike Committee memo for the record.

OLD BUSINESS

B-1 Consideration of Estero Bay Transit Proposal (Burlingame) - Recommendation: Review the Estero Bay Transit service proposal from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) and

recommend the City Council determine that the Estero Bay Transit service concept as proposed does not serve the best interests of Morro Bay residents and to not pursue implementation of it.

Burlingame presented the staff report noting cost implications were in a staff report addendum released yesterday. She noted the farebox ratio is up and there has been an increase in ridership.

Shively asked Burlingame regarding her staff report discussion of increased coverage for Morro Bay seniors and those under 65 who cannot ride and whether that is related to funding. Burlingame explained the senior shuttle provided by Ride-on in the North Coast area on Mondays and Wednesdays is specifically limited to adults 65 and older. Under the proposal from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), there is an augmentation for the number of days to be provided for the senior shuttle.

Chairperson Makowetski opened Public Comment period.

Pete Rogers of SLOCOG, clarified their proposal to the City noting the various details of State transit fund costs. He stated the City needs to make reasonable efforts to make productivity improvements. He also explained the TDA increases, farebox recovery, and the leveraging of existing resources to provide local transit services. Rogers also clarified this is a tailored service plan stating the age can be adjusted for those service days in Morro Bay. Ridership does not have to be 65 and over.

Amy Wyatt, marketing and schedule service planning at RTA, stated we need to come up with reasonable tradeoffs. Although the geographical area between Los Osos and Morro Bay is tough, we appreciate working with staff to come up with alternatives. She stated RTA works every day to get faster regional service working with the different cities and striving for better connections.

No further public comment.

Board members discussed the issue of farebox recovery with staff:

Shively asked if the farebox recovery of 10% is a requirement to get the State funds. Burlingame responded that yes, it is a requirement of State Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. Ten percent is the minimum for rural areas. Staff is acting in accordance with the City's auditor's interpretation of TDA requirements regarding farebox ratio.

Burkhart discussed the discrepancy between the City's percentage of farebox recovery of 21% and SLOCOG's percentage of farebox recovery of 4%. Burlingame responded that the information she has is from the City's auditor and includes trolley information. Burkhart suggested that staff and SLOCOG get together to review the audit to come to a better consensus.

Makowetski said as a resident of North Morro Bay, he knows that service with RTA has changed in the last year and feels that he is biased based on his opinion of community transit need. Makowetski asked Noah Smukler to speak regarding the volunteer community bus efforts.

Noah Smukler, City Councilmember, spoke to explain his work with fellow Councilmember Carla Borchard on the concept of a volunteer community bus similar to service currently provided in Cambria. This is to help fill the void left by the loss of the former Dial-A-Ride program.

Shively asked Rogers if the difference in farebox recovery is that trolley numbers are included. Burlingame clarified that trolley has always been included in the transit audit and is allowable under TDA law.

MOTION: Burkhart moved to postpone making a final decision on this and bring it back to the next PWAB meeting. The motion was seconded by Shively and carried 3-1 with Makowetski voting no.

Burkhart asked Burlingame to bring back a clarification between the 4% and the 21% difference with farebox recovery in order to come to a consensus so funds are not lost.

#### NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Citizen Request for New Stop Sign Procedure – Recommendation: Review and Comment.

Livick presented the staff report and reviewed the procedure for installing a new stop sign upon citizen request. Livick explained the process for warrant analyses and the need for traffic volume. Livick stated he is seeking a recommendation by PWAB to be forwarded to City Council so they could adopt a resolution that would approve this procedure for citizens requesting stop signs in residential neighborhoods.

Shively stated concerns with a process where neighbors could collectively agree to sign a petition to put in a new stop sign and effectively re-route traffic around a City. The main reason for stop signs is safety and therefore, he cannot support this.

Rutherford expressed concern regarding lack of safety at the intersection of South Bay Boulevard and Quintana. Livick clarified that intersection does not meet warrants for a stop sign there. In addition, there is not enough width for a left turn pocket there.

Livick clarified this is an attempt to formalize a process to make requests to the City Council.

MOTION: Rutherford moved to continue this to the April PWAB meeting until after the City Attorney has had a chance to look at this. The motion was seconded by Burkhart and carried unanimously. (4-0).

C-2 Beach Access at Rock Parking Lot – Recommendation: Review and Comment.

Livick discussed the staff report with Board members explaining the different methods of beach access used by other coastal communities. Livick also noted the goal would be to get people closer to hard surface with beach access that would meet ADA accessibility standards.

Board members spoke in favor of increasing beach access. Shively noted the need to cover ADA requirements, including a turn-around point on the ramp and an area for paved parking.

Makowetski asked if existing sand area used by Harbor counts as an ADA access ramp. Livick clarified the current sand ramp does not meet federal access design guidelines. Beach wheelchairs are available for public use at the Harbor office. Grant funds would be sought to enable the construction of a beach access.

MOTION: Board member Burkhart moved to send this forward subject to getting grant money to construct it. The motion was seconded by Shively and carried unanimously. (4-0).

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Livick reviewed with Board members future agenda items to include water conservation, a collection systems report, utility issues and the two continued items from tonight.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.