

AGENDA ITEM: VII-A

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CITY OF MORRO BAY  
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

(Complete audio- and videotapes of this meeting are available from the City upon request)

Veterans Memorial Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay  
Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Matt Makowetski, Chair

June Krystoff-Jones, Vice Chair  
Bill Olson

Jenny Brantlee  
Richard Rutherford

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Makowetski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and noted that all Board members are present.

Staff Present: Rob Livick, Janeen Burlingame and Barry Rands.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Makowetski called for a moment of silence.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brantlee announced the Morro Bay Historical Society will be having an Pre-Holiday Open House at the Vets Hall on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and invited the community to attend.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- Neil Farrell, President of the Morro Bay Public Art Foundation announced the Bus Stop Mural Project, partially funded by RTA will add a mural painted by local artists. Mr. Farrell showed pictures of the proposed mural and stated that the project will be on PWAB's October agenda.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of minutes from the August 18, 2010 meeting. Olson moved to approve the August 18, 2010 minutes. Rutherford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS:

Board members discussed the following:

- Brantlee asked to clarify the reasoning for transferring streets and vehicle maintenance to the Recreation & Parks Dept. Livick responded the intention came from the City budget process to form a consolidated maintenance department and improve efficiency.
- The new Cal Trans rules regarding bike groups on Highway 1. Livick clarified alternative routes have been developed with Cal Trans to ensure bicycle safety along Main Street.

- State water and how long after summer the desalination plant is used. Livick said the desalination plant is used periodically to meet peaks and also during the State water shutdown, which occurs around the end of October / beginning of November for typical maintenance repairs.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS:

### A. Public Hearing to Receive Comments from Citizens Regarding New Morro Bay Transit Service (Burlingame)

Burlingame presented the staff report summarizing the loss of state funding which led to local transit funding shortage and reduced transit operating services. Susan Brown, Manager of Morro Bay Transit explained the Morro Bay Transit program in detail illustrating how the service works and identified the various transit stops throughout the city.

Board members discussed:

- The differences between flex ride and Call-a-Ride. Brown noted the terms are interchangeable but the service is called “Call-a-Ride.”
- Eligibility for Call-a-Ride services. Burlingame noted that the fixed route services are open to the general public whereas the Call-a-Ride service is limited to Seniors, Disabled and K-12 groups, noting that this was a decision by the City Council.
- Trolley routes, availability of trolley route maps and trolley hours of operation.

Makowetski opened the Public Hearing.

- Pauline Stansbury, President of Morro Bay Seniors, stated that it is difficult for seniors to get transit service. She explained a new volunteer shuttle service called Friendly Ride and they are seeking volunteer drivers to help provide service to Seniors.
- Noah Smukler, Council member, noted the number for the Senior Center at the Community Center to call to volunteer is 772-4421. He stated he spoke with Janet Gould, Principal of Del Mar Elementary regarding her observations on the new transit programs noting her office had not received any complaints from the school program, teachers, kids or families that used Dial-a-Ride last school year. He reported on behalf of the school that the transit time of 45 minutes past the hour may be too long of a layover for the school’s start and stop times of 30 minutes past the hour.
- Robert Kleckner, resident of Morro Bay, spoke in favor of providing greater transit services to seniors and that he is very satisfied with the bus service.

Makowetski closed the Public Hearing.

Board members discussed whether the two hour morning call window of 8-10am for making transit reservations is sufficient time for residents and whether the time for making reservations could be increased or the possibility of having a late afternoon call window such as 4-5pm. Burlingame clarified that a dedicated dispatcher position was eliminated due to budget cuts, that the project manager handles the dispatching duties, including fare counting and reporting, as well as sometimes driving, in addition to managerial duties and explained other available ride options in addition to Morro Bay Transit. She also noted more information is available on the City’s website.

### B. Appointment of Public Works Advisory Board Member to Operations and Management of Morro Bay Transit and Trolley Request for Proposals Selection Committee (Burlingame).

Burlingame gave a staff report regarding the contract for the Transit provider. Bid proposals are due on October 8<sup>th</sup> and staff is requesting a PWAB member be appointed to the Selection Committee. The Committee will meet a minimum of two times and then will bring recommendations for a transit provider to the October PWAB meeting. Olson volunteered and Board members agreed.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. None.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: South Bay and Quintana Intersection Update (Livick). City Facility Tour (Staff), Water Conservation (Wade), Collection System Repairs (Randall). Pavement Management Plan (Livick), Water Conservation/Water Bill Online Presentation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 6:00 pm.