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# Minutes for Meeting of April 10, 2024

# (7:00pm) Call to Order

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid teleconference meeting. The physical location for the in-person portion was held at the Granada Community Services District office, 510 Avenue Alhambra, 3rd floor, El Granada, CA.

Council members present:

- Gus Mattammal, Chair
- Gregg Dieguez, Vice Chair
- Ann Rothman, Secretary
- Scott Bollinger, Treasurer
- Dan Haggerty
- Kimberly Williams

Claire Toutant not present

### 1. (7:04pm) Board of Supervisors report and reports from other government officials

No comments made

### 2. (7:05pm) Public Comment:

Len Erickson, El Granada presented information from his appeal regarding the CalTrans SR 1 multiasset project. The loss of parking along highway 1 at Surfer's Beach (Coronado and Capistrano) and Sams's Chowder House due to class 2 bike lanes is the major concern.

Kimberly Williams expressed her concern with Len Erickson being able to give a presentation during public comment.

Carl May, Moss Beach The wording of 1449 disqualifies Cypress Point from CEQA exemption. Mr. May asked if any legal action had been taken. He also expressed concern of the state legislature dismantling the Coastal Act which was put in place by the people. Dan Haggerty gave a brief overview of SandSavers study (the first of its kind) and proposed putting a link on the MCC website. SandSavers is a product that keeps sand on the beach and prevents erosion.

### 3. (7:21pm) Consent Agenda

Approved 6-0 vote

## 4. (7:25pm) Regular Agenda

# 4a. Presentation by San Mateo County Transportation Authority - Regional Connections Transit Plan

Peter Skinner gave a background of where funds come from to address regional traffic concerns and connectivity.

Patrick Gilster discussed 3 main goals of the Regional Connections Transit Plan

- 1. Establish guidelines for grant programs and evaluation criteria for projects
- 2. Provide information about how people travel between the counties of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and San Francisco.
- 3. Determine full costs of projects and coordination among stakeholders

There are 3.6 million trips throughout the county. Each leg of a trip is counted to get this number. The trips are determined by cell phone locations. Most trips go to San Francisco from San Mateo County Public transit usage is down. Studies are being conducted to evaluate the number of private shuttles being used by employees. Work from home is the main reason for decreased ridership.Needs assessment for better connectivity among the counties is being studied.

Charlsie Chang is leading community and stakeholder engagement. A survey is ongoing to determine the needs of the public. The survey will conclude at the end of April. Gregg will help promote the survey when he receives it from Ms. Chang.

### Questions:

Dan Haggerty concerned about empty buses and difficulty in using public transportation on the coast. Pedestrian underpasses for safe crossings were suggested by Dan and well received.

Scott Bollinger would like to see a safer way for bike riders to get over Devils Slide safely. Scott would like to see more direct, express connection to Bart and Caltrain that is bike friendly.

Ann would like to see park and ride locations 1 each in Half Moon Bay, midcoast, and Pacifica to go to Millbrae Station to connect with BART and Caltrain.

Gus Mattammal concerned with equity and closing gaps in transportation needs of poor communities.

Gregg Dieguez would like to see more on demand transportation options throughout the coast to connect from the coast to locations on the coast and surrounding counties. He also expressed the need for better internet and phone connectivity that would allow more people to work from home.

Kimberly Williams asked if there were gaps in commutes between counties and Charlsie mentioned that there is no public transportation over the San Mateo Bridge.

Public Comment:

Cid Young, Moss Beach asked about toll lanes on Highway 101. Flex tag 1,2,3 is needed. The user sets the number of occupants in the car with a flex tag. Charges are then applied. Ms. Young also expressed her concern that there are no school buses requiring parents to drive their children to school. Can subsidies be given to fund bus passes for students to use Sam Trans?

Carl May, Moss Beach asked about finding quickest routes in real time and was pointed to google maps as a source of this information.

# 4b. Review of draft letter summarizing public feedback for the Rancho Corral de Tierra site plan

Gregg would like fire danger added to letter

The letter passed as written 4-0-2

Gregg and Dan abstained.

Questions: none

Public Comment: none

### 5. (9:05pm) Council Member Activity

Scott- saving receipts for ledger

Gregg -MWSD has concerns over watershed impact concerns in Rancho and wants GGNRA to partner with them to protect water sources for customers. SAM plant discussing flow meters to determine sources of issues from inflow to the plant. A bill introduced by Senator Skinner would cap connection fees to 1% which can negatively impact the fiscal solvency of MWSD and all public works agencies. Gregg participated in county disaster preparation. Lobby day in Sacramento is April 16th. RHNA laws will be discussed.

Kimberly participated in disaster preparedness as well and is not clear if follow up workshops will be conducted.

Gus attended the HMB opportunity grand opening. There will be a San Mateo County progress seminar April 20 and 21. Senate bill 1031 was introduced that would give the 9 county regional board the ability to issue bonds and pay for it through retail and property taxes as well as car registration surcharges. MTC can require employers near transit to pay for transit passes for employees regardless of whether employees would use them or not. ACA1 would lower the threshold to 50% for votes on the November ballot.

# 6. (9:50pm) Future Agendas

Parks Update, Half Moon Bay Library update

## 7. (9:55pm) Adjournment