

Santa Clarita Transit  
Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Meeting from January 7, 2010

Meeting Location Santa Clarita City Hall (Century Room)

Members Present: Ken Schwartz, Jim Hogan, John Taylor, Kurt Baldwin and Ginny Smutzler

Others Present: Raychel Martinez, Jeffrey Okamoto, Luis Garcia, Denise Ware and Adrian Aguilar

Absent: Al Scullin, Linda Wood, Anna Martinez, and Keith Curry

No general public comments were made.

Member Comments:

Ken noticed that several no shows were given to members that did not come to this meeting. He feels that there might be some confusion with confirming everyone's pick up time. He suggested that the CSA staff members call every member to confirm that they will in fact be attending the AAC Meeting. Denise will make sure this is done for every meeting.

Kurt encourages everyone to be active with the budget process at the state level. Several changes have been made and it is important AAC members are involved.

Raychel informed everyone she is part of the Let Me Sail Organization and they will be moving to a different building off Soledad Canyon. She is inquiring about a bus stop that is near this location, perhaps this stop can be relocated closer to the building. Adrian will be looking into this for Raychel. The move will hopefully take place in February.

Ken had a concern at the Senior Center involving the local fixed route buses causing congestion at the turn around area. Many Dial-a-Ride drivers have complained regarding this matter. He also is concerned about the size of these buses, causing physical damage to the concrete at this location. Denise informed Ken that there is a new web program that will be installed at the

Senior Center and Adult Day Care. This program will show the estimated arrival time of each vehicle picking up at these locations. It will also show the listing of each passenger that will be picked up. This should elevate the congestion at the Senior Center. Adrian assured everyone that no matter the size of our fleet they are safe to go in the turn around at the Senior Center and no damage has been done to the pavement.

## No New Business

### Old Business:

The ongoing issue regarding Gated Communities was discussed. A meeting was held on December 16, 2009 to discuss some obstacles that have developed in Santa Clarita regarding this matter. Luis informed the group that they are hoping to come up with a solution regarding this policy in general not for just a particular community. Adrian has been looking at the options for the Santa Clarita Community. Until a resolution is made, service will continue for passengers at gated communities. The policy still will be that a guard must be present or the gate must be open when ASI vehicles arrive. A group will be formed to get together to discuss this issue.

Transit Issues: Adrian presented the overall on time performance which was 92.9 percent for the month of December. ASI had a percentage of 92.5. Adrian announced that January 31, 2010 is the next schedule change for local and commuter routes. Minor adjustments were made to improve on time performance. Another project that has been created is the Go Green Art Contest for junior high and high school children. The theme of this contest is to portray transit with the environmental benefits it has to offer. This art work will later be displayed at the Transit Maintenance Facility. Adrian also informed the group that the construction work that has been taking place at Sierra Highway and Newhall Avenue has been completed. This area was restriped and resurfaced. Improvements were made at some of the bus stops as well. Public Works will also be looking into extending some of the sidewalks at this location. Lastly Adrian did mention that the California Transit Association is working on getting an initiative on the ballot for the next election that would make it illegal for the state tap into any Transit related funds. If anyone is interested in this campaign you can visit the website at [CTA.org](http://CTA.org). The last project update that Adrian discussed was that additional solar panels will be installed at the Transit Maintenance Facility. Once this project is completed 95 percent of electric energy will be produced from these solar panels.

ASI Issues: Luis informed the group that they will be honoring a driver, Ricky Baton at this month's board meeting. In February Suzy Yoquez will also be recognized.

Jim brought up that the ASI Rider Guide needs to be added to the City Website. There are several mistakes on the City Website including the PDF file under the ASI section. This section has not been updated and it is not consistent with the updated ASI Rider guide. Time of operation and phone numbers need to be updated as well. Adrian did inform Jim that the Rider Guide is still having changes made to it and it should be completed within the next four weeks.

Jim presented to the group a response that was made by the FTA which they have decided to close the case since Route 8 is no longer in service. Jim does plan to send them a letter requesting this case be reopened. Kurt suggested this be placed on hold until a second opinion is given regarding Jim's original complaint.

Lastly Raychel did bring up an issue regarding a bus stop being relocated at the mall. During construction this stop was moved from JcPenny's area to the area located by Red Robbin. Raychel did want to know if this stop would eventually be moved back to its original location. Adrian will look into this matter.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am