SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

SPECIAL Open Session Minutes- Board of Directors

October 22, 2010

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, October 22, 2010 at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, California.

Vice Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Ron Graves
Dene Bustichi
Donald Hagen
Michelle Hinkle
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer
Mike Rotkin
John Leopold
Mark Stone
Marcela Tavantzis
Lynn Robinson

Antonio Rivas Ellen Pirie

STAFF PRESENT

Angela Aitken, Finance Manager
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel

Les White, General Manager April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

John Daugherty, SEA Manny Martinez, PSA Eduardo Montesino, UTU Will Regan, VMU Amy Weiss, Spanish Interpreter

2. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON CUSTOMER RIDE REQUEST (TONI CASSISTA)
ALLOWING HER TO RIDE IN A PASSENGER SEAT WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY
TRANSPORTING HER UNOCCUPIED MOBILITY DEVICE IN A SIDEWAYS FACING
CONFIGURATION ON PARACRUZ VEHICLES

Summary:

Leslie White, General Manager, discussed the report on the customer ride request from Toni Cassista in which she would be able to ride the Paracruz vehicles while at the same time her unoccupied mobility device would be in a sideways facing configuration. Mr. White reported that

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Ms. Cassista could not be present at the meeting due to an illness but did want to address the Board on this issue.

Discussion:

John Daugherty, SEA, addressed the Board over his concerns regarding this issue. Mr. Daugherty said that Ms. Cassista was not consulted with respect to the accommodations while other people were.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR SECOND: DIRECTOR

Approve that this report be discussed again at the November 19, 2010 Board meeting.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Pirie and Rivas being absent.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY TAPIZ

Administrative Services Coordinator