



**MEETING AGENDA**

**GCTD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

Zoom Video Conference Meeting

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| <b>1. Call to Order/Introductions</b>   | <b>ACTION</b> |
| <b>2. Public Comments</b>   | <b>INFO</b>   |
| <b>3. Committee Member Comments</b>   | <b>INFO</b>   |
| <b>4. Staff Comments</b>  | <b>INFO</b>   |
| <b>5. Approval of August 17, 2022 Meeting Summary</b>   | <b>ACTION</b> |
| <b>6. Announcement &amp; Update on Clean Air Summit</b><br>James Beck, Director of Operations & Maintenance | <b>INFO</b>   |
| <b>7. Update on Youth Ride Free Program</b><br>Austin Novstrup, Transit Planner                             | <b>INFO</b>   |
| <b>8. TIES Alternatives Analysis Draft</b><br>Vanessa Rauschenberger, General Manager                       | <b>INFO</b>   |
| <b>9. Future Agenda Items</b>   |               |
| <b>10. Adjournment</b>  |               |



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10:00 a.m. – August 17, 2022

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### **Meeting Summary**

**TAC Members Present:** Ray Gutierrez, City of Port Hueneme; Chris Kurgan, County of Ventura; Phil Pulley, City of Ojai; Kumar Neppalli, City of Oxnard; Sergio Albarran, City of Ventura, Claire Grasty, VCTC (ex-officio); Erin Kenneally, VCTC (ex-officio)

**TAC Members Absent:** None

**GCTD Staff Present:** Austin Novstrup, Transit Planner II; Martin Rodriguez, Transit Planner I; Robert Lucio, Mobility Management Coordinator; Margaret Schoep, Paratransit & Special Projects Manager; Cynthia Duque, Director of Planning & Marketing; Allen Schentrup, Finance Manager; James Beck, Director of Operations & Maintenance

**Members of the Public:** None

#### **1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Phil Pulley called the TAC meeting to order at 10:02am.

#### **2. Public Comments**

None.

#### **3. Committee Members Comments**

Claire Grasty announced the Youth Ride Free Program will officially begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. She added that VCTC's College Ride Free program will extend to students attending UC Santa Barbara and SBCC.

#### **4. Staff Comments**

Martin Rodriguez announced Cynthia Duque's recent transition to GCTD's Director of Planning & Marketing. He mentioned Cynthia had served as GCTD's Communications and Marketing Manager for over 10 years and has nearly two decades of experience

working in public and government relations. Cynthia Duque announced that GCTD, as of August 15th, has done a “soft launch” of the county-wide Youth Ride Free program and is now allowing youth 18 or younger to board GCTD buses at no cost. She added that she read an article she read on MST in San Diego, who have also launched a similar program and have seen ridership increase by over 30%.

## **5. Approval of June 15, 2022 Meeting Summary**

Sergio Albarran moved to approve the June 15, 2022 Meeting Summary and Chris Kurgan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor and none in opposition.

## **6. FY21-22 4th Quarter & End of Year Performance Report - Cynthia Torres-Duque, Director of Planning & Marketing; Margaret Schoep, Paratransit & Special Projects Manager**

Cynthia Duque gave ridership report of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. She mentioned that ridership is up 17% from last fiscal year's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, and noted an upward trend in ridership. She also gave an end of the year performance report and updated TAC members on recent GCTD projects. Most recently, GCTD was awarded over 12 million dollars through the FTA's Bus and Low-and-no-emission Grant Program. She added that the grant will fund the purchase of hydrogen fuel cell electric buses and the installation of a hydrogen fueling station. Margaret Schoep commended Matt Miller on his work to draft and submit the proposal.

Cynthia updated TAC members on an upcoming Short Range Transit Plan, which will review GCTD's current system, assess performance, and identify challenges and opportunities. Claire asked if decreasing performance on Route 3 and 7 is due to the implementation of Route 23. Austin responded the decrease in ridership cannot be definitively attributed to the introduction of Route 23, but added that, since increasing frequency on Route 23, ridership on Route 3 and 7 has decreased.

Margaret updated TAC members on ACCESS for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. She highlighted a significant increase in ridership on Late Night Safe Ride. Currently, ACCESS is working on implementing its COVID-19 Recover Plan, which focuses on demand-response mobility, partnership with social services to address homelessness, and professional development. Margaret presented a timeline of major milestones and events for demand response services in the past year. Some highlights were the expansion of demand-response services to Token Transit, GCTD as the 1<sup>st</sup> public transit agency in the county to receive an EV for revenue service, and GCTD's feature on the TCRP.

## **7. Bus Stop Improvement Plan – Austin Novstrup, Transit Planner II**

Austin presented the final draft of GCTD's Bus Stop Improvement Plan. Austin reminded TAC members that the plan is meant to give member agencies a guide on GCTD bus stop features for when infrastructure investment becomes available. He added the bus stop prioritization in the plan was based on ridership levels and on stops near disadvantaged or low income communities. The plan includes four improvement areas with different goals: 1) replacement of amenities (dependent on useful life); 2) new amenities; 3) safety and accessibility; 4) operational improvements. Austin clarified the plan is not funded, but its implementation is based on when funding is available, through, as examples, TDA/LTF, 5310 funds and CMAQ.

Staff recommended the approval of the final draft of the Bus Stop Improvement Plan and recommended adoption to present to the board. Kumar Neppalli moved to approve the plan, and Sergio Albarran seconded. The motion carried with all in favor and none in opposition.

## **8. Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items at the time.

## **9. Adjournment**

Chair Phil Pulley adjourned the meeting at 10:34am.