

MEETING MINUTES

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

1115 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA
3rd Floor, Multi-Purpose Room
Wednesday, March 5, 2014

10:00 AM

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Perez at 10:00 AM.
- 2) Roll Call
Present – Supervisors: Perez, Maggard; Bakersfield City Councilmembers: Johnson, Rivera approximately 25 members of the public were in attendance.
- 3) Golden Empire Transit District (GET) Realignment Overview –
HEARD PRESENTATION BY KAREN KING, CEO, GET.
- 4) GET Ridership Analysis Pre and Post Services Changes, Assessment of How Changes Are Serving Customers – HEARD PRESENTATION BY KAREN KING, CEO, GET.
- 5) Improving Accessibility, Re-establishment of Prior Routes, Stakeholder Perspectives: The Bakersfield Homeless Center, and Clinica Sierra Vista – HEARD COMMENTS BY STEVE SCHILLING, CLINICA SIERRA VISTA: ZAC GRIFFIN, I BIKE KERN; CINDY PARRA, BIKE BAKERSFIELD; ERIKA DICKSON, VOICED; HOWARD SILVER, GET; BEA DAVIS; LOUIS GILL, BAKERSFIELD HOMELESS CENTER; TOM MITCHELL; JIM BALDWIN, BARC; GINA HAYDEN, GET; WAYNE BROWN, CH. 23 KERO TV; AND KAREN KING, GET.
- 6) Examination of Bus Stops, No Parking Ordinances and Pedestrian Safety – HEARD COMMENTS BY STEVE SCHILLING, CLINICA SIERRA VISTA; ZAC GRIFFIN, I BIKE KERN; LOUIS GILL, BAKERSFIELD HOMELESS SHELTER; AND TROY HIGHTOWER, KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.
- 7) Board Member Announcements or Reports – COUNCILMAN JOHNSON STATED GET APPOINTMENTS SHOULD SERVE THE PUBLIC AND REQUESTED GET INCLUDE STAKEHOLDERS IN SURVEYS AND FIND SOLUTIONS TO OBJECTIONS RAISED, AND THANKED EVERYONE FOR FEEDBACK AND ATTENDANCE.

SUPERVISOR MAGGARD THANKED CONSUMERS FOR SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES, AND DID NOT WANT TO WAIT FOR SURVEYS AND DATA TO BE COLLECTED; REQUESTED THAT BUS STOPS BE CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE CONSUMERS AND FACILITIES THAT DEPEND ON THESE BUS STOPS; ASKED THAT GET FIND SOLUTIONS TO ISSUES RAISED.

COUNCILMAN RIVERA STATED CITY IS WORKING ON CROSSWALKS ON CHEATHAM AVE. AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF THE YEAR; COMMENTED THAT A CONVERSATION ON SERVICE ROUTES IN SOUTH EAST BAKERSFIELD IS NEEDED; AND STATED THAT THERE IS AN OUDATED POLICY RELATED TO STREET LIGHTING AND IS MAKING A REFERRAL TO CITY STAFF TO ADDRESS LIGHTING.

CHAIRMAN PEREZ THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING, STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COMMITMENT TO EXAMINE PEDISTRIAN FATALITIES, STRIPING, AND WORKING THROUGH SOLUTIONS, WHAT THE SOLUTIONS LOOK LIKE, HOW THEY CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AND IDENTIFICATION OF RESOURCES.

- 8) Public Comment – HEARD COMMENTS BY ERIKA DICKSON, VOICED; WILL WINN, KERN TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION; CATHY FARR, KMC; AND BEA DAVIS.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.