



Transportation Equity Alliance of Marin

Meeting

Thursday, June 30, 2011 12 to 2:00 pm

At Grassroots Leadership Network of Marin's office

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

- Wes Whalon (member of original Marin City CBTP Stakeholder Committee): wwhalon@co.marin.ca.us
- Kerry Pierson: Ican77@hotmail.com
- Nancy Johnson, (member of original Marin City CBTP Stakeholder Committee), Marin City Community Services District and Marin Grassroots Board member : JONANGRI@comcast.net
- Ericka Erickson, Marin Grassroots: Ericka@maringrassroots.org
- Natalie Fay, Transportation Authority of Marin : nfay@tam.ca.gov
- Joanne Parker, SMART: jparker@sonomamarintrain.org
- Vinh Luu, Marin Asian Advocacy Project: vluu@camarin.org
- Joanna Jones, Marin Grassroots: joanna@maringrassroots.org
- Doris Pareas, Tomales Transit: doris.pareas@gmail.com
- Lea Christensen-Morris, Tomales Transit
- Alexis Wise, Parents Coalition: LWISEM@aol.com
- David Schonbronn, President, TransDef: david@transdef.org
- Paul Branson, Marin Transit Community Mobility Manager: pbranson@marintransit.org
- Jonathan Frieman, Board of Marin City Health and Wellness Center: yogi@well.com
- Gayle Theard, SMART Civic Center Station Planning Committee Member gaylelapro@gmail.com
- Kailah Theard: kailaht@hotmail.com
- Marco Hogue, Equal Voices Leadership Fellow: coast314@hotmail.com

TEAM UPDATES

- TEAM Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy work: Reports were passed out that gave attendees the raw data compiled by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission SCS Survey as well as pages of final report that listed the public's comments



- Per Natalie, TAM is still going through the RTP/SCS process and will be dealing with it in the next couple month's TAM Board meetings
- TEAM was represented at the last MTC and ABAG joint meeting in June joining with other Bay Area transportation advocates (ACCE, Public Advocates, TransForm) to ask the commission to accept a land-use/transportation scenario that has social equity as its point of departure

Important Issue in the Community

- **MARIN CITY/SAUSALITO SCHOOL BUS SERVICES** - Alexis Wise and Nancy Johnson, from Marin City Community Advocates for Children/ Parents Coalition, updated the group on the fight to restore school bus service for the children of Marin City who attend Bayside Elementary school. Alexis said parents went over the financials and they found over \$200,000 that could be used to restore bus service. However, she said the district flatly refused to consider restoring bus service and would not set aside any money from this \$200K to bring back bus service in the upcoming school year. A possible short-term way to address the situation is to have a couple early morning runs to Bayside by the upcoming Marin City Community Shuttle. She said that for now, the parents want to keep school bus transportation, however, if the district doesn't budge; Parents Coalition will ask for the Shuttle to serve Bayside as well. Next school board meeting is Thursday, July 28st, at 7 pm. The School District Board contact information is available on the website www.sausalitomarincityschools.org

MARIN CITY COMMUNITY SHUTTLE

INPUT COLLECTED FROM MEETING PARTICIPANTS ABOUT THE ROUTE:

- Not necessary for shuttle to go to Trader Joe's ; Mi Pueblo and Strawberry Safeway are preferred grocery stores;
- Alternate route envisioned by Kerry that would serve Mi Pueblo, Marin Health and Wellness Center, and Social Services at 120 Redwood and Marin General—this route might better serve needs of low-income community. TEAM agreed this alternative option should be strongly considered by Marin Transit.
- Wes Whalon, original member of CBTP stakeholders committee, expressed that he is concerned with the shuttle being fare-based. From a public health standpoint he said it



didn't make sense as most of the homebound elderly patients he speaks to say that not having the fare is one of the primary reasons they don't go to the doctor consistently.

- TEAM members agreed that ideally there would be no fare for this very important health access shuttle. Since subsidy is part of the CBTP—we could push that forward
- Paul Branson mentioned that perhaps we could let service get started first and then ask for free bus tickets for seniors and disabled to mitigate the cost
- Nancy suggested that TEAM consider exactly what is the service, who was it really started for? She also encouraged everyone to stay focused on the health needs of those the shuttle will serve and advised that Marin Transit consider making a trip up into the hills of Marin City to get more ridership
- Important Stops also included in the discussion: stops at every major public housing facility and each of the big apartment houses complexes and townhomes; kidney dialysis facility in Greenbrae, recreation center
- Finalization of route is on at the Board of Marin Transit meeting July 18 10am-12pm at Civic Center Board of Supervisors chambers (3rd floor)
- Any further comments, requests, ideas, regarding the Marin City Shuttle should be directed to Sean Hedgpeth at Marin Transit: Sean@marintransit.org (415) 226-0866 and cc: joanna@maringrassroots.org if you want TEAM to be aware of your requests. You also can e-mail or call Marin City's new supervisor, Kate Sears, to let her know what your transit needs are. Her e-mail is ksears@co.marin.ca.us or call at 415 499-7331.

THE MARIN CITY COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CBTP)

As part of CBTP monitoring, TEAM decided to conduct a group research project to determine the true status of each component and to find other communities in the state or out that have successfully implemented similar projects that we would use as a model. Each member will take a project and be the lead person to research and report back. We need to be very specific on what and where the problems are.

- Wes and Alexis agreed to monitor the #1 Community Loop Shuttle /#2 Shuttle to Marin General Hospital



- Marco agreed to research #4 Improvements to Highway 101 Underpass and #7 Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements
- Gayle agreed to research #8 Taxi Voucher program
- Kailah agreed to research #11 Assistance with Purchase, operation and maintenance of a personal automobile
- Joanna will research # 10 Subsidy for Transit /Paratransit Service

The only project from Marin City CBTP that has been implemented so far is the Volunteer Driver Program. However, this VDP is county-wide and not specific to the needs of Marin City residents. It is being managed by Whistelstop. For more info: <http://www.marinaccess.org/our-services/agency-support/volunteer-driver-program>.

About #9 Car Share Program, Joanne from SMART shared some feedback as she is familiar with City CarShare and ZipCar programs. She recommended that Marin City go with one of the existing entities and not try to reinvent the wheel. Car Share could be funded by TAM as it is part of the CBTPs. Example is <http://www.citycarshare.org>.

Joanne also recommended that aside from asking Marin County to formally “adopt” the Marin City CBTP she recommended advocating and negotiating for CBTP projects to become part of county capital improvements program. She offered to serve as a resource to TEAM.

David recommended that TEAM move quickly on the matter of prioritizing/re-prioritizing CBTP projects as RTP is going on

NEXT STEP ON CBTP ADVOCACY

Compile research findings, generate a survey to confirm which MC CBTP and elements are highest priority and if there are new priorities, and create a campaign advocating for several programs/projects that will most benefit the community to be included in RTP.

Do the same for Canal CBTP

TOMALES TRANSIT



- Doris and Lea said TT Is a nonprofit started to bring transit to Tomales a town that is 20-25 miles away from shopping and medical services
- Reps said they were joining the TEAM meeting to learn how to organize for their transit needs
- Tomales has significant number of low-income seniors who need transit to get around
- They said that while Tomales is in Marin, the destination most frequented is Petaluma
- Only has one shopping stagecoach trip every Wednesday that fits only 8 people for weekly trip to Petaluma grocery
- David Shonbronn gave his contact info and provided advice on how they might proceed

LOOKING FORWARD

1. Finish research project ; If you need help contact Joanna at 415 491 4366 x 301, joanna@maringrassroots.org
2. Attend July 18th Marin Transit Board Meeting at the Marin County Civic Center Board of Supervisors chamber Room #330 finalizing the route/scheduling of Marin City Community Shuttle
3. Next TEAM Meeting is July 28th from 12:-1:30pm here at Grassroots Leadership of Marin office
4. Join us in attending an important session of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the MetroCenter in Oakland on July 27 at 9:30am to advocate that the MTC Board consider studying a scenario based upon the principle of equity along with the other scenarios under review.
5. For questions or any other comments or suggestions, please contact TEAM Coordinator, Joanna Jones