

Planning Advisory Committee

MEETING AGENDA

April 21, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

Sonoma County Transportation Authority
SCTA Large Conference Room
490 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 206
Santa Rosa, California 95401

ITEM

1. Introductions
 2. Public Comment
 3. Administrative
 - 3.1. Approval of the agenda – changes, additional discussion items- ACTION
 - 3.2. Review Meeting Notes from March 17, 2016* – ACTION
 4. Round table members discussion
 5. Toolbox for Ending Homelessness* –presentation by Jim Leddy, Sonoma County Community Development
 6. Community Separators – presentation by Misti Harris, Sonoma County Permit & Resource Mgt. Dept. see maps here www.sonoma-county.org/communityseparators.
 7. SCTA & MTC Planning
 - 7.1. Moving Forward 2040 – SCTAs Comprehensive Transportation Plan update
 - 7.2. Plan Bay Area-This agenda: <https://mtc.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=450411&GUID=FDB97AC0-58BA-476C-BF39-429A01DEB061&Options=info&Search=> has a good collection of staff reports on the current status of Plan Bay Area.
 8. Other Business /Next agenda
 9. Adjourn
- *Attachment

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PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Meeting Notes of March 17, 2016

ITEM

1. Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Janet Spilman.

Committee Members: Scott Duiven, City of Petaluma; Jon-Paul Harries, City of Cotati; Kim Jordan, Town of Windsor; Gillian Hayes, Graton Rancheria; Amy Lyle, Sonoma County PRMD; Kenyon Webster, City of Sebastopol.

Staff: Brant Arthur, Chris Barney, Nina Donofrio, Janet Spilman, Dana Turr y.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Administrative

3.1. Approval of the agenda – changes, additional discussion items- ACTION

Ms. Spilman suggested scheduling meetings on a bimonthly rather than monthly starting in May. The Committee consensus was to change the meeting schedule accordingly.

Ms. Spilman announced that next month’s agenda would include community separators.

3.2. Review Meeting Notes from February 18, 2016* – ACTION

Approved as submitted.

4. Round table members discussion

City of Petaluma:

Scott Duiven reported on significant recent development activity. This includes development between the SMART rail station and the Petaluma River and a large industrial project (24,000 sq. ft.).

Town of Windsor:

Kim Jordan reported that the General Plan Update is ongoing. She also noted recent interest in the medical marijuana issue.

In response to Committee questions, Ms. Jordan explained that Windsor has a growth control policy. Projects are approved through a merit process.

Graton Rancheria:

Gillian Hayes reported that the Rancheria is recruiting for an Environmental Coordinator. Additional recent activities include work on a tribal wetlands plan; receipt of a County well permit; the finalization of a Tribal Community Garden Plan; the award of a climate protection grant through a partnership with RCPA and other agencies for two climate workshops; a Tribal Renewable Energy Plan; a ribbon cutting for seven electric vehicle chargers; a feasibility study for a hotel rooftop structure, the hotel roof, parking lot, and convention center. The casino hotel is scheduled to open in November 2016.

Ms. Hayes next reported that the tribal government is growing and staff is examining other office properties for relocation. The Transportation Plan is moving forward and is expected to be ready for adoption in April/May.

The Rancheria will be recruiting for a Garden Coordinator for the Tribal Community Garden.

City of Sebastopol:

Kenyon Webster reported that work is ongoing on the General Plan (it is over halfway complete).

A joint meeting of the Commission and City Council is scheduled in April to address the Climate Action Plan.



Three hotel projects are in progress at different stages of construction.

Mr. Webster next reported on the potential installation of bicycle lanes along Highway 116. A grant had been applied for previously for this project, which was not granted, however; CalTrans will be doing paving work on Highway 116 in this area, and this may be an opportunity for them include the addition of bicycle lanes. This will require that some parking be eliminated, and that some lanes in certain areas be eliminated.

A feasibility study is in progress for a bicycle route between Sebastopol and Petaluma.

In response to Committee questions, Mr. Webster reported little activity in residential projects.

City of Cotati:

Jon-Paul Harries reported on increased residential activity, including a few large multi-family projects and major public works projects, particularly on Old Redwood Highway at Highway 116. This includes a significant sidewalk enhancement and streetscape project.

Additional improvements will be taking place along the historic corridor area, particularly for bicycles and pedestrians. These will include sidewalks, new paving, and crack repair.

Public works projects include sidewalk, ramps, and other improvements.

Mr. Harries announced that the Urban Growth Boundary will be expiring in 2018, and staff is working to place this on the 2016 ballot.

Staff is working on the Strategic Plan and examining future projects.

The issue of medical marijuana is also under consideration. Staff is working with City Council to determine what direction it wishes to take on this matter.

Sonoma County PRMD:

Amy Lyle of PRMD reported on upcoming meetings and public workshops addressing community separators. This will be addressed at the next Committee meeting. Staff is pursuing placing this as a ballot measure for November.

Ms. Lyle next announced the approval of a vacation rental ordinance. Staff is examining exclusion zones for these rentals.

Staff is working on Climate Action 2020.

Staff is also working on a hazard mitigation plan and on a sea level rise grant, focusing on the coast, including an adaptation plan for Jenner and Bodega.

The Airport Land Use Commission has approved an Airport Land Use Plan.

5. Homelessness Toolbox – Sonoma County presentation

This was tabled to be rescheduled in the absence of Sonoma County Department of Health Services.

6. Medical Marijuana regulations questionnaire* - continued discussion from February - Amy Lyle, Sonoma County Permit & Resource Mgt. Dept.

Ms. Lyle reported that staff has been requested to “fast track” this issue; the goal is to have a policy developed by the end of the year.

Staff met with the Economic Development Board. Ms. Lyle reported that they will be conducting a six-month study of the impact medical marijuana dispensaries have on the local economy.

Discussion followed regarding policy for each of the jurisdictions, and how outreach is conducted, as well as public safety issues, and what the community wants.

Mr. Webster reported that Sebastopol has adopted a medical marijuana ordinance, and that there have been no issues with the single dispensary that is allowed within their city limits.

Ms. Lyle added that staff will report back on this issue.

7. Moving Forward 2040 – SCTAs Comprehensive Transportation Plan update – land use sections to be sent for review.

Ms. Spilman reported that this is currently at the editing stage in-house. She is seeking housing information from the Committee. She explained that the PDA investment growth strategy will be incorporated into this Plan.

Staff is anticipating that this will be available for review and approval by the next Committee meeting. Ms. Spilman summarized some new

features; the layout, performance measures, project analysis and goals. She further explained that the Board seeks to know what policies have an impact on reaching goals.

Ms. Spilman noted that the Plan does not call for implementation or specific policies, or recommendations.

Staff is also reviewing Climate Action 2020.

8. Other Business /Next agenda

The Regional Transportation Plan and Homelessness Toolbox will be addressed in the next agenda.

9. Adjourn

10:39 a.m.