



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 11, 2010 (Second Friday of Each Month)
SANTA CRUZ CONFERENCE ROOM
110 VERNON STREET
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

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OR AT SANTA CRUZ METRO'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES LOCATED AT
110 VERNON STREET, IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA**

NOTE: THE BOARD CHAIR MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER

SECTION I: OPEN SESSION - 9:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
None.
3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS
4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS
None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5-1. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS:
REJECT THE CLAIM OF PHYLLIS DIAS, #10-0008
REJECT THE CLAIM OF ELIZABETH REYES & PEDRO GUTIERREZ, #10-0014
DENY THE APPLICATION TO FILE A LATE CLAIM AND REJECT THE CLAIM OF
CHAYME HIGGINS AS UNTIMELY FILED, #10-0016
REJECT THE CLAIM OF DALLAN RAGLAND, #10-0017
REJECT THE CLAIM OF JAMES ENLOE & LANA PIERI, #10-0018
- 5-2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF
TEMPORARY HELP THROUGH ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL FOR
TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT STAFFING FOR THE REVENUE COLLECTION
POSITION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 THROUGH DECEMBER
31, 2010.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. CONSIDERATION OF VACANCIES ON THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Presented by: Leslie R. White, General Manager
7. ORAL PRESENTATION: AMENDED SPARC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTIONS
Presented by: Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager
8. **ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 809 CENTER STREET, SANTA CRUZ
Presented by: Vice Chair
9. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel
10. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5)
 - a. Name of Case: Claim of Chayme Higgins, #10-0016
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9)
 - a. Name of Case: Claim of Phyllis Dias
 - b. Name of Case: Alberto Barragan v. Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
(Before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board)
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
 - a. Property: 425 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA
Negotiating parties: Leslie R. White
Suzanne Varco for Greyhound/Transportation
Realty Income Partners L.P., Owner of 425 Front Street
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

11. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on a topic not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors or on the consent agenda by approaching the Board during consideration of Agenda Item #2 "Oral and Written Communications", under Section I. Presentations will be limited in time in accordance with District Resolution 69-2-1.

When addressing the Board, the individual may, but is not required to, provide his/her name and address in an audible tone for the record.

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on a topic on the agenda by approaching the Board immediately after presentation of the staff report but before the Board of Directors' deliberation on the topic to be addressed. Presentations will be limited in time in accordance with District Resolution 69-2-1.

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GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: District Counsel

RE: Claim of: State Farm Insurance (Subrogating for Dias, Phyllis)
Received: 04/14/10 Claim #: 10-0008
Date of Incident: 2/22/2010 Occurrence Report No.: SC 02-10-18

In regard to the above-referenced Claim, this is to recommend that the Board of Directors take the following action:

- 1. Reject the claim entirely.
- 2. Deny the application to file a late claim.
- 3. Grant the application to file a late claim.
- 4. Reject the claim as untimely filed.
- 5. Reject the claim as insufficient.
- 6. Allow the claim in full.
- 7. Allow the claim in part, in the amount of \$ _____ and reject the balance.

By Margaret Gallagher
Margaret Gallagher
DISTRICT COUNSEL

Date: 6-01-10

I, Tony Tapiz, do hereby attest that the above Claim was duly presented to and the recommendations were approved by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's Board of Directors at the meeting of June 11, 2010.

By _____
Tony Tapiz
RECORDING SECRETARY

Date: _____

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Attachment(s)

CLAIM AGAINST THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
(Pursuant to Section 910 et Seq., Government Code)

Claim # ~~SC02-10-18~~ 10-0008

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

ATTN: Secretary to the Board of Directors
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. Claimant's Name: State Farm Insurance

Claimant's Address/Post Office Box: [REDACTED]

Claimant's Phone Number: [REDACTED]

2. Address to which notices are to be sent: Post Office Box 6400
ROANERY PARK, CA 94927-6400

3. Occurrence: BUS RAN OFF ROAD, INTO INSURED Phyllis
Dias' house.

Date: 2/22/10 Time: 9:45 p.m. Place: [REDACTED]

Circumstances of occurrence or transaction giving rise to claim:

DRIVER LOST CONSCIOUSNESS, DROVE OFF Cliffborn
Avenue, INTO INSURED [REDACTED] house.

4. General description of indebtedness, obligation, injury, damage, or loss incurred so far as is known: Garage and house repairs; contents/personal
property destroyed; living expenses while home is
without electricity and gas utilities

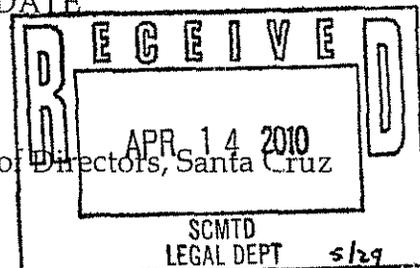
5. Name or names of public employees or employees causing injury, damage, or loss, if known: According to Watsonville Police report, Metro
Bus driver Douglas Joseph Grossman.

6. Amount claimed now \$ 60,191.48
Estimated amount of future loss, if known \$ 15,000.00
TOTAL \$ 75,191.48

7. Basis of above computations: Building estimates; personal
property inventories; invoices for temporary housing.

Stephen T. Kenna
CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE OR
COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE OR
PARENT OF MINOR CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE

April 13, 2010
DATE



Note: Claim must be presented to the Secretary to the Board of Directors, Santa Cruz
Metropolitan Transit District

GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: District Counsel

RE: Claim of: Reyes, Elizabeth / Gutierrez, Pedro

Received: 5/14/10

Claim #: 10-0014

Date of Incident: 04/27/10

Occurrence Report No.: SC 04-10-27

In regard to the above-referenced Claim, this is to recommend that the Board of Directors take the following action:

- 1. Reject the claim entirely.
- 2. Deny the application to file a late claim.
- 3. Grant the application to file a late claim.
- 4. Reject the claim as untimely filed.
- 5. Reject the claim as insufficient.
- 6. Allow the claim in full.
- 7. Allow the claim in part, in the amount of \$_____ and reject the balance.

By Margaret Gallagher

Margaret Gallagher
DISTRICT COUNSEL

Date: 6-04-10

I, Tony Tapiz, do hereby attest that the above Claim was duly presented to and the recommendations were approved by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's Board of Directors at the meeting of June 11, 2010.

By _____

Tony Tapiz
RECORDING SECRETARY

Date: _____

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Attachment(s)

10-0014

CLAIM AGAINST THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

(Pursuant to Section 910 et Seq., Government Code)

Claim # SC0410-27

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

ATTN: Secretary to the Board of Directors
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. Claimant's Name: Pedro Gutierrez Elizabeth Reyes

Claimant's Address/Post Office Box: _____

Claimant's Phone Number: _____

2. Address to which notices are to be sent: _____

3. Occurrence: While my car, a white Honda Civic was parked in the operation yard at 1200 River Street it was hit by a Metrobus

Date: 4/27/10 Time: 3:00 pm Place: 1200 River Street

Circumstances of occurrence or transaction giving rise to claim: _____

The left side of the vehicle was damaged

4. General description of indebtedness, obligation, injury, damage, or loss incurred so far as is known: _____

Damage to left fender

Damage to left front door

Car was in shop near door

Damage to left rear bumper quarter panel

5. Name or names of public employees or employees causing injury, damage, or loss, if known: Artan Colwell

6. Amount claimed now \$ 2723.61

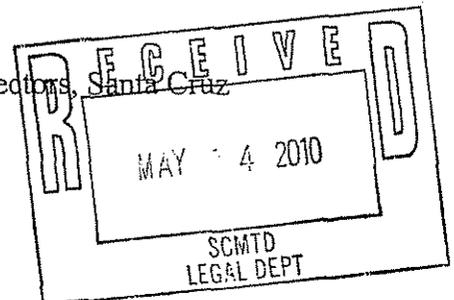
Estimated amount of future loss, if known \$ 250.00

TOTAL \$ 3973.61

7. Basis of above computations: Preliminary estimate plus car rental for 5 days while car in shop.

Pedro Gutierrez Elizabeth Reyes 5-12-10
CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE (or Company Representative or Parent of Minor Claimant) DATE

Note: Claim must be presented to the Secretary to the Board of Directors, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District



GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: District Counsel

RE: Claim of: Higgins, Chayme Received: 06/01/10 Claim #: 10-0016
Date of Incident: 06/17/10 Occurrence Report No.: MISC 10-07
Application to Submit a Late Claim

In regard to the above-referenced Claim, this is to recommend that the Board of Directors take the following action:

- 1. Reject the claim entirely.
- 2. Deny the application to file a late claim.
- 3. Grant the application to file a late claim.
- 4. Reject the claim as untimely filed.
- 5. Reject the claim as insufficient.
- 6. Allow the claim in full.
- 7. Allow the claim in part, in the amount of \$ _____ and reject the balance.

By Margaret Gallagher
Margaret Gallagher
DISTRICT COUNSEL

Date: 6-04-10

I, Tony Tapiz, do hereby attest that the above Claim and Application to Submit a Late Claim was duly presented to and the recommendations were approved by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's Board of Directors at the meeting of June 11, 2010.

By _____
Tony Tapiz
RECORDING SECRETARY

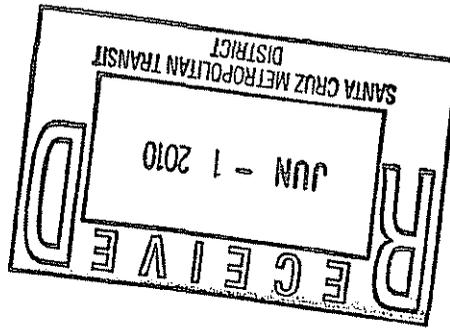
Date: _____

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FRANK E. MAYO
ATTORNEY AT LAW

May 26, 2010

Board of Directors
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
110 Vernon St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



TO: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA CRUZ
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Chayme Higgins HEREBY makes claim against the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and its agents thereof employed by Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District: Ciro Aguirre and Mary Ferrick.

The address of Chayme Higgins is [REDACTED]

Notices concerning the claims of Chayme Higgins should be sent to Frank E. Mayo, attorney at law, 5050 El Camino Real, Ste. 228, Los Altos, CA 94022

The date and place of the occurrence giving rise to the claim was on or about June 17, 2009 in the County of Santa Cruz.

The circumstances giving rise to this claim are as follows:

Claimant was employed by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District as a bus driver during the years 2008 and in the 2009 until June 17th 2009. Claimant as a member of United Transportation Workers Local 23 enjoyed the benefits of a collective bargaining agreement entered into between said local and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District which provided *his employment could only be terminated for specific cause and termination of his employment was subject to review through the grievance arbitration provisions set forth in said agreement.*

Prior to June 17th 2009 Plaintiff reported to Mary Ferrick that he was being harassed by a co employee whose mother held management position with the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

Thereafter on June 17th The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District acting through
Ciro Aguirre retaliated against Plaintiff by falsely representing to claimant that there
was cause for the immediate termination of his employment for cause as specified in the
collective bargaining agreement entered by it with United Transportation Workers Local
23 and if Plaintiff were terminated for cause he would not be eligible for unemployment
benefits. He further represented that should Plaintiff resign he would be eligible for
unemployment benefits and the matter leading to his resignation would be kept
confidential. Said representations were false. Claimant relied on them in resigning his
employment and has thereby lost the compensation and benefits of employment he
would have had absent the fraudulent representation of Ciro Aguirre.

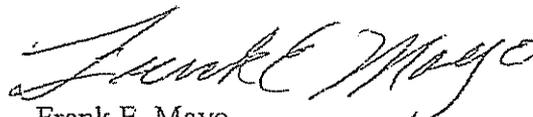
As a consequence of the acts alleged herein, claimant has been damaged in a sum
in excess of \$25,000

All Notices concerning this claim should be directed to:

Frank E. Mayo, Esq.
5050 El Camino Real #228
Los Altos CA 94042

650/964-8901


Very truly yours, 


Frank E. Mayo

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO PRESENT LATE CLAIM
(California Gov. Code § 911.4)

In the matter of the Claims of Chayne Higgins against the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

To the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District:

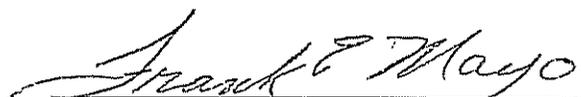
Application is hereby made for leave to present a late claim under § 911.4 of the California Government Code. This claim is founded on causes of action for personal injuries which occurred June, 17th 2009 and for which claim was not timely presented. For circumstances relating to this cause of action reference is made to the proposed claim attached hereto as an Exhibit and made a part hereof.

The reason for the delay in presenting this claim is mistake, inadvertence, surprise and excusable neglect of Claimant in that the claim was not represented by counsel and was unaware of the need to file a claim in compliance with the provisions of the California Government Code. Claimant was at the time of the event giving rise to his claim a member of Local 23 of the United Transportation Union and relied on the advice of his union representative. He at no time was advised he was required to make a claim in compliance with the requirements of the California Government Code in order to perfect his claim the fact showing the inadvertence of claimant are set forth in his declaration attached hereto. .

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has not been prejudiced in the defense of this claim by the failure to file said claim in a timely manner as shown by the Declaration.

This Application is presented within a reasonable time after the accrual of the cause of action as shown in the Declaration of claimant attached hereto.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully submitted that this Application be granted and the attached Claim be received and acted on within the sections of 912.4 and 912.8 of the California Government Code.

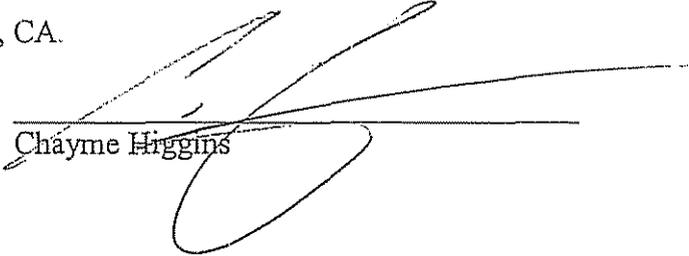

Frank E. Mayo, Attorney for Claimant

I, Chayme Higgins, first being duly sworn declare that if called as a witness I could competently testify to the following facts:

I was forced to resign my employment with the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District on Jun 17, 2009.

As set forth in the claim my resignation was coerced by the false representations made me by management. I attempted to have my Union Representative pursue my claim through grievance understanding this was the method of proceeding. I filed charges with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing which I understand was served on the District and provided the District notice of my claim. At no time did the Union Representative or the representative of the Fair Employment Practice Commission inform me that I should file a claim as required by the California Government Code.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct Executed this 26th day of May at Los Altos, CA.


Chayme Higgins

GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: District Counsel

RE: Claim of: Ragland, Dallan
Date of Incident: 04/08/10

Received: 05/26/10 Claim #: 10-0017
Occurrence Report No.: SC 04-10-11

In regard to the above-referenced Claim, this is to recommend that the Board of Directors take the following action:

- 1. Reject the claim entirely.
- 2. Deny the application to file a late claim.
- 3. Grant the application to file a late claim.
- 4. Reject the claim as untimely filed.
- 5. Reject the claim as insufficient.
- 6. Allow the claim in full.
- 7. Allow the claim in part, in the amount of \$_____ and reject the balance.

By Margaret Gallagher
Margaret Gallagher
DISTRICT COUNSEL

Date: 6-04-10

I, Tony Tapiz, do hereby attest that the above Claim was duly presented to and the recommendations were approved by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's Board of Directors at the meeting of June 11, 2010.

By _____
Tony Tapiz
RECORDING SECRETARY

Date: _____

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Attachment(s)

10-0019

CLAIM AGAINST THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
(Pursuant to Section 910 et Seq., Government Code)

Claim # 10-0017

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

ATTN: Secretary to the Board of Directors
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. Claimant's Name: DALLAS RAGLAND

Claimant's Address/Post Office Box: _____

Claimant's Phone Number: _____

2. Address to which notices are to be sent: Same

3. Occurrence: My truck was struck on Passenger Rear Rear
Rear Wheel

Date: 4-08-2010 Time: 11:00 PM Place: Airport Blvd. in front of Safeway

Circumstances of occurrence or transaction giving rise to claim: Rue Driver
Pulled out and struck my truck. Forced
me into oncoming lane of traffic.

4. General description of indebtedness, obligation, injury, damage, or loss incurred so far as
is known: Damage to truck

5. Name or names of public employees or employees causing injury, damage, or loss, if
known: _____

6. Amount claimed now \$1665.71

Estimated amount of future loss, if known \$

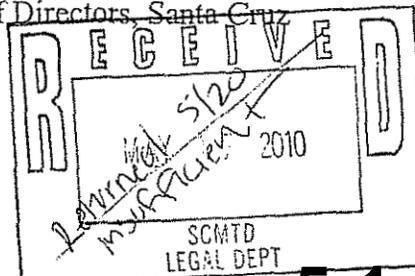
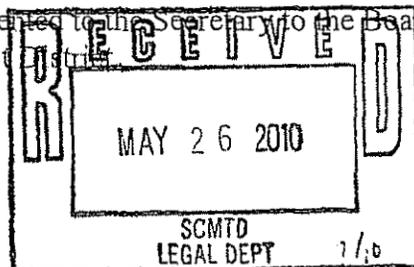
TOTAL \$1665.71

7. Basis of above computations: _____

Dallas Ragland
CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE (or Company
Representative or Parent of Minor Claimant)

5-12-10
DATE

Note: Claim must be presented to the Secretary to the Board of Directors, Santa Cruz
Metropolitan Transit District



GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM

RECOMMENDED ACTION

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: District Counsel

RE: Claim of: Enloe, James & Pieri, Lana Received: 5/27/10 Claim #: 10-0018
Date of Incident: 04/13/10 Occurrence Report No.: PC 04-10-01

In regard to the above-referenced Claim, this is to recommend that the Board of Directors take the following action:

- 1. Reject the claim entirely.
- 2. Deny the application to file a late claim.
- 3. Grant the application to file a late claim.
- 4. Reject the claim as untimely filed.
- 5. Reject the claim as insufficient.
- 6. Allow the claim in full.
- 7. Allow the claim in part, in the amount of \$_____ and reject the balance.

By Margaret Gallagher
Margaret Gallagher
DISTRICT COUNSEL

Date: 6-04-10

I, Tony Tapiz, do hereby attest that the above Claim was duly presented to and the recommendations were approved by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's Board of Directors at the meeting of June 11, 2010.

By _____
Tony Tapiz
RECORDING SECRETARY

Date: _____

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Attachment(s)

State Farm claim #
(800) 440-6175

CLAIM AGAINST THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

(Pursuant to Section 910 et Seq., Government Code)

Claim # 10-0018

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

ATTN: Secretary to the Board of Directors
110 Vernon Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1 Claimant's Name: James Enloe & Lana Pieri

Claimant's Address/Post Office Box _____

Claimant's Phone Number: _____

2 Address to which notices are to be sent: Above

3 Occurrence: Santa Cruz Metro Bus Driver Miguel Escarcega Jr. hit our 2006 Chevy Silverado in the passenger rear section.
Date: 4/13/10 Time: 2:00 PM Place: Parked in 100 section of Dubois St. Santa Cruz (near Costco)
Circumstances of occurrence or transaction giving rise to claim: Truck sustained damage from the collision. State Farm will claim damages but not our car rental expenses, which we paid for.

4 General description of indebtedness, obligation, injury, damage, or loss incurred so far as is known: \$191.94 for Hertz, Watsonville.

5 Name or names of public employees or employees causing injury, damage, or loss, if known: Miguel Escarcega Jr.

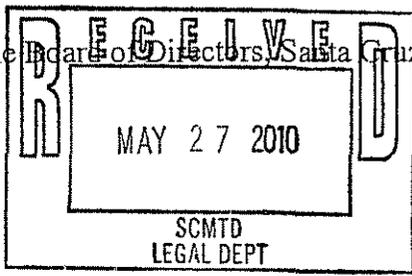
6 Amount claimed now \$ 191.94
Estimated amount of future loss, if known \$ _____
TOTAL \$ 191.94

7 Basis of above computations: 8 day car rental - cheapest car on Hertz lot - while truck was reviewed twice for

Lana Pieri
CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE (or Company Representative or Parent of Minor Claimant)

5/25/10
DATE

Note: Claim must be presented to the Secretary to the Board of Directors, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District



Estimates then repaired.

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: June 11, 2010

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Angela Aitken, Finance Manager & Acting Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY HELP THROUGH ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT STAFFING FOR THE REVENUE COLLECTION POSITION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010.

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order/contract with Robert Half International for temporary employment staffing for the revenue collection position for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 through December 31, 2010.

II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- The employee responsible for Santa Cruz METRO's Revenue Collection position has been on leave since November 30, 2009.
- Santa Cruz METRO selected and hired a candidate from Robert Half International who has performed the duties of the position since January 9, 2010.
- As the total cost to retain the temporary employee is approaching the \$25,000 limit requiring board approval, staff is recommending that the Board of Directors allow the General Manager to execute an amendment to the purchase order/contract with Robert Half International for temporary employment staffing for the revenue collection position for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 through December 31, 2010.

III. DISCUSSION

The employee responsible for Santa Cruz METRO's Revenue Collection position has been on leave since November 30, 2009. Santa Cruz METRO contacted personnel agencies for qualifications and resumes of candidates to fulfill the duties of this position. Santa Cruz METRO selected a candidate from Robert Half International who has performed the duties of the position since January 9, 2010.

As the total cost to retain the temporary employee is approaching the \$25,000 limit requiring board approval, staff is recommending that the Board of Directors allow the General Manager to

execute an amendment to the purchase order/contract with Robert Half International for temporary employment staffing for the revenue collection position for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 through December 31, 2010.

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funds to support this purchase order/contract are included in the Finance Department's FY10 and FY11 budget.

V. ATTACHMENTS

None

Prepared By: Lloyd Longnecker, Purchasing Agent
Date Prepared: June 1, 2010

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

DATE: June 11, 2010

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Leslie R. White, General Manager

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE POSITIONS ON THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) THAT HAVE BEEN VACANT FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Board of Directors consider what actions should be taken with respect to the positions on the Metro Advisory Committee (MAC) that have been vacant for an extended period of time.

II. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- On December 19, 2003 the Board of Directors approved the creation and structure of the Metro Advisory Committee (MAC).
- As a result of the action taken by the Board of Directors the Bylaws for the MAC were created and adopted.
- The Board of Directors appointed the initial Members of the MAC on February 27, 2004.
- The first meeting of the MAC was held April 21, 2004.
- Article III of the Adopted MAC Bylaws outlines the criteria for committee membership.
- In the past two years a number of the original Members of the MAC have resigned for various reasons. Currently five positions on the MAC are vacant and have been for some time.
- The Board Members who must make recommendations to the Board in order to fill the vacant MAC positions are listed in Attachment A to this report.
- The MAC has been active on many issues since its creation. Issues that have been addressed by the MAC are: bikes in buses, service changes, ParaCruz eligibility, UCSC service issues, and others. However, for the MAC to be effective it should have a full compliment of Members.
- Staff recommends that the Board of Directors make a determination as to whether the continuation of the MAC is of value and take the appropriate actions that would result from that determination.

III. DISCUSSION

For many years two citizen advisory committees served METRO. The Metro Accessible Transit Services Forum (MASTF) addressed issues of accessibility on the fixed route service, paratransit service, and facilities. The Metro Users Group focused on the overall service that was provided, the information distribution and marketing programs, and advised the Board on other matters that were referred to it for consideration.

On December 19, 2003, after a significant amount of discussion and multiple meetings the Board approved the creation of a new Metro Advisory Committee (MAC) that would replace MUG. The Board approved the structure of the new committee and directed staff to prepare necessary modifications to the MAC Bylaws to reflect the decisions that were made with respect to committee size and structure.

In the time that has passed since the Board took action with respect to the formation of the MAC the Committee has met on a regular basis commencing with the first meeting that took place on April 21, 2004. The Committee attendance has been good and the discussions have been productive. The Committee has been working on many issues and has presented the General Manager and the Board with recommendations for the improvement of service to riders.

However, in the past few years there have been vacancies on the MAC that have resulted from the resignations of some Members. A committee such as the MAC is most effective when it is comprised of a full compliment of Members. The Members of the Board of Directors that have the nominating responsibility for the vacant MAC positions are listed in Attachment A.

I recommend that the Board of Directors review the value of the continuation of the MAC and make a determination as to what actions they would like to take based on that determination.

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funds are available in the 2009/2010 METRO Operating Budget to support the activities of the Metro Advisory Committee.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Current MAC Members and Vacant Positions.

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

**2010
METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
920 Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

Naomi Gunther
Rotkin

CHAIR

Dave Williams
Rivas (Skillicorn)

VICE CHAIR

D. Craig Agler
Graves

Mara Murphy
Bustichi

Dennis "Pops" Papadopulo
Hinkle

Charlotte Walker
Robinson

Vacant
Leopold

Vacant
Pirie

Vacant
Hagen

Vacant
Tavantzis

Vacant
Stone