



Unitrans Advisory Committee

**Public Works Training Room
1717 Fifth Street
(Corporation Yard)**

AGENDA

**Tuesday, May 13, 2003
6:30 p.m.**

Committee Members: Dave Pelz, Julie Sontag, Anthony Palmere, Roche Zefo,
Kelly Brewer, Gina Lee, Cameron Menezes, Peter Tobia,
Jackie Couper

Staff: Sue Gedestad

Council Representative: Susie Boyd, Ruth Asmundson

- 6:30 PM**
- 1. Roll call**
 - 2. Introductions**
 - 3. Approval of Agenda**
 - 4. Committee and staff announcements**
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Consent Calendar

No Items.

Regular Calendar

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| 6:40 PM | 1. | Unitrans Recommended Route Changes for 2003/04 |
| 7:30 PM | 2. | Staff Report On Future Status of Unitrans Advisory Committee |
| 7:45 P.M. | 3. | Adjournment |

Attachments: Unitrans Service for 2003/04
 Staff Report

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Attachment

Unitrans Proposed Service Changes for 2003-04 Schedule

1. Added frequency on W line

With growing demand and overcrowding on buses serving South Davis, Unitrans is proposing to add one bus to this line. This would increase the frequency of service from 6 trips per hour to 8 trips per hour (which is the same as the G line).

Two options are under consideration:

- a. 15" service to Silo; 15" service to MU (just like G line)
- b. 7½" service; all trips via Hutchison and Shields Ave; no service to MU

2. Run earlier G line to meet first UC Berkeley shuttle

In response to passenger requests. First trip now arrives at 7:25 am and Berkeley Shuttle leaves at 7:15 am. New trip would arrive at Shields Library 7:10 am.

3. Eliminate M line demand-response night service to Olive Drive

The M line ridership has continued to decline and now averages less than 2 riders per day. With the creation of a new W line stop at Richards and Olive, there is no need to continue to operate this very low ridership service.

4. Run G/W lines on Saturday

With growing ridership on Saturdays, there have been requests for weekend service on these two very high ridership lines. Unitrans is proposing hourly service on Saturdays from 9am-5pm, similar to the existing SAT line (City perimeter route).



Staff Report

May 8, 2003

TO: Unitrans Advisory Committee
FROM: Sue Gedestad, Assistant to the Director
SUBJECT: Unitrans Advisory Committee Status

Recommendation

Support holding a yearly public meeting with a format similar to the Unmet Needs meetings conducted by SACOG in lieu of having the Unitrans Advisory Committee.

Background

The Unitrans Advisory Committee was formed with the intention of meeting once yearly and to be a forum for citizens to voice their concerns about Unitrans routing issues. It was formed to fill a void that Council felt existed at that time. The Unitrans Advisory Committee meeting was the City Council's established forum for citizens to bring forward their concerns.

Having a forum of this nature is of the utmost importance. However, staff is also interested in looking for ways of making the process more efficient.

Public Works is recommending that the public process take the form of a once yearly public meeting conducted in the same manner as an Unmet Needs forum that SACOG holds. The meeting would be noticed in the local newspaper and other locations (website, etc.) available for public notification. The meeting would be informal and conducted by staff. Representatives of Unitrans, City Council, along with staff, would be in attendance. The purpose would be to showcase Unitrans proposed route changes and to receive suggestions and feedback from the public.

Staff feels that this format keeps the most important aspect of the Committee's function and is in keeping with the spirit in which the committee was created.