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AGENDA: 6/12/01

June 5, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE SANTA CRUZ  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is a letter from Sheryl Ainsworth, Chair of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors, requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 toward the provision of shuttle services between the Homeless Services Center and the National Guard Armory during the period of November 15, 2001, through April 15, 2002. This bus service is a critical link to enable homeless persons to access the shelter services made available at the Armory, and I believe that the Board should give this request every consideration.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Board direct the County Administrative Officer to provide a report and recommendation during our 2001-02 budget hearings on the request for County funding in the amount of \$5,000 in connection with the provision of shuttle services associated with the National Guard homeless shelter program.

Sincerely,

TONY CAMPOS, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

TC:ted  
Attachments

cc: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  
Ken Cole, Executive Director, Homeless Services Center

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May 24, 2001

Tony Campos  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors  
Santa Cruz County  
701 Ocean Ave., Room 500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Chairperson Campos:

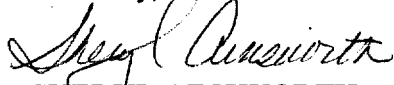
Attached to this letter, please find a copy of a letter from Ken Cole, Executive Director of the Homeless Services Center, wherein he requests the provision of shuttle services for people participating in the Santa Cruz National Guard Armory Winter Shelter Program. The Metro Board of Directors considered Mr. Cole's request on May 18, 2001.

The Metro Board of Directors approved the provision of shuttle services between the Homeless Services Center and the National Guard Armory for the period November 15, 2001 through April 15, 2002. As part of approving the requested shuttle service, the Board directed that letters be sent to the City of Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz requesting financial support for this project. It is anticipated that the shuttle service will cost \$37,164. Financing for the services proposed is to be provided through \$18,582 from fares, \$8,548 from Metro, with the remaining \$10,034 being provided through grants in the amount of \$5,000 each from the City of Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz.

The purpose of this letter is to formally request financial support in the amount of \$5,000 for the homeless shuttle service. I am hopeful that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County will be able to act affirmatively on this request. If you have any questions with regard to the homeless shuttle service, please contact Metro General Manager, Les White.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
SHERYL AINSWORTH  
Chair, Board of Directors

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Enclosure: Copy of April 4, 2001 letter from Ken Cole, Homeless Services Center

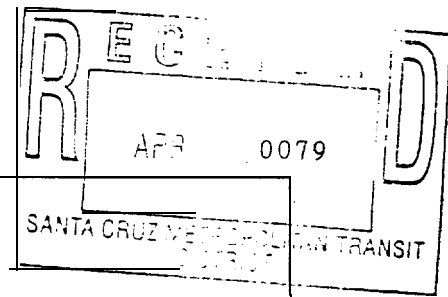
cc: Leslie White, General Manger  
Ken Cole, Executive Director, Homeless Services Center

## Homeless Services Center

115 Coral Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
(831) 458-6020  
(831) 458-6023 (FAX)

Page Smith Community House

Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program  
Homeless Community Resource Center



April 4, 2001

Mr. Les White  
General Manager  
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District  
270 Encinal Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Formal request for the resumption of the bus service for the Santa Cruz National Guard Armory Winter Shelter Program


Dear Mr. White,

This letter is written to serve as our formal request that the bus service meeting the needs of homeless clients using the Santa Cruz National Guard Armory Winter Shelter Program be continued this coming winter season. We understand that the METRO budget process is underway and we want to make sure that we provide the information and support that is needed to ensure that this vital service is continued.

From our standpoint this route/service has been a total success. Our clients have had dignified and dependable transportation service. Our agency has purchased and paid the individual client fares. Our program records show that during the month of March an average of 72 men, women and children used this resource each day. The daily usage during the month of March ranged from 45 to 110 people using the shelter and the transportation.

I have attached a copy of my original request for service (1/9/01) that includes the basic need for the service. We are planning to operate the Santa Cruz National Guard Armory Winter Shelter Program again from November 15, 2001 through April 15, 2002 and request that METRO resume the recently established bus service/route. Please let me know if you need any further information to consider this request.

Sincerely,

  
Ken Cole  
Executive Director

Copy: Jeff Almquist  
Tim Fitzmaurice  
Bonnie Morr