



Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

****NOTE: NEW MEETING LOCATION****

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

10:00 a.m.

1010 10TH Street Downstairs in Rm. B300

Basement Training Room

Modesto, California

Any member of the public may speak on any item on the agenda. The Council will only allow comments by members of the public on an item on the agenda during consideration of the item. When the item is called, please raise your hand if you desire to address the Council.

1. Roll call
2. Comments from the Public
3. Approval of Minutes for November 12, 2008 Motion
4. Update of County Transit Needs Assessment Study Discussion
Brad Christian – Stanislaus County Transit Manager
5. Unmet Transit Needs Update/Roundtable Discussion
6. Transit Managers Reports
7. Executive Director’s Report
8. Comments from Council Members

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

StanCOG Conference Room

900 H Street, Suite D

Modesto, CA

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Questions: Contact Vince Harris at (209) 525-4600.

**Stanislaus Council of Governments
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
StanCOG Conference Room
900 H Street, Suite D
Modesto, California**

Minutes of November 12, 2008

Members Present: Chair Tom Truax (SHCA); Lynn Ewen (Catholic Charities); Greg Gaudio (Alliance Worknet); Sandra Williams (CSA-StanWorks) Kris Rowe, Terry Plett (DRAIL); Misty Ridenour (Howard Training Center)

Members Not Present: NONE

Also Present: Brad Christian (Stanislaus County Transit); Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto); Lark Downs, Scott Philips, Sabrina Pinheiro (StanCOG)

Chairman Tom Truax called the SSTAC Meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(None)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2008** **MOTION**
BY MOTION (Greg Gaudio/Tom Truax) and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes for September 10, 2008.
4. **APPROVAL OF 2009 MEETING CALENDAR** **MOTION**
BY MOTION (Tom Truax/Greg Gaudio) and unanimous vote, the Council approved the 2009 Meeting Calendar.
5. **REVIEW OF SSTAC MEMBER CLASSIFICATIONS** **DISCUSSION**
Misty Ridenour informed the Council that the agenda for the next Senior Providers Committee includes a discussion item regarding the nomination of a candidate for the "Senior" vacancy on the SSTAC. Ms. Ridenour will report on this discussion at next month's SSTAC meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF SSTAC BYLAWS

MOTION

The Council discussed the revisions to the Bylaws as requested. In discussion of the Unmet Needs definition, Brad Christian, Stanislaus County Transit Manager, updated the Council on the status of the County Transit Needs Assessment Study.

BY MOTION (Greg Gaudio/Terry Plett) and unanimous vote, the Council approved the adoption of the SSTAC Bylaws.

7. REVIEW OF StanCOG ADOPTED DEFINITIONS OF "UNMET TRANSIT NEED" AND "REASONABLE TO MEET"

DISCUSSION

Terry Plett addressed the verbage under the "Definition of Unmet Transit Need". "At a minimum, this may include requests for transportation services which are identified through the annual TDA Unmet Transit Needs hearings, by the SSTAC, in the Regional Transportation Plan...." Mr. Plett referred to the language that is underlined above. He suggested that instead of the sentence reading "by the SSTAC" it should say: "TDA Unmet needs hearings by the Policy Board and additional information by the SSTAC in the Regional Transportation Plan...."

The definition of StanCOG's Unmet Transit Needs can be found in the Annual Unmet Transit Needs Report. Mr. Downs confirmed that if this definition is revised, the proposed definition would have to go to the Policy Board for adoption.

8. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE

DISCUSSION

❖ Greg Gaudio inquired as to whether any letters or e-mails have been received on issues from the public regarding any specific Unmet Transit Needs.

❖ Brad Christian announced he would be updating the Policy Board Members tonight at the Policy Board Meeting on the Unmet Transit Study being performed by his staff and the hired consultants. Timelines will be followed by a Public Hearing on the Unmet Transit Needs Process.

❖ Fred Cavanah raised an issue he has had with regards to continued building being allowed in rural areas.

9. TRANSIT MANAGERS REPORTS

❖ Fred Cavanah reported that rideshare programs continue to grow, but fears that people are not going to be as attracted to commuter share programs with the price of gas going down. The City of Modesto has plans to buy seven new buses within the next couple of months. He stated that transportation does not look too good based on the state's budget crisis-which may cause the transportation program to potentially cut all of the State's Transit Assistance Funds.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report was given at this meeting.

11. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

(None)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The SSTAC Meeting adjourned at 11:27 A.M.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2008 @ 10:00 A.M.

StanCOG Conference Room

900 H Street, Suite D

Modesto, CA

Signed



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