



Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
900 H Street, Suite D
Modesto, CA
April 8, 2009
10:00 A.M.

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Questions: Contact Cindy Malekos at (209) 525-4600.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to five minutes, or at the discretion of the Chair.

4. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES (3/11/09)

5. COUNTY TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY UPDATE

6. RECOMMEND CHANGING SSTAC SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

A. 2ND Thursday of each month (either morning or afternoon meetings)

7. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE

A. Unmet Transit Needs Request Form

8. TRANSIT MANAGERS' REPORTS

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled SSTAC meeting:

May 13, 2009 (WEDNESDAY) @ 10:00 A.M.

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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
StanCOG Conference Room
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Minutes of March 11, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tom Truax (SHCA); Sandra Williams (CSA-StanWorks); Terry Plett (DRAIL); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities)

ALSO PRESENT: Terry Easley (City of Modesto); Brad Christian (Stanislaus County); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); John (Caltrans Representative); Rosa Park, Lark Downs, Cindy Malekos, Carlos Yamzon (StanCOG)

Chairman Truax called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Carlos Yamzon introduced interim StanCOG Transit Planner Rosa Park.

It was announced that this was StanCOG Senior Planner Lark Downs' last SSTAC meeting because he is retiring at the end of March. Chairman Tom Truax noted that Lark's service to the Committee over the years has been very much appreciated. He thanked him for all his hard work, congratulated him and wished him the best for the future.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February 11, 2009)

MOTION

***By Motion (Terry Plett/Sandra Williams)** and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes for February 11, 2009.

**4. SCHEDULE OF APPROVAL FOR COUNTY TRANSIT NEEDS
ASSESSMENT STUDY AND THE FY 2009/10 UNMET TRANSIT
NEEDS REPORT**

DISCUSSION

Brad Christian, Stanislaus County Transit Manager, asked for comments on the draft of the Study by March 20th so that the final draft can be completed for the April 21 County Board of Supervisors meeting. It will be presented to the StanCOG Policy Board on June 10th. He noted that Chapter 7 of the Study will be emailed to SSTAC Council members to add to Chapters 1-6 already provided.

5. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE

DISCUSSION

A. Unmet Transit Needs Request Form.

Simona Rios asked if this form will be available on the StanCOG website. Lark Downs said this can be done. Terry Plett recommended that a process be developed to more effectively use this form. It will be further discussed at next month's meeting.

6. TRANSIT MANAGERS REPORTS

Terry Easley, City of Modesto, reported that the biggest issue they are facing is the budget shortfall in the upcoming year. As a result, Modesto has eliminated capital improvement programs for next year and they have instituted some small cuts. She also reported that ridership is still up. She said they are also providing some bus stop improvements for passengers.

Kay Dunkel, City of Ceres, expressed appreciation to the City of Modesto for helping improve some of the stops in Ceres. She also stated that fare increases are most likely in the next fiscal year.

Brad Christian (Stanislaus County) stated that they have three new busses in. Ridership is up 12.5%. With Economic Stimulus money, they are looking at providing electronic fare boxes. He hopes that county-wide fare boxes can be implemented in the future. He also said that with Economic Stimulus money, they are checking into getting Google Transit trip planning software that will allow riders to look up information to plan trips. He sees it as a regional project that will allow for all transit information in one location. The Council was very excited about the prospect of this concerted effort.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carlos Yamzon asked on behalf of Executive Director Vince Harris, if the Committee can meet on a different date. The current meeting date falls on the same day as the StanCOG Policy Board so that makes it difficult for the Executive Director to attend the SSTAC meeting. The Council requested that StanCOG staff provide them with options; they are open to changing the meeting date. Lark Downs reviewed the Policy Board agenda for that evening with the Council.

8. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Simona Rios with Catholic Charities reported that they have two new volunteer drivers in Newman and Patterson. She also provided information about the SAFE (Seniors Against Financial Exploitation) Seminar being held March 20th at the Gallo Center. Chairman Truax asked the status of the new member for the Council. Lark Downs said that StanCOG is working on this.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Truax adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.


Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 @ 10:00 A.M.

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Signed 

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