



**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION AND TIME**

**Social Services Transportation Advisory Council**  
**1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Tower Conference Room #3135**  
**Modesto, CA**  
**June 11, 2009**  
**9:30 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 (5/14/09)
5. DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT
6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE
  - A. Input on Unmet Transit Needs Request Form
  - B. Discuss Unmet Transit Needs Definition
7. TRANSIT MANAGERS' REPORTS
8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
9. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS
10. ADJOURNMENT

*Next regularly scheduled SSTAC meeting:*  
July 9, 2009 (THURSDAY) @ 9:00 A.M.  
900 H Street, Suite D  
MODESTO, CA

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY  
COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING  
StanCOG Conference Room  
900 H Street, Suite D  
Modesto, California**

**Minutes of May 14, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Tom Truax (SHCA); Greg Gaudio (Alliance Worknet); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Fred Cavanah, Bill Latham (City of Modesto); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Brad Christian (Stanislaus County); Anthony Zapeda (Commute Connection); Vince Harris, Cindy Malekos, Rosa Park, (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Truax called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. He noted that with only three Members present, a quorum could not be established. He said that he would proceed with the Agenda, however, no action would be taken on items requiring action.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A sign-in sheet was circulated.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**4. COMMUTE CONNECTION RIDESHARE PRESENTATION**

Anthony Zapeda of the San Joaquin Council of Governments Commute Connection Program gave an informational presentation on the services that StanCOG contracts with Commute Connection to provide for the Stanislaus region. Commute Connection, a one-stop transportation information and referral service, is the regional rideshare program for the San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. It is a free program that promotes alternative modes of transportation in order to reduce congestion and ultimately improve air quality for the region.

**5. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2009**

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council did not discuss nor vote on this item.

**6. COUNTY TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY UPDATE**

Brad Christian provided an update on the Study. He said that he gave a presentation on May 5<sup>th</sup> to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors who accepted the Study. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, he provided information about the Study during the Public Hearing on Unmet Transit Needs at the StanCOG Policy Board Meeting. This put the document into the public record and so now it is part of the Unmet Transit Needs process in that it is a comment that will be addressed by StanCOG.

**7. DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT**

It was noted that the SSTAC needs several more members. Brad Christian and Margie Palomino each had a recommendation for new members that Rosa Park will follow up on.

**8. REQUEST PREFERENCE FOR AGENDA PACKETS—GOING GREEN**

It was discussed that StanCOG will be sending an email when the SSTAC Agenda packet is available and that individuals will then be able to access the information online rather than receiving a hard copy in the mail any more. All in attendance was amenable to this system.

**9. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE**

**A. Input on Unmet Transit Needs Request Form**

Rosa Park indicated that the Ad Hoc Committee tasked with reviewing and editing the form (Rosa Park, Misty Ridenour and Simona Rios) developed a draft for the SSTAC to review. Comments from Brad Christian and Fred Cavanah were that the form was too public transit oriented. If the references to transit agencies were eliminated, the form would be fine. Some other comments included adding more lines for comments from consumers. Rosa Park said that she would edit the form and bring it back to the next meeting for review.

**B. Discuss Unmet Transit Needs Definition**

Vince Harris indicated that the definition of Unmet Transit Needs that are reasonable to meet needs to be updated. He said that he would like for StanCOG Staff and for SSTAC to work on developing the new definition together. After some discussion, it was decided that a staff report should be developed and circulated through the StanCOG Committee structure in late July and to the Policy Board in August. An Ad Hoc Committee to work on the definition will consist of Tom Truax, Terry Plett, Margie Palomino, Fred Cavanah, Brad Christian, Vince Harris and Rosa Park.

**10. TRANSIT MANAGERS REPORTS**

Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto) introduced Bill Latham who will represent the City of Modesto in future SSTAC meetings. He also distributed flyers regarding the new City of Modesto bus schedule that will take effect August 15<sup>th</sup>. He said that they had a successful Bike to Work Day that morning and that the annual Family Cycling Festival was scheduled for the upcoming weekend. Fred Cavanah also mentioned that Transit Agencies are very aware and involved in the prevention of the Swine Flu Pandemic. The City of Modesto, for instance, is now wiping down the hand rails of their buses each day.

Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres) stated that they had a Public Information Workshop in April and a Public Hearing in May regarding the change in routes and an increase in fares. Effective July 1, their fare will increase from twenty-five cents to fifty cents. She also reported that they received a new bus from Prop 1B funds.

Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock) reported that they just went through their audit and things went well. Ridership, he said, is slowly going back up after their fare increase. He also mentioned that the City is laying off some positions including some in his department.

Brad Christian (Stanislaus County) announced that they have been involved in five weekend events in a row to get the word out about their transit system. He also said that a bus shelter in Wesley was destroyed the previous day. Ridership is up 10.5%.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Vince Harris said that he had already provided his comments throughout the meeting.

**12. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Tom Truax recognized Brad Christian for a good job on the Transit Study.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Truax adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

*Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:*

Thursday, June 11, 2009 @ 9:00 A.M.

StanCOG Conference Room

900 H Street, Suite D

Modesto, CA

Signed 

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