

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
900 H Street, Suite D
Modesto, CA
July 15, 2009
9:00 A.M.

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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 (6/11/09)
5. MOTION TO APPROVE CHAIR/VICE CHAIR FOR FY 09/10
6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE
 - A. Update on 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:

August 13, 2009 (THURSDAY) @ 9:00 A.M.
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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
StanCOG Conference Room
900 H Street, Suite D
Modesto, California**

Minutes of June 11, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tom Truax (DMC Foundation); Terry Plett (DRAIL); Misty Ridenour (Howard Training Center)

ALSO PRESENT: Fred Cavanah, Bill Latham (City of Modesto); Brad Christian (Stanislaus County); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Margie Palomino (Area Agency on Aging); Janet Jaramillo (CalTrans); Vince Harris, Cindy Malekos, Rosa Park, Scott Phillips (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Truax called the meeting to order at 9:32 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. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF May 15, 2009

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

5. DISCUSS MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Rosa Park reported that referrals for new members have been received and they will go before the Executive Committee for approval. Approvals should be completed and new members should be present at next month's meeting.

6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE

A. Input on Unmet Transit Needs Request Form

Rosa Park commented that she revised the form and asked for input from members. The purpose is to make the form a single page document for agencies to fill out and send in to StanCOG. StanCOG will then review the form and contact the person with more questions.

Members had several edits and Rosa will make the changes to the form and send out to members to review.

B. Discuss Unmet Transit Needs Definition

Vince Harris reported that an Ad Hoc Committee of SSTAC (formed to discuss the Transit Needs Assessment Study) had met for their first meeting and discussed LTF Funds distribution and the current Unmet Transit Needs definition. Topic of this meeting was about the way funds are identified now and how the five Transit Operators share in them. The Committee questioned whether these funds should continue as is or should there be an incorporation of this new special transit service as a part of how LTF should be shared. Discussion is ongoing and at some point could possibly go before the StanCOG Policy Board.

Discussion took place about the steps that should be taken as the committee looks at updating the definition. The next meeting will be July 23, 2009.

7. TRANSIT MANAGERS REPORTS

Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres) reported that new bus fares are effective as of July 1, 2009. Notices have been posted on all buses about the fare increase.

Chairman Truax asked if there was a CalTrans update. He then asked what CalTrans does as far as supporting the local transportation managers. Janet Jaramillo commented that she handles the reviews and transit overload and acts as liaison for headquarters and Stanislaus County.

Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto) reported that the city has been busy with many reports due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These funds come with an abundance of reporting requirements.

He also said the City is preparing for the August 15th service changes to the bus schedule.

Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock) reported that the city has been spending a lot of time on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act application. The city would like to purchase property with the funds that are available to build a new transit center. The Planning Commission has approved the use of the property; however, there is a local citizen that is challenging the location.

Brad Christian (Stanislaus County) discussed changes that will take effect August 3rd, which are mostly time changes. Ridership is up about 25% this fiscal year. New buses will hopefully be in service in the next couple of weeks. Training is currently ongoing. Buses will be much easier for those with disabilities to enter and exit.

Brad also mentioned that the county will be moving some of the bus shelters along the ROTA route to county routes. July 1st ROTA will be making their changes and closing its trolley route. Brad asked those in attendance if they might be interested in one of these shelters. He said they are free, but the county must justify the location of these shelters because they are part of an inner-city grant and there must be some connectivity.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vince Harris mentioned the passing of Commissioner Kirk Lindsay. He also mentioned that next month's meeting will be changed to July 15th at 9am in the StanCOG Conference room

9. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tom Truax mentioned that on June 16th at 10:45 am at the Gallo Centre there will be a conference on how to access the stimulus funds.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Truax adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting:


Wednesday, July 15, 2009 @ 9:00 A.M.

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Signed



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