



Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA
October 8, 2009
9:00 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 (9/10/09)
5. DISCUSS APPRECIATION RESOLUTION FOR (StaRT) BUS DRIVER (MIKE LYSTRA)
6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE
 - A. Next Steps for Unmet Transit Needs Process
7. TRANSIT MANAGERS' REPORTS
8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
9. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS
10. ADJOURNMENT

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November 12, 2009 (THURSDAY) @ 9:00 A.M.
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City of Riverbank • City of Turlock • City of Waterford • County of Stanislaus

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
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Minutes of September 10, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Plett (DRAIL); Misty Ridenour (Howard Training Center); Margie Palomino (Area Agency on Aging); Greg Gaudio (Alliance WorkNet); Sandra Williams (StanWORKS); Bertha Burrell Greene

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Latham (City of Modesto); Brad Christian (Stanislaus County); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Donna Bridges (ROTA); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Rosa Park, Debbie Molloy (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chairman Tom Truax and Vice-Chair Terry Plett, Greg Gaudio called the meeting to order at 9:18 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

A sign-in sheet was circulated and Greg Gaudio asked for introductions.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment

4. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF August 13, 2009

***By Motion (Misty Ridenour/Margie Palomino)** and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of August 13, 2009.

5. DISCUSS APPRECIATION RESOLUTION/AWARD FOR (StART) BUS DRIVER

Brad Christian mentioned that the bus drivers name is Mike Lystra and he is on the Waterford/Modesto Route. Rosa Park reported that Terry Plett would like to present the driver with an appreciation resolution. SSTAC members all agreed that the gentleman should be recognized and presented at the next Policy Board meeting October 14, 2009. Rosa mentioned that she will put the recognition together and send out to the SSTAC members and then have it placed on the next Policy Board Agenda.

Terry Plett later commented on this item and agreed with members that the gentleman should be presented with a recognition at the October 14, 2009 Policy Board Meeting.

6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE

A. Update on Change for Definition of Unmet Transit Needs

Rosa Park mentioned that the StanCOG Policy Board met on September 9, 2009 and unanimously approved the Change for Definition of Unmet Transit Needs.

B. Next Steps for Unmet Transit Needs Process

Rosa Park reported that there is a lot of work that needs to be done regarding the next steps. The Unmet Transit Need process needs to take place to develop the program so it can be taken to the StanCOG Committees in October. The process now is to determine the need and it is reasonable to meet. Then the efficiency standards will need to put into place. Margie Palomino commented that the advocacy members from the Commission on Aging have asked about when an advisory board will be established. Margie would like Vince Harris to know that these advocacy members are asking what the status is of this new advisory board. Rosa Park assured the SSTAC members that this new advisory board is part of the process to complete.

7. TRANSIT MANAGERS REPORTS

Donna Bridges (ROTA) reported that ROTA is doing well and have now eliminated the fixed route as of July 1st. They still have the four trolleys and will keep the newest of the four. One is for sale and two others will be transferred to another federal agency since they were purchased with CMAQ funds. ROTA has suggested the trolleys be transferred to the college and the Department of Transportation is working with an agency called ARTS. One bus is used for students in the morning for Oakdale. Advertising is now taking place on buses. They have hired HDR Hoy Engineering to look at their administrative framework. Storer Transit is bidding on the Escalon service.

Brad Christian (Stanislaus County) reported that the County is moving forward with the trip planning software procurement and hope to have it online in the fall. Upcoming events include the Turlock CEQA Event will be this weekend and then the week after will be the Ceres Health Fair and then on October 9, 2009 will be the Healthy Aging and Fall Prevention Summit. The county will have a table at these events with information on transportation.

Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres) reported that she attended the Community Services Agency (CSA) recently. At the event she provided ride guides and received feedback from CSA regarding problems that arise from fare increases. CSA purchases their rider vouchers in advance for their clients so when there is an increase, the voucher does not cover the fare increase. Kay also noted that ridership is down and that they are working on additional advertising.

Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock) reported there will be a Public Transit Meeting on September 23, 2009. Notices will be going out to the public. Discussion will be the 5 year Short Range Transit Plan. This meeting will be open to the public for discussion on route design. The city's 1b projects are now getting started and currently working on a slow fill fueling station. There have been a few delays with the building department and equipment

supplier and work will continue on project until the equipment is available. The other project is a 1b security project on lighting and video surveillance.

Bill Latham (City of Modesto) reported that the City will have 7 new low floor buses around December/January and removing the 1983 buses from inventory. Because these low floor buses do not do well in areas without curbs, the city council approved up to a \$500,000 program to build a variety of new and improved bus stops in areas that do not have curbs.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no report from Executive Director

9. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Margie Palomino reminded members about the Healthy Aging Summit on October 9, 2009 at the Modesto Centre Plaza. There will be free transportation for seniors from Patterson, Grayson, and Wesley.

Rosa Park had a question for Misty Ridenour regarding feedback on the form for the public to use regarding transportation needs. Rosa wanted to know if there were positive comments from those using the form. Rosa would like the form to be posted on the StanCOG website soon and Terry Plett also would like to see a posting on the Alliance website.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Plett adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, October 8, 2009 @ 9:00 A.M.

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Signed



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