



AGENDA
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA
December 10, 2009
9:00 A.M.

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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 (11/12/09)
5. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IDENTIFICATION & ANALYSIS REPORT UPDATE
6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE
7. UPDATE ON "SPECIALIZED SERVICE"
 - a. Request for Proposal Update
 - b. Timeline for Development for "Specialized Transportation" Services
8. TRANSIT MANAGERS' REPORTS
9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS
11. ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled SSTAC meeting:

January 5, 2010 (TUESDAY) @ 8:30 A.M.

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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING**

**StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
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Minutes of November 12, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Truax (DMC Foundation); Greg Gaudio (Alliance WorkNet); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities); Misty Ridenour (Howard Training Center); Bertha Burrell-Greene (Commission on Aging);

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Latham (City of Modesto); Brad Christian (Stanislaus County); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Joshua Swearingen (CalTrans); Vince Harris, Rosa Park, Debbie Molloy (StanCOG)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chairman Tom Truax called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.
2. **ROLL CALL**
A sign-in sheet was circulated.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
No Public Comment
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF October 8, 2009**
***By Motion (Misty Ridenour/Simona Rios)** and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of October 8, 2009.
5. **REPORT ON COMMUTE CONNECTION (NO ACTION)**
Anthony Zepeda of San Joaquin Council of Governments gave a presentation on Commute Connection. Commute Connection is a program dedicated to offering commuters programs, services and information on carpooling, vanpooling, transit/rail, walking and bicycling to work.
6. **TRANSIT PRESENTATION BY START (BRAD CHRISTIAN)**
Brad Christian gave a brief overview of the How to Ride the Bus video and then showed it to council members and others present at the meeting. He mentioned that this video is available on the website in both English and Spanish, downloadable and can be burned onto a cd.

7. **MOTION TO APPROVE UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IDENTIFICATION & ANALYSIS REPORT**

Discussion took place on the analysis report and Simona Rios addressed her concerns on various sections of the report.

The Unmet Transit Needs Identification & Analysis Report will go to the Policy Board in December so a recommendation can be made for the \$150,000 to \$200,000 for specialized needs. A determination can then be made on whether there are any LTF funds left for street and road improvements. Discussion took place amongst members regarding the \$150,000 to \$200,000 dollars and whether this money was from the 08/09 or 09/10 needs. Tom Truax commented that it was his understanding that these dollars were from 08/09. After clarification from transit operators and staff, it was determined that this money is for the 09/10 needs as indicated in the report.

Simona Rios had many concerns regarding the report. She felt there was confusion on page 11, paragraph: **Results of the 2009-10 Unmet Transit Needs Findings**. It mentions that there was “one” Unmet Transit Need, even though several needs were brought to the table. Members discussed this in length and it was explained that the word “one” referred to there being only “one report” with multiple findings within that “one report”. Simona then requested that the wording be changed to reflect this. With discussion amongst members the paragraph will now read: On December 9, 2009 the StanCOG Policy Board found for 2009-10 that there was one Unmet Transit Need identified for “specialized transportation services” in the Stanislaus County Transit Needs Assessment Plan determined to be Reasonable to Meet. Analysis of “specialized transportation services” is pending further review.

Simona Rios commented how an unmet need is reported. Her concern is how does a request that has been brought forth not render as an unmet need? It was clarified by staff and other members that when a request is brought forward, and more information is required and not provided, then the council cannot render that as an unmet need.

Simona Rios also questioned the wording on page 21 under **Education of Potential Riders by Public Service Agencies** as well as **Insufficient Supply of Transit Drivers for Non-profit Transportation Service Providers**. Under the first mentioned paragraph Simona felt that “resources” should also be mentioned within this paragraph. With further discussion from members, consensus was to keep the paragraph as is with the exception of adding a period after the word “agencies” and begin new sentence with “The goal is to educate....”.

The second paragraph mentioned Simona felt was misleading stating that there are no “qualified drivers” when in fact there are plenty. She feels there are plenty “qualified” drivers, just not enough volunteer drivers. With discussion amongst members consensus was to change the wording of the first two sentences to: The lack of drivers for non-profit transportation service providers is of concern to the SSTAC members. Agency representatives are in constant recruitment mode for volunteers, with some agencies having to reduce or suspend transportation services to clients due to driver shortages.

By Motion (Greg Gaudio/Misty Ridenour) and unanimous vote, the Council approved the motion to approve with changes discussed, the Unmet Transit Needs Identification & Analysis Report.

8. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE/ROUNDTABLE

Discussion took place in item 7

9. UPDATE ON "SPECIALIZED SERVICE"

Discussion took place in item 7

10. TRANSIT MANAGERS REPORTS

Due to time constraints, there were no Transit Managers Reports

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vince Harris gave a brief report and stated that the sub-committee met earlier in the week and they are making progress. Council had requested that updates be emailed out to the rest of the members. Mr. Harris responded and said that updates would be emailed out. Mr. Harris also mentioned that there will be some changes in the calendar for meetings in 2010 if the Policy Board approves them. Vince mentioned that the Unmet Transit Needs Identification & Analysis Report will be presented to the various committees at their meetings next week. He felt that sharing this report with other committee members before Policy Board would be beneficial to those within the agencies that we work closely with. Chairman Tom Truax was concerned that by doing this we would be setting precedence for future SSTAC meetings. Vince made it very clear that the other committees would not be approving or suggesting changes to what SSTAC brings forth to the Policy Board. He reiterated that SSTAC reports directly to the Policy Board and will continue to do so. But with changes to the meeting calendar next year he felt that moving SSTAC meetings to the day before or morning before the Technical Advisory Committee would be beneficial for all. With discussion amongst members, all agreed to change their meeting dates to the 2nd Tuesday at 8:30am.

12. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Greg Gaudio asked why there would not be a meeting in December. He felt that by not having a meeting in December would delay SSTAC getting information in for approval to the Policy Board by a month. With further discussion amongst members, it was decided that the last regular scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 9am.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tom Truax adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, December 10, 2009 @ 9:00 A.M.

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Signed



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