



**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA
August 3, 2010
8:30 AM**

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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
The public may comment on each item on the agenda as it arises.
- 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**
 - A.** Motion to Approve SSTAC's Committee Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2010
 - B.** Introduction of Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) – Paratransit Inc.
 - C.** Information to Project Selection for FFY 06,07,08 JARC/NF Funding
 - D.** Discuss 'MAX Mobility Device Tie-Down Policy' and 'Modesto Area Dial-A-Ride No-show Policy' – Bill Latham, City of Modesto Dial-a-Ride
- 4. TRANSIT MANAGER'S/CTSA REPORT**
- 5. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**
- 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- 7. ADJOURN**

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AUGUST 31, 2010 (TUESDAY) @ 8:30 AM
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COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
StanCOG Board Room
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Minutes of July 6, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bertha Burrell-Greene (COA); Greg Gaudio (Alliance Worknet); Terry Plett, George Sharp (DRAIL); Misty Ridenour (Howard Training Center); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities); Tom Truax (DMC Foundation)

ALSO PRESENT: Doralee Boles (Stanislaus County); Fred Cavanah, Bill Latham (City of Modesto); Donna Bridges (ROTA); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Vince Harris, Rosa Park, Debbie Molloy, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Miguel Dinoso (Citizen); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Misty Ridenour called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC's Committee Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2010

By Motion (Tom Truax/Greg Gaudio), and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 6-1-2010.

B. Motion to Authorize Executive Director to Execute Consultant Contract for Implementation of a CTSA

Rosa Park briefly discussed the selection process. Rosa mentioned that two proposals were received, one from Doctors Medical Foundation and the other from Innovative Paradigms a division of Paratransit Inc. The evaluation committee met twice to review the proposals. The evaluation committee invited the two rank proposers for an interview.

Simona Rios voiced her disappointment that a local agency was not chosen for the CTSA. Simona asked if the Scope of Services were included in the packet and asked if this is what the

selected proposer submitted. Rosa explained that a scope of services was included in the staff report.

Monica Ramos, Executive Director of Catholic Charities questioned the date of the staff report to the date the consultant was chosen. Rosa explained that the staff report had been drafted before the selection of the CTSA to only include basic information. Once the evaluation committee made their final ranking after the interviews, the staff report was finalized to include the selected agency. Fred Cavanah commented that the date of the staff report may want to be changed so there is no confusion.

Donna Bridges asked if there were comments taken from the interview panel and are they available for others to view. Rosa mentioned there was a scoring sheet. Misty Ridenour commented that Innovative Paradigms was the more experienced agency to lead the coordinated and specialized transportation effort as the CTSA. Fred Cavanah added that it is important to recognize that Innovate Paradigm is in fact Paratransit, Inc. Paratransit, Inc. has years of experience in operating mobility management systems, federal grants, and auditing of federal grants.

Miguel Dinoso, Citizen, commented his concern of not hiring local companies. Mr. Dinoso expressed that it is important for the county to develop a policy to hire local companies and employees for our local economy. Fred Cavanah commented that it would be important to note that the project manager for Paratransit, Inc. is an actual resident of Modesto and would be working out of their home.

Vince Harris commented that within our agencies policies, we do not have a policy on local preference at this time. However, our Policy Board has indicated that we do provide opportunities for local firms. Vince mentioned that the board will still be the deciding factor of the company that has been selected. There were two qualified firms and then based on the evaluations of the selection committee, Innovate Paradigms was selected as the most qualified firm.

Greg Gaudio commented on his selection. Greg noted that after the evaluation, he supported the decision to select Innovative Paradigm based on what was best for the rider. Greg felt that Innovative Paradigm would do the best in coordinating the services for persons with disabilities who need door to door services.

By Motion (George Sharp/Greg Gaudio), and unanimous vote, the Council approved the recommendation to Authorize Executive Director to Execute Consultant Contract for Implementation of a CTSA. Simona Rios abstained from vote.

4. TRANSIT MANAGER'S REPORTS

Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres) reported that changes were effective July 1st on CAT Route A, eliminating last hour of day M-F and CAT Route B eliminating last 2 hours M-F. New rates effective July 1, 2010.

Donna Bridges (ROTA) reported that changes took effect July 1, 2010. Hours are M-F from 6am-5:30pm, Saturdays and Sundays have eliminated zone fares which are Amtrak and Perkos. Service still out to the Orange Blossom area based on space availability. Service has been moved to the Riverbank Ammunition Plant. Discussion is ongoing regarding the Tuesday service for seniors from Oakdale to Riverbank Crossroads.

Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto) reported the addition of a new bus in Salida will be effective July 31st. This bus will serve Gregori High School, the business park located on Stoddard Road and will double the service to Salida.

Doralee Boles (Stanislaus County) reported that the new schedule will be effective in August. The county continues to work on google transit which they hope to have ready this fall. Two vendors have demonstrated security cameras on buses and hope to have a decision in a month. Continue to work on automated fare box recovery system and hope to have installed January 2011.

Bill Latham (City of Modesto) reported that Dial-a-Ride continues to grow on a steady basis.

5. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tom Truax asked if preference will be given to the new CTSA over other applicants on the JARC/NF grant applications. Rosa Park answered that question by saying no. There will be an evaluation committee that will score the applications for eligible projects that meet JARC and New Freedom's criteria and eligibility. Fred Cavanah commented that the Federal Transit Administration prohibits geographic favoritism.

Simona Rios announced that she will now be working on another program with Catholic Charities and will not be able to participate on the SSTAC council. She mentioned that Monica Ramos, Executive Director for Catholic Charities will now be attending the meetings.

Tom Truax announced that he will need to take a leave of absence for one year due to his service on the Civil Grand Jury.

Terry Plett commented on the continuing efforts of implementing the CTSA. He continues to work with local elected officials on making a change to the Public Utilities Code (PUC) on changing the language/definition of local funds as it pertains to the fare box recovery formula. Terry believes that members of SSTAC should decide whether this is the next endeavor we support and bring to the Policy Board.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vince Harris thanked those for the well wishes while he was out on medical leave. Rosa Park passed out a flyer for a Successful Applicant workshop for those who may be interested in attending. Rosa also thanked the subcommittee for their efforts in the selection of the CTSA.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Terry Plett adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 @ 8:30 A.M.

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Signed


Minutes prepared by Debbie Molloy, Administrative Technician



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TO: Social Services Advisory Committee (SSTAC) **Staff Report Information**
THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director
FROM: Rosa De León Park, Transit/Programming Manager *RDP*
DATE: July 27, 2010
SUBJECT: Project Selection for FFY 2006, 2007, 2008 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) Funding

Background

Recommend that the StanCOG Policy Board approve the project selection list for Federal Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, 2008 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) funding.

Under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFTEA-LU) the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316/Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317/New Freedom program funds are allocated to designated recipients. StanCOG is the designated recipient for the Modesto Urbanized Area funds. As required by the Federal Transit Administration, applications for these funds must be submitted to StanCOG for a competitive grant process that is administered by FTA and StanCOG. The deadline for any agency wishing to receive FFY 2006, 2007, 2008 JARC and NF funding for the Modesto Urbanized Area was July 23, 2010.

Discussion

With the approval of SAFTEA-LU, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316/JARC and Section 5317/New Freedom program funds must now be applied for by a competitive grant process developed and administered by StanCOG. For FFY 2006, 2007, 2008 funding, grant applications were submitted to StanCOG by July 23, 2010. An Evaluation Committee made up of StanCOG Staff, StaRT Transit Manager, and SSTAC Chair, met on July 26, 2010 to evaluate, score, and rank the applications.

StanCOG received five (5) grant applications, two (2) from Innovative Paradigms a division of Paratransit Inc., three (3) by Catholic Charities, and one (1) by the City of Modesto (MAX). The highest ranked and selected projects are identified on *Chart 1*.

**Chart 1
Project Rating List**

Applicant	Project	Type JARC/NF	Requested Funding FY 06	Requested Funding FY 07	Requested Funding FY 08	Total Funding Request	Amount Awarded
Catholic Charities	Operating Assistance for the Senior Assisted Transportation program provides "door-through-door" transportation to residents 60 years of age or older who face transportation challenges due to physical and cognitive conditions.	NF	\$35,000	\$42,000	\$50,000	\$127,000	\$127,000
City of Modesto (MAX)	This project will support the operations of a new route, Route 43 that was started three months after the adoption of the plan. The goal of this project is to improve transportation to work and work activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals in the most cost efficient manner possible.	JARC	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$600,000	\$381,689
Innovative Paradigms a division of Paratransit Inc.	Mobility Management project will provide implementation of the Tasks and Streams in the Stanislaus County Assessment of Needs Study. Such as, travel training from the local mobility management office.	JARC			\$235,810	\$235,810	\$212,194
Innovative Paradigms a division of Paratransit Inc.	Mobility Management project will provide implementation of the Tasks and Streams in the Stanislaus County Assessment of Needs Study. Such as, travel training from the local mobility management office.	NF			\$126,201	\$126,201	\$102,220

Funding Availability

JARC

Federal Year Allocation	JARC (5316) Program
FY 2006	\$185, 818
FY 2007	\$195, 871
FY 2008	\$212,194
Total Funding Amount	\$593,883
Total Awarded	\$593,883
Remaining Funds	-0-

New Freedom

Federal Year Allocation	NF (5317) Program
FY 2006	\$76,648
FY 2007	\$94,627
FY 2008	\$102,220
Total Funding Amount	\$273, 495
Total Awarded	\$253,201
Remaining FY 07 Funds	\$20, 294

Most of the funding was allocated to the ranked projects listed in Chart 1 with a remaining FY 07 New Freedom funds in the amount of \$20,294 that could only be used for operating requiring a 50/50 match. These funds will become available in the next Call for Projects in Spring of 2011.

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