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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA
AUGUST 31, 2010 (TUESDAY)
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 August 3, 2010
- B.** Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2011
- C.** Update on StanCOG/Paratransit, Inc. Conference on September 8, 2010
- D.** Update on Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

E. Update on Local Funding – Public Utilities Commission (PUC) – Terry Plett

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5. ADJOURN

Please Note: Due to StanCOG-hosted Fall Policy Conference in Modesto on October 6-7, the October Committees and Policy Board Meetings are canceled.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

November 2, 2010 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am

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COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
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Minutes of August 3, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bertha Burrell-Greene (COA); Terry Plett (DRAIL); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities); Margie Palomino (Dept. of Aging & Veterans Services)

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Christian (Stanislaus County); Fred Cavanah, Bill Latham (City of Modesto); Donna Bridges (ROTA); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Janet Jaramillo, Barbara Hempstead (Caltrans); Vince Harris, Rosa Park, Debbie Molloy, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG); Jean Foletta, Phil McGuire (Innovative Paradigms)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Plett called the meeting to order at 8:42 am.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC's Committee Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2010

Monica Ramos requested that her title be changed to Program Director not Executive Director of Catholic Charities.

By Motion (Bertha Burrell-Greene, Monica Ramos), and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 7-6-2010, with correction.

B. Introduction of Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) – Paratransit, Inc.

Vince Harris introduced and welcomed Phil McGuire and Jean Foletta of Paratransit, Inc. Vince commented that staff, SSTAC members, and Transit Operators will be resources available to assist. Phil McGuire commented that he would like to invite all to their Sacramento office to see what their company has already accomplished in the Sacramento Area. Vince commented that staff will work with Paratransit, Inc. in coordinating that visit.

C. Information to Project Selection for FFY 06, 07, 08 JARC/NF Funding

Terry Plett commented on the review of the applications for funding. Projects had been reviewed by a committee and recommendations have been made to move forward to the subsequent committees

for comment and then on to the Policy Board for approval. Rosa mentioned that there was a correction that was made on page 3 and passed out a new chart with that revision. Discussion took place amongst members regarding StanCOG becoming a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grantee. The City of Modesto is an FTA grantee and was able to process the FTA grant for the JARC/NF funds on behalf of StanCOG. Rosa mentioned, had the City of Modesto not applied for the JARC/NF grant, Stanislaus County could have lost almost one million dollars.

D. Discussion ‘MAX Mobility Device Tie-Down Policy’ and ‘Modesto Area Dial-A-Ride No-Show Policy’ – Bill Latham, City of Modesto Dial-A-Ride

Bill Latham gave a quick overview of the tie-down policies and no show policies regarding MAX and Dial-A-Ride and asked for any input from members. Bill handed out these policies to those in attendance.

4. TRANSIT MANAGER’S REPORTS

Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto) reported that on Monday, August 2, started up the new route improvement to Route 28 Northwest Modesto providing service to Gregori High School and the Modesto Institute of Technology. Service to Salida is now doubled.

Bill Latham (City of Modesto) reported that the city received a grant and is now able to install video surveillance for transit centers and bus yard. This surveillance system is directly connected to the Modesto Police Department as part of the downtown improvement system.

Brad Christian (Stanislaus County) reported that service changes took effect 8/2/10. Two runs were added to Route 10 between Modesto and Turlock. Route 60 added another run in the late afternoon. Patterson transfer center has been improved and almost complete. There will be a phase 2 involved to add restrooms to the area. Security camera project is moving forward. The county hopes to have Google Transit up in the next month or two and will be called the “Easy Rider Trip Planner”. Electronic fare boxes hope to be installed by the end of January. Ticket media will be changing to an electronic format.

Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock) reported that the city is a couple of weeks away on two new low floor buses on service routes. The city recently completed a CNG slow fill fueling station. Design is continuing on the transit center and the city is almost ready to purchase property.

Donna Bridges (ROTA) reported that changes were effective July 1st. ROTA has received a lot of complaints due to the service changes. A homeland security grant was received and cameras will be installed at the shelters in Oakdale and by the Galaxy Theater in Riverbank.

Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres) reported that changes were effective July 1st and she passed out bilingual ride guides. Kay commented that she did not have data to report, but mentioned CAT Route A and B changes.

Phil McGuire (Paratransit, Inc.) commented that they will now be able to leverage with StanCOG on the original contract with the federal grant. This will allow Paratransit Inc. to jumpstart the CTSA process. Phil mentioned an opportunity for all to travel up to the Sacramento area to see what has been done and how they have worked with local agencies. Margie Palomino offered to meet with Phil McGuire and Jean Foletta to introduce them to community agencies to assist them in their efforts of the CTSA.

Barbara Hempstead (Caltrans) commented that she is also impressed at what has been accomplished in Stanislaus County. Barbara mentioned that she and Janet Jaramillo had recently gone to training

regarding updating the ARRA projects. She mentioned that there is a new program that will be updated by the agencies. This system will have all of the statewide projects listed.

Janet Jaramillo (Caltrans) welcomed Barbara Hempstead back from her leave of absence. Janet mentioned that a staff from headquarters will be joining them for next year's inspection. Furloughs are back on and will be closed on the 2, 3 and 4th Fridays of each month.

5. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bertha Burrell-Greene commented that she is very excited about what is happening. She commented that she has been a public transit rider for six years and will be the eyes and ears of public transportation from the citizen's point of view.

Margie Palomino commented that she is excited as well with the progress we have made. She hopes that we can be a benchmark for others trying to do the same in other counties. Margie also asked about the status of the TTAC and if that would be implemented soon. Vince Harris commented that this should be revisited for further conversation. Terry Plett asked if it could be on the agenda for the next SSTAC meeting.

Terry Plett commented that he shares the same sentiments in representing individuals with disabilities. He believes that this is a valuable resource for our community.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vince Harris commented that it is a busy time in our region right now. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Environmental Impact Report, and Air Quality Conformity which are all associated with the RTP were recently approved in July by our Policy Board. Vince mentioned how important this document is. Vince also mentioned a phone call that was received by the Attorney General's office with interest on our environmental report with regards to SB375 which is the Climate Change Bill and how we would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Attorney General's office wanted us to commit to a basic timeline on when we would create a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), in which our office did.

Vince also mentioned the San Joaquin Valley Regional Fall Policy Conference will be held on October 6th and 7th. He would like all to participate if possible.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Terry Plett adjourned the meeting at 10:03 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, August 31, 2010 @ 8:30 A.M.

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Signed 
Minutes prepared by Debbie Molloy, Administrative Technician



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TO: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) **Staff Report**
Motion

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director

FROM: Cindy Malekos, Personnel & Administration Manager
Public Information Officer

DATE: August 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2011

Recommendation

By Motion:

Recommend that the Policy Board approve the attached Policy Board and Advisory Committees Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2011.

Background

In 2010, the Policy Board and the Executive Committee has been meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. The Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, and Management and Finance Committee have met on the first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (respectively) of the month. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council has met on the first Tuesday of the month and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee has met on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. All meetings have been held at the StanCOG Board Room.

Discussion

The 2010 meeting schedule has worked out well with good attendance at Policy Board and Committee meetings so the same format has been used in determining Policy Board and Committee meetings for 2011.

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Draft StanCOG Meeting Schedule for 2011

	Policy Board (3rd Wednesday of the month) 6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee (3rd Wednesday of the month) 3:30pm	Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (1st Tuesday of the Month) 8:30am	Technical Advisory Committee (1st Tuesday of the month) 10:00 a.m.	Citizens Advisory Committee (1st Wednesday of the month) 6:00 p.m.	Management and Finance Committee (1st Thursday of the month) 3:00 p.m.	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (3rd Tuesday of the month) 5:30 p.m.
2011							
January	1/19	1/19	1/4	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/18
February	2/16	2/16	2/1	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/15
March	3/16	3/16	3/1	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/15
April	4/20	4/20	4/5	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/19
May	5/18	5/18	5/3	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/17
June	6/15	6/15	5/31**	5/31**	6/1	6/2	6/14
July	7/20	7/20	7/5	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/19
August	8/17	8/17	8/2	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/16
September	9/21	9/21	9/6	9/6	9/7	9/8	9/20
October	10/19	10/19	10/4	10/4	10/5	10/6	10/18
November	11/16	11/16	11/1	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/15
December	12/14	12/14	11/29	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/20

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Note: * Due to the holidays, the December meetings will be held one week prior to the normal schedule
 ** SSTAC and TAC Meetings would be held on last Tuesday of month in this scenario due to 5-week month