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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
STANCOG BOARD ROOM  
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308  
MODESTO, CA  
APRIL 5, 2011 (TUESDAY)  
8:30 AM**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*The public may comment on each item on the agenda as it arises.*

### **4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Motion to Approve SSTAC's Committee Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2011

**B.** Motion to Adopt Evaluation Recommendation for the FFY 2010-11 Regional Priority List for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 (Elderly and Disabled Transportation) Capital Grants

- 5. INFORMATION**
- 6. TRANSIT MANAGER'S/CTSA REPORT**
- 7. CALTRANS REPORT**
- 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- 9. MEMBER REPORTS**
- 10. ADJOURN**

**Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:**

**May 3, 2011 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING  
StanCOG Board Room  
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**Minutes of March 1, 2011 (Tuesday)  
8:30 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bertha Burrell-Greene (Commission on Aging); Jean Foletta (CTSA); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities); Misty Ridenour (Howard Training Center); George Sharp (DRAIL); Tom Truax (DMC Foundation)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Donna Bridges (ROTA); Doralee Boles (Stanislaus County); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Bill Latham (City of Modesto); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Barbara Hempstead, Janet Jaramillo (Caltrans); Vince Harris, Rosa Park, Mike Costa, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Martin Zonlig

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC's Committee Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2011**

**By Motion (Tom Truax/Jean Foletta)**, and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 02/1/11.

**B. Motion to Adopt FY 2011/12 Draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report**

Vince Harris opened up this item and briefly mentioned the two public hearings recently held and that staff received 25 comments. Mike Costa went over the comments that were received and analyzed for the report. Of those 25 comments, 2 comments were identified as an unmet transit need; however they were not defined as reasonable to meet. Mike Costa also handed out copies of a letter that was received by staff from an attendee at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Policy Board meeting. This letter addresses a concern and not an unmet transit need since a specific location is not identified or an actual unmet need.

**By Motion (Jean Foletta/George Sharp)**, and unanimous vote, the Council adopted the FY 2011/12 Draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report.

**C. Motion to Approve Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Goals and Objectives and Performance Measures for the Stanislaus Region**

Vince Harris mentioned that our CTSA is receiving some notoriety around the State which is great for Stanislaus County. Vince Harris briefly discussed how funds are received and that CTSA will need goals and objectives as well as performance measures to measure activity against. Staff has reviewed the goals and objectives and performance measures and recommends approval. Jean Foletta added that these goals and objectives were brought to the Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) for comment. Jean Foletta explained that the goals and objectives were considered based on the transit needs assessment.

**By Motion (George Sharp/Sandra Williams)**, and unanimous vote, the Council approved the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Goals and Objectives and Performance Measures for the Stanislaus Region.

**4. INFORMATION - None**

**5. TRANSIT MANAGER'S/CTSA REPORT**

Doralee Boles (Stanislaus County) reported that there has been a 4.5% increase in ridership and also the largest farebox the county has had. The county has received three security camera proposals and will review on March 15, 2011 and hope to have a decision in early April. Fare increase will be going to the board to set initial date. The county will hold public forums at various locations to discuss the increase which will be \$.25 for all except senior and disabled. Free transfers will be given out. Open houses will be Modesto – March 31<sup>st</sup>, Patterson – March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Riverbank - 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Turlock – March 29<sup>th</sup> and then to the Board of Supervisors for public hearing on May 10, 2011. The county is making progress on purchasing paratransit buses which will give the county potential to provide a medivan service to the Bay Area.

Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres) mentioned a letter that was sent to Vince Harris to seek assistance in adding a paragraph to the TDA law to have StanCOG set farebox requirements for the transit agencies here in Stanislaus County or another measurement such as passenger per vehicle service hour or passenger per miles travelled. Ceres would like to meet with staff to discuss. Dial-A-Ride is at 11% and CAT is at 12% fare box ratio which can be attributed to social service agencies purchasing passes for their clients. Ceres is also working with Storer Transit on ways to improve their CAT Route B to the Community Services Agency.

Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock) reported that ridership has been up the last 4 months and a fare increase of \$.25 effective today, March 1, 2011. Fares are now \$1.50, general; \$.75 for discount senior and disabled. All day pass is \$3.50 or \$1.75 for discount. Transit Hub negotiations continue with property owners and design will be completed March 2, 2011.

Bill Latham (City of Modesto) reported that the city continues to work on the budget and remain committed to no fare increase. Ridership on MAX continues to grow slowly and Dial A Ride remains steady. The City is working on translation of their Dial A Ride documents and MAX applications into Spanish and hope to have completed this summer. Permit issues have delayed construction on the new maintenance facility.

Donna Bridges (ROTA) reported that ROTA will be taking to their board a \$.25 increase in fares. ROTA is staying at a 7% farebox and will look into increasing fares. The schools are opposed to the increase, however they are hoping to incorporate into grants to purchase passes for students. ROTA is still looking into selling their 33' trolley. Tom Truax of DMC Foundation will speak on the RSVP Program to the Royal Neighbors of America on March 2, 2011.

Jean Foletta (CTSA) reported that the CTSA is working with various providers on the travel training program. A lot of referrals are coming from Continuum College in Turlock and VMRC is sending a lot of referrals as well. A meeting will be arranged with DMC Foundation and Catholic Charities for the volunteer program outlined in the needs assessment.

**6. CALTRANS REPORT**

Barbara Hempstead (Caltrans) reminded all that the 2011/12 Planning Grants are due electronically on March 30, 2011 by 5 p.m. These grants include the Environmental Justice, Community Based Transportation Planning Grant, Partnership Planning and Transit Planning Grants. Both Barbara Hempstead and Janet Jaramillo are available to assist if needed.

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Vince Harris reported that StanCOG is working with the City of Turlock, City of Patterson, and Stanislaus County as a partnership to submit a planning grant for a study which is referred to as the South County Corridor. StanCOG is also working on the Draft FY 11/12 Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget which will be circulated through various committees for review then submitted as a draft to our Policy Board for approval on March 16<sup>th</sup>. StanCOG will then meet with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Caltrans to review the OWP and Budget for comment. The Final FY 11/12 OWP and Budget is anticipated to go to the Policy Board on May 18, 2011 for approval. Vince Harris also mentioned that StanCOG and the other 7 counties in the valley have been working on a Valley Wide Blueprint. This is an ongoing effort to envision how the valley will look in 25-30 years. In March StanCOG will take the Blueprint Implementation Strategy to the Policy Board. Vince also mentioned that Congress recently passed a series of continuing resolutions for the current surface transportation bill SAFETELU until a new bill is signed.

**8. MEMBER REPORTS**

George Sharp mentioned that he had recently met with Assembly Member Kristen Olsen regarding the fare box ratio issue and the Public Utilities Code on local transit funds. Assembly Member Olsen supports the issue; however, she is unable to take to Assembly until next year. George will meet with Assembly Member Olsen again to discuss other opportunities to take to the Assembly sooner.

Monica Ramos mentioned that Catholic Charities is working on their 5310 application grant. Also, the Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (SEAPA) Safe Seminar will be held on March 11, 2011 at First Baptist Church.

Tom Truax mentioned that the recent RSVP event held at DMC Foundation was a success with approximately 30 new volunteers.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:**

**February 1, 2011 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am**

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Minutes Prepared By:

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

**THROUGH:** Vince Harris, Executive Director

**FROM:** Rosa De León Park, Transit/Programming Manager *RDP*  
Mike Costa, Transit/Programming Planner *MAC*

**DATE:** March 25, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation Recommendation for the FFY 2010-11 Regional Priority List for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 (Elderly and Disabled Transportation) Capital Grants

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**Recommendation**

By motion, staff recommends that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) recommend that the Policy Board adopt by resolution the FFY 2010-11 Regional Priority List for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 (Elderly and Disabled Transportation) Capital Grants submitted by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton and United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc. of Stanislaus County.

**Background**

The FTA Section 5310 Capital Grant Program provides funds on a statewide competitive basis for the purchase of vehicles and supporting equipment to transport elderly and disabled persons. Eligible applicants consist of private, non-profit organizations and/or public agencies that provide coordinated transportation services for the elderly and disabled. For this grant cycle, which consists of both federal fiscal years 2010 and 2011, approximately \$25 million is available for distribution. For this cycle only, agencies receive up to 100% in federal funding with the usage of Toll Credits. StanCOG received applications from two private, non-profit organizations for this competitive grant cycle: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton (Catholic Charities) and United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc. of Stanislaus County (UCP).

**Discussion**

As the Regional Transportation and Planning Agency (RTPA) for Stanislaus County, StanCOG is responsible for the evaluation and scoring of eligible projects using the California Transportation Commission’s criteria for establishing project eligibility, project need, project effectiveness, applicant ability, and overall transit coordination efforts. A scoring committee, consisting of both StanCOG staff and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA), has reviewed and scored the two applications received for this grant cycle. Both applicants meet

the requirements for MPO/RTPA certification and assurances. The average scores for the requests made in both Catholic Charities' and UCP's grant applications are provided in Table 1, below.

**Table 1: Project Scoring Average**

Applicant	Project Request	Section I Score	Section II Score	Section III Score	Section IV Score	Total Project Score	Funding Request
<b>Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton</b>	Small Bus (8AP; 2 WC) to replace existing vehicle	32	18	20	11	<b>81</b>	\$65,000
	Minivan (5 AP) to expand service	32	18	10	11	<b>71</b>	\$44,000
	1 computer to replace existing computer	32	18	6	11	<b>67</b>	\$882
	1 new computer	32	18	6	11	<b>67</b>	\$882
	5 GPS units	32	18	6	11	<b>67</b>	\$915
<b>United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc. of Stanislaus County</b>	Medium Bus (12 AP; 2 WC) Gas Hybrid to replace existing bus	32	18	20	15	<b>85</b>	\$116,000
	Medium Bus (12 AP; 2 WC) Gas Hybrid to replace existing bus	32	18	15	15	<b>80</b>	\$116,000
	Medium Bus (12 AP; 2 WC) Gas Hybrid to expand service	32	18	11	15	<b>76</b>	\$116,000
	Small Bus (8 AP; 2 WC) to expand service	32	18	14	15	<b>79</b>	\$65,000

If approved, these projects will be forwarded to Caltrans for compilation into a statewide funding list. Projects from this list will be selected for funding in a ranked order according to their score until all available funds are expended.

Attachment:

1. FFY 2010-11 Approved FTA Section 5310 Regional Priority List

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