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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA
JANUARY 3, 2012 (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. PRESENTATIONS - None

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC's Minutes of 11-29-11

B. Motion to Approve Revised Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2012

C. Discussion Follow-up of November Board Direction Regarding the Transit Assessment of Three Scenarios for the Stanislaus Region

6. INFORMATION - None

7. TRANSIT MANAGER'S/CTSA REPORT

8. CALTRANS REPORT

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

January 31, 2012 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am

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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
StanCOG Board Room
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**Minutes of November 29, 2011 (Tuesday)
8:30 am**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bertha Burrell-Greene (COA); Brad Christian (Stanislaus County); Jean Foletta (CTSA); Margie Palomino (Department of Aging & Veterans Services); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities);

ALSO PRESENT: Donna Bridges (ROTA); Fred Cavanah, Bill Latham (City of Modesto); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Barbara Hempstead (Caltrans); Mike Costa, Vince Harris, Rosa Park, Debbie Trujillo, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monica Ramos called the meeting to order at approximately 8:45 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Update

Jean Foletta gave a brief update on the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) and current projects/programs underway as well as the goals that were accomplished during the year.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC's Committee Meeting Minutes of 11-1-11

By Motion (Brad Christian/Margie Palomino), and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 11-1-11.

6. INFORMATION

A. StanCOG Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

Vince Harris gave a brief overview of the DBE Program and mentioned the comment period for the public.

7. TRANSIT MANAGER'S/CTSA REPORT

Brad Christian mentioned the Modesto Bee article regarding the new transportation guide. He also reported that he and Mike Costa met with a group in Oakdale regarding the eastside shuttle service. He said that a press release went in the Oakdale Leader and they will try the service again in January 2012. If ridership does not pick up, the service will be dropped. He mentioned that security cameras were being installed in 23 buses. He said ridership was up 16.44% from last year and Route 70 was up 91% and Route 10 was up over 26%.

Fred Cavanah mentioned that the new bus maintenance facility project was going well. He also reported that ridership was up 7.5% from October 2010. He mentioned that the city was in the process of preparing a bid to replace engines in the 2003 buses and was looking for funds to replace 1990 buses.

Donna Bridges reported an increase in some service clubs in Oakdale and that ridership was steady. She also mentioned that the security camera project in Oakdale was ongoing.

Kay Dunkel reported that ridership was up 3% in the first four months of 2011 compared to last year.

Scott Medeiros reported that the transit center completion date was changed to mid February instead of early January. He also mentioned that California State University, Stanislaus students would be doing a ridership survey. He also invited all to the Main Street Christmas Parade on December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Barbara Hempstead reported that a Call for Projects for Section 5311 Operating and Capital Projects was sent out earlier in the month. She also said a review had started of the application guidelines for various grants and would be posted in mid December.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vince Harris invited all to the Open House on December 14th from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. He also mentioned that the StanCOG website had been updated. He reported that the Federal government continues to work on the next transportation reauthorization bill which most likely will have less funding.

10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Margie Palomino invited all to the Stanislaus Senior Foundation Fundraiser on December 6, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the McHenry Museum.

Monica Ramos invited all to Catholic Charities Open House on December 7, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

January 3, 2012 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am

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Minutes Prepared By:


Debbie Trujillo, Administrative Technician

StanCOG Policy Board & Committee Meetings 2012

	Policy Board (3rd Wednesday of the month) 6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee (3rd Wednesday of the month) 5:00p.m.	Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (1st Tuesday of the month) 8:30 a.m.	Sustainable Communities Strategy Steering Committee (1st Tuesday of the month) 1:00 p.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 (1st Tuesday of every other month) 5:30 p.m.	
2012								
January	1/18	1/18 #	1/3	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/3	
February	2/15	2/15	1/31 *	1/31 *	2/1	2/2		
March	3/21	3/21 #	3/6	3/6	3/7	3/8 *	3/6	
April	4/18	4/18	4/3	4/3	4/4	4/5		
May	5/16	5/16 #	5/1	5/1	5/2	5/3	5/1	
June	6/20	6/20	6/5	6/5	6/6	6/7		
+ July	7/25 *	7/25 *	7/10 *	7/10 *	7/11 *	7/12 *	7/10 *	
+ August	No Meetings Scheduled							
September	9/19	9/19 #	9/4	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/4	
October	10/17	10/17	10/2	10/2	10/3	10/4		
November	11/14 *	11/14 * #	10/30 *	10/30 *	Tuesday 10/30 *	11/1	11/6	
December	12/12 *	12/12 *	11/27 *	11/27 *	11/28 *	11/29 *		

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+ Proposed Revisions for the months of July & August



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TO: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council **Staff Report**
Discussion

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

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

DATE: December 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Follow-up of November Board Direction Regarding the Transit Assessment of
Three Scenarios for the Stanislaus Region

Background

Staff is bringing this item to the Committees and Policy Board as an update to the discussions regarding the preliminary transit assessment that was conducted for this region. On November 16, 2011, staff presented the Policy Board with an assessment relevant to three transit scenarios for the Stanislaus region:

- 1. Consolidate all services into one operation under one political entity;
- 2. Consolidate into three systems – non-urbanized (StaRT + ROTA), small urbanized (Turlock), and large urbanized (Modesto + Ceres); and
- 3. Continue existing systems – coordination among existing transit agencies.

In collaboration with staff and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA), the region's five transit operators collectively identified pros and cons for 11 components (e.g. administrative/operating costs, staffing, local governance, etc) pertinent to each scenario, based on their knowledge of their local systems and transit expertise.

Discussion

At their November 16th meeting, the Policy Board reviewed this assessment and discussed the recommended motions provided by the CAC and MFC. The CAC recommended Scenario 3 while MFC unanimously recommended further in-depth study. After thoroughly discussing the potential outcomes associated with each scenario, the Policy Board concluded that additional information was needed to better understand how consolidation could potentially occur in this region. Specifically, the Board directed staff to research the following information:

1. Does the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), as the administrative operator of the region's transit entity, utilize all of the region's Local Transportation Funds (LTF) towards transit only?
2. Are the local jurisdictions that operate their own transit services, particularly the smaller entities struggling to meet the farebox recovery requirements, willing to consolidate with the larger transit agencies?

StanCOG staff contacted staff from MCAG, who confirmed that LTF currently is, and has been for the past two years, used entirely for transit. No LTF currently remains for streets and roads.

On December 13, 2011, staff convened a meeting with the region's five transit operators to discuss whether or not the five local governing jurisdictions were discussing the possibility of consolidation. The Transit Coordinator from the Riverbank-Oakdale Transit Authority (ROTA) identified that the ROTA Board was not interested in merging with the Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) system at this time; and, they were currently willing to pay the TDA's established penalty for not meeting the farebox recovery requirements. The City of Ceres Administrative Analyst also identified that the Ceres City Manager expressed a desire to maintain local control over the City's individual transit operations.

Staff is bringing this item to the Committees and Policy Board as an update of the continuing discussions regarding the transit assessment presented to the Board on November 16th.

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