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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA
JUNE 5, 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 Minutes of 5-1-12

B. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt Resolution 11-75 to Approve FY 2010 and 2011 Program of Projects Job Access Reverse Commute (FTA Section 5316) and New Freedom (FTA Section 5317) Grant Applications

C. Motion to Appoint Chair and Vice Chair for FY 12/13

6. INFORMATION

A. Public Review/Comment Period and Hearing for the StanCOG Draft 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis

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:

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

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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING

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Minutes of May 1, 2012 (Tuesday)

8:30 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bertha Burrell-Greene (COA); Jean Foletta (CTSA); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities); George Sharp (DRAIL); Tom Truax (DMC Foundation)

ALSO PRESENT: Donna Bridges (ROTA); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Eunice Lovi (Stanislaus County); Barbara Hempstead (Caltrans); Vince Harris, Rosa De León Park, Mike Costa, Vince Canales, Debbie Trujillo, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG); Christina Ulloa (DMC Foundation)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monica Ramos called the meeting to order at approximately 8:53 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. PRESENTATIONS - None

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 4-3-12

By Motion (Jean Foletta/Tom Truax), and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 4-3-12.

B. Update of TDA Legislation Efforts with Assemblymember Kristin Olsen by George Sharp

George Sharp mentioned that he had met with Matt Theis, Legislative Director for Assemblymember Olsen. He said that he presented the resolution of support to him and that he was very pleased with the support. He mentioned that Assemblymember Olsen's calendar was full for this session and that it would be placed on the calendar in late November/December for the 12/13 Bills. He said support from Catholic Charities, Commission on Aging, and the Transit Operators is important. He said that the resolution should also be given to Assemblymember Berryhill and Senator Canella to raise more awareness and support.

C. StanCOG Public Outreach Efforts Regarding Existing Transportation Opportunities and Future Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Processes in the Stanislaus Region

Mike Costa updated members on recent public outreach efforts regarding Unmet Transit Needs. He mentioned that staff would like to promote existing services in the region better and possibly create informational brochures for distribution. He asked members for suggestions on how staff could promote outreach to the public regarding transportation opportunities and how to identify our regions unmet needs.

6. INFORMATION - None

7. TRANSIT MANAGER'S/CTSA REPORT

Jean Foletta reported that she had attended the CalACT Conference recently. She also mentioned that the travel trainers are using the iPads and have found them to be useful and productive.

Fred Cavanah reported that the city is evaluating bids from contractors to run the MAX system. He said that five proposals had been received and four had been interviewed with the request of a final proposal to be submitted back to the city. He mentioned that the final proposals would go back to the council in late June or early July. He mentioned that the bus maintenance facility would be complete in about a month or month and a half and invitations would be sent out for the grand opening. He also reported that a 45' MCI commuter coach had been delivered and would operate the run between Modesto and the Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station. He mentioned that improvements to routes to accommodate low floor buses had been completed with the exception of three that could not be improved. He also reported that the City of Modesto had participated in the recent Love Modesto event.

Eunice Lovi reported that ridership continues to grow and is up 14% overall. Route 10 was up 18% at the end of March, route 15 up 13 %, route 45 up 15%, and route 60 up 18%. She mentioned that Dial-a-Ride in Waterford was up 19% and that the Waterford Runabout was up 5%.

Donna Bridges reported that ridership was steady. She mentioned that ROTA was working with StaRT in the possibility of merging services with the County due to the continual struggle with meeting farebox. She said that the County would present a proposal at the next ROTA Board.

Scott Medeiros reported that BLAST ridership was comparable to last year and that Dial-a-Ride was up 5% compared to last year. He mentioned that the transit center is coming along. He said that the FTA Triennial Review would be in June. He also mentioned that the city was looking into running an additional service for the County Fair. He said that recently Dial-a-Ride was unable to provide service to a customer and asked for assistance from the CTSA and Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC).

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Barbara Hempstead reported that the reviewing of applications for the Transportation Planning Grants had been completed through the first cycle. She mentioned that out of twelve submitted, two were from the City of Turlock and two from the City of Modesto. She said the applications would go up to Caltrans Headquarters for final review and that the District recommended they be funded. She also mentioned that a monthly handout of construction projects in Stanislaus County would be developed that she would bring to the monthly SSTAC meetings.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vince Harris reported that a transit subcommittee had been developed composed of Policy Board Members. He mentioned that those members include Councilmember Mary Jackson, Councilmember Joe Muratore, Councilmember Brett Durossette, Supervisor Vito Chiesa, and Councilmember Richard O'Brien. This

committee was developed to discuss transit and what makes sense for transit in the Region. He also briefly discussed AB1779 regarding the passenger rail line from Sacramento to Bakersfield. He mentioned that this bill was sponsored by Assemblymember Cathy Galgiani. He also said that a representative presented the Bill to the Policy Board in March. StanCOG would be asking for support of the Bill in May.

10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

George Sharpe distributed a flyer to those interested regarding the Disability Capitol Action Day that would be held on May 30, 2012. He also reported that he would be making appointments with Senator Anthony Cannella, Senator Tom Berryhill, Assemblymember Kristin Olsen, Assemblymember Bill Berryhill, and Assemblymember Alyson Huber regarding the ongoing legislative efforts to amend the Transportation Development Act (TDA).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Monica Ramos adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

June 5, 2012 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am

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Minutes Prepared By:


Debbie Trujillo, Administrative Technician

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

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director

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

DATE: May 29, 2012

SUBJECT: Approving the Program of Projects for the Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 Job Access Reverse Commute (FTA Section 5316) and New Freedom (FTA Section 5317) Grant Applications

Recommendation

By Motion

Recommend that the Policy Board adopt Resolution 11-75, approving the Program of Projects for the Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 Job Access Reverse Commute (FTA Section 5316) and New Freedom (FTA Section 5317) grant applications, as identified in Exhibit A of the resolution.

Background

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant program, as amended by Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5316 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), is a formula program funded from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund. The grant provides funding for local programs/projects that offer job access and reverse commute services to provide transportation for individuals who may live in the city core and work in suburban locations. StanCOG, as the designated recipient of these funds for the Stanislaus County region, annually must allocate these funds into programs that correspond with the policies and programs established in the 2008 Public Transit – Human Services Coordination Plan.

The FTA's New Freedom grant program, as amended by Title 49 U.S.C, Section 5317 of SAFETEA-LU, is also a formula program, which provides funds for transportation facilities and services that address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. StanCOG serves as the designated recipient for all New Freedom funds allocated to the Stanislaus region. In concurrence with the strategies identified in StanCOG's 2008 Public Transit – Human Services Coordination Plan, StanCOG distributes these funds to eligible transit programs managed by the region's public and private transit operators, and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA).

Each year, the FTA apportions specific fund amounts to the Stanislaus region for eligible JARC and New Freedom projects/programs. StanCOG serves as the direct applicant and recipient of all Federal

JARC and New Freedom funds for the region. In order to obtain these funds, an application for each program must be submitted to the FTA, specifically identifying a scope and budget for how the grant funds will be used, how the application's scope of projects and activities comply with the respective grant program's circular requirements, and how the administering agency adheres to all Federal regulations pertaining to the administration of Federal funds (e.g. Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, NEPA, Department of Labor requirements, etc.).

Discussion

StanCOG has submitted two grant applications to the FTA, combining the Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 funds apportioned to the region into the amounts of \$528,780 for JARC and \$257,643 for New Freedom, respectively. Both of these grant funds are currently programmed in StanCOG's adopted 2011 FTIP, which was approved by the Federal Highway Administration and FTA on December 14, 2010. In addition, both grant applications will be utilizing available "toll credits" in lieu of local match pursuant to the FTA's grant program requirements.

Table 1, below, identifies the Program of Projects for StanCOG's two pending FTA grant applications.

Table 1: StanCOG's FTA JARC and New Freedom Program of Projects

FYs 2010 and 2011 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Section 5316

FTA Project Description	FTA Amount	Local Match	Total Eligible
Program Administration	\$52,878.00	None Required	\$52,878.00
Mobility Management	\$275,902.00	Toll Credits	\$275,902.00
Operating Assistance	\$200,000.00	Toll Credits	\$200,000.00
TOTALS:	\$528,780.00	Toll Credits	\$528,780.00

FYs 2010 and 2011 New Freedom Section 5317

FTA Project Description	FTA Amount	Local Match	Total Eligible
Program Administration	\$25,764.00	None Required	\$25,764.00
Mobility Management	\$231,879.00	Toll Credits	\$231,879.00
TOTALS:	\$257,643.00	Toll Credits	\$257,643.00

A 14-day public comment period for the Program of Projects opened on May 23, 2012. Any comments regarding these projects, which are received prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2012, will be included as part of the public record and identified to the Policy Board for consideration. In addition, a public hearing will be held at the Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting on June 6, 2012, to receive any public comments regarding the JARC and New Freedom Program of Projects.

For more information regarding this staff report, please contact Rosa Park, Transit/Programming Manager, at 209.525.4642 or e-mail at rpark@stancog.org.

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution 11-75 Approving the Program of Projects for the Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 Job Access Reverse Commute (FTA Section 5316) and New Freedom (FTA Section 5317) Grant Applications

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STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

DRAFT RESOLUTION 11-75

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (FTA SECTION 5316) AND NEW FREEDOM (FTA SECTION 5317) GRANT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency, a Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the designated Council of Governments for Stanislaus County; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) grant program, as amended by Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5316 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), is a formula program, funded from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund, which provides funding for local programs/projects that offer job access and reverse commute services to provide transportation for individuals who may live in the city core and work in suburban locations; and

WHEREAS, the FTA's New Freedom grant program, as amended by Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5317 of SAFETEA-LU, is also a formula program, which provides funds for transportation facilities and services that address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, the FTA allocated a combined total of \$528,780.00 in JARC funds and \$257,643.00 in New Freedom funds to the Stanislaus region; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG, as the applicant and designated recipient of the JARC and New Freedom funds for the Stanislaus region, annually must allocate these funds into programs/projects that correspond with the policies and programs established in the 2008 Public Transit – Human Services Coordination Plan; and

WHEREAS, a 14-day public comment period was initiated from May 23, 2012, through June 6, 2012, and a public hearing was noticed and held on June 6, 2012, at the Citizens' Advisory Committee, to elicit public comment and discuss the Program of Projects identified in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, projects for both the JARC and New Freedom funds are competitively selected pursuant to the FTA's requirements established for each grant program; and

WHEREAS, the StanCOG Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute all required documents of the FTA Section 5316 (JARC) and Section 5317 (New Freedom) programs and any Amendment thereto with the Federal Transit Administration to effectuate the allocations identified in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the StanCOG Policy Board approves the Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 Job Access and Reverse Commute (FTA Section 5316) and New Freedom (FTA Section 5317) grant applications, as identified in Exhibit A.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Stanislaus Council of Governments, on the 20th day of June 2012. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2012

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CARLOS YAMZON, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Program of Projects for FYs 2010 and 2011 Job Access and Reverse Commute (FTA Section 5316) and New Freedom (FTA Section 5317) Grants

Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Section 5316

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Program Administration	\$52,878.00	None Required	\$52,878.00
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New Freedom Section 5317

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

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director

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

DATE: May 30, 2012

SUBJECT: Public Review/Comment Period and Hearing for the StanCOG Draft 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Background

Pursuant to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Stanislaus region, StanCOG develops the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which identifies all of the regionally significant transportation projects that have received transportation funding and are moving toward implementation. The FTIP is a short range, four-year, program that implements the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to accomplish improvements in mobility and air quality. Pursuant to federal legislation, no project may receive federal funding unless it is contained in an approved FTIP. Through collaboration with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the California Transportation Commission (CTC), StanCOG's ten member agencies, and the five public transit operators, the FTIP is updated every two years.

The FTIP is a financially constrained program that identifies the current and pending uses of federal and state transportation funds. Furthermore, the FTIP is developed consistent with local, regional, state, and federal documents including, but not limited to: the RTP, the Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA) rule, the Congestion Management Process (CMP), the STIP/Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), the SHOPP, the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Air Quality, the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA), the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund, and the State Route 99 Bond Program (SR99).

The Clean Air Act Section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR 93 Subpart A) require that each new RTP and FTIP be demonstrated to conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) before the RTP and FTIP are approved by the MPO, or accepted by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). While StanCOG is not proposing to amend the current 2011 RTP, the

development of the 2013 FTIP triggers the requirement to develop a new Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The 2013 FTIP has been developed consistent with the 2011 RTP. StanCOG's Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis document demonstrates how the criteria specified in the transportation conformity regulations for an air quality conformity determination are satisfied by the 2013 FTIP and 2011 RTP.

Discussion

StanCOG staff has finalized the development of the Draft 2013 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis. A 45-day public review/comment period for both of these documents began on May 25, 2012, and will conclude by 5:00 p.m. on July 9, 2012. In addition, a public hearing will be held at the StanCOG Policy Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 20, 2012, to further obtain public comments regarding the Draft 2013 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis documents. All public comments received during the comment period will be reviewed and assessed by staff and presented to the Policy Board for their consideration when reviewing the final document. Both the 2013 FTIP (consistent with the 2011 RTP) and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis are anticipated to be approved by the StanCOG Policy Board on July 25, 2012.

Both the Draft 2013 FTIP and the Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2013 FTIP and 2011 RTIP are available for review on StanCOG's main webpage at <http://www.stancog.org/>. Electronic CDs containing, or hard copies of, the documents may also be made available upon request by visiting or contacting StanCOG's office, located at the following address:

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This item is being circulated to all of StanCOG's Committee's as an information/discussion item. For more information regarding this schedule or questions regarding the draft documents, please contact Rosa Park by phone at 209.525.4600 or via e-mail at rpark@stancog.org.

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