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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA**

**Minutes of January 2, 2013 (Tuesday)
8:30 am**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto); Jean Foletta (CTSA); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities); George Sharp (DRAIL); Christina Ulloa (DMC Foundation)

ALSO PRESENT: Eunice Lovi, Stacie Morales (Stanislaus County); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Melissa Molina (City of Modesto); Barbara Hempstead (Caltrans); Carlos Yamzon, Rosa Park, Vince Canales, Mike Costa, Debbie Trujillo, (StanCOG); Jenny Kenoyer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Sharp called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Cavanah introduced Melissa Molina, Dial-a-Ride Coordinator, with the City of Modesto who replaced Bill Latham. Eunice Lovi also introduced Stacie Morales with Stanislaus County.

4. PRESENTATIONS - None

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 11-27-12

By Motion (Jean Foletta/Fred Cavanah), and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 11-27-12.

B. Discussion of Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Meetings/Future Outreach Update

Mike Costa updated members regarding the annual Unmet Transit Needs Assessment process. He mentioned that there would be a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on January 29, 2013 in the Patterson City Council Chambers. He said an insert would be placed in the City's utility bill to announce the hearing. He identified that future hearings would also be held in Waterford and Riverbank/Oakdale area in February and early March. Further outreach would also be conducted at some of the congregate meal

sites throughout Stanislaus County, in coordination with the CTSA. He also mentioned that a flyer would be placed on the buses and for other agencies to distribute announcing the upcoming hearing dates.

6. INFORMATION

A. FFY 2012 Call for Projects for FTA 5310 Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit, FTA 5316 Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Small Urban/Non Urbanized (Rural), and FTA 5317 New Freedom Small Urban/Non Urbanized (Rural) Grant Programs

Mike Costa reported on a Call for Projects that Caltrans released at the end of last year. This was for statewide remaining funds for SAFETEA-LU Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310, and Sections 5316, and 5317 grant funds for the small urban and rural or non urban portions of Stanislaus County. He mentioned that the application deadline for preliminary scoring of the 5316/JARC and 5317/New Freedom grant applications was March 29, 2013 to StanCOG and then staff would forward the grants and preliminary scores to Caltrans by April 19, 2013. He said the 5310 grant applications must be submitted to StanCOG as well for preliminary scoring by March 11, 2013.

7. TRANSIT MANAGER'S/CTSA REPORT

Fred Cavanah reported that ridership was up 2% overall compared to last year. He also mentioned that the City was in the process of purchasing eight new buses to replace eight of the 1990 buses. He said that eventually the City would replace the last 1990 bus as well as the 1998 buses in the fleet.

Eunice Lovi reported that ROTA/StaRT service had begun. She mentioned that the County conducted a lot of outreach regarding the service changes and that Mayor Pat Paul, City of Oakdale, attended one of the meetings. She also reported that ridership continued to increase on StaRT. She said that StaRT was to receive a new bus later that month. She also said the Board of Supervisors had approved the request to seek replacement buses of three 40' and one medium sized bus that would be received next fall. She reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) had been issued for a comprehensive study last month to look at the current services. She mentioned that the RFP was due January 21, 2013.

Scott Medeiros reported that ridership on BLAST had gone up 20% and Dial-a-Ride had gone up 36%. He also reported that the City was currently working on Phase Two of the Transit Center. He said the City was going to purchase the adjacent parcels and was working with FTA on the acquisition.

Melissa Molina reported that she was currently working on the certification and training to become ADA-Certified for Dial-a-Ride.

Jean Foletta provided a fact sheet to members regarding performance records for the travel training program and the volunteer driver program. She went over the details of both reports with members.

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Barbara Hempstead reported that the Call for Projects for FTA 5311 had gone out and that there was a significant increase in funds due to remaining unencumbered funds from the SAFETEA-LU program. She mentioned that the applications were due in April.

9. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carlos Yamzon commented on the enhanced outreach efforts for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment processes and the importance of reaching the grassroots level. He also mentioned that the Policy Board had begun discussion of launching another transportation tax measure. He went over the history of past tax measures. He also said that staff would bring periodic RTP updates to the SSTAC emphasizing the importance of members' input for the RTP. He also mentioned that

he would like to invite the Chair or Vice Chair on a quarterly basis to report to the Policy Board. He emphasized to the members the importance of their presence at the other committee meetings.

10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fred Cavanah congratulated Carlos Yamzon on his appointment as Executive Director of StanCOG.

Monica Ramos mentioned that Caltrans had allowed Catholic Charities to purchase two vehicles under the New Freedom grant they were awarded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair George Sharp adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

February 5, 2013 (Wednesday) @ 8:30 am

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