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

**Minutes of March 5, 2013 (Tuesday)  
8:30 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto); Jean Foletta (CTSA); Jenny Kenoyer (Senior Advocacy); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities – arrived during Item 6); Christina Ulloa (DMC Foundation)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacie Morales (Stanislaus County); Wayne York (City of Turlock); Melissa Molina (City of Modesto); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Joshua Swearingen (Caltrans); Mike Costa, Debbie Trujillo, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Jean Foletta called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 2-5-13**

**By Motion (Jenny Kenoyer/Fred Cavanah)**, and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 2-5-13.

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

Mike Costa updated members on recent outreach efforts. He mentioned that the final Unmet Needs Public Hearing for this fiscal year was to be held on March 27, 2013, at the Gladys Lemmons Senior Community Center in Oakdale from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. He also reported that there was a public hearing in Waterford which was well attended. Jean Foletta from the CTSA and Stacie Morales with StaRT were in attendance as well. He said comments received were related to door-through-door needs. He reported that once the process of the public hearings was complete, staff would analyze and finalize the Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report and bring it to the standing committees and then the Policy Board for adoption. He mentioned that for Fiscal Year 13/14 the outreach efforts would begin in August of 2013. He said that he would continue to reach out to various community

areas and also include the local transit operators in these meetings to promote awareness of existing transportation opportunities and receive input about local transportation needs.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS – None**

**6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/CTSA REPORT**

Fred Cavanah reported that the City of Modesto was preparing for next year's budget. He mentioned that the City was finalizing the plans to go out to bid for the transit center restroom rebuild project. He said the purchase of eight new buses was to be before the City Council on March 12, 2013, for approval. They would be replacing seven 1990 buses. He briefly mentioned that a Title VI program was being developed to be presented to the City Council Finance Committee on March 25, 2013. He also said that a passenger conduct policy would go to the City Council for formal approval.

Stacie Morales reported that ridership was up about 2%. She said that a new medivan bus was now in service. She mentioned that StaRT was working on service changes with adjusting routes and analyzing the Patterson area with the new Amazon distribution center and Walmart opening up. She said that a preproduction meeting was in the process to look at the purchase three new buses.

Melissa Molina reported that in January, MADAR carried a total of 9,938 passengers, 2,150 wheelchairs, and the highest ridership day was 455 passengers. She mentioned that the FTA released a new circular with changes and new requirements for the Title VI program in October 2012. She said that one of the new requirements was that the program must be approved by the governing political body before it can be submitted. She mentioned that MADAR had updated their program and would be submitting to the City Council for approval.

Wayne York reported that the City of Turlock had just finished acquiring the adjacent property next to the Transit Center for the Phase II expansion project. He said a master plan would be developed for the future phases. He mentioned that ridership for BLAST and DART had increased slightly. He said that a free ridership promotion program to attract more riders had just completed in conjunction with the City's Go Green activities. He also said that an ADA transition plan update project was ongoing to determine any ADA barriers that may exist, and that there would be public input and workshops held.

Kay Dunkel reported that the City of Ceres would be going to their City Council for approval to extend the contract with Storer for one year, which would give the City an opportunity to decide if they would establish a joint procurement with MAX or StaRT for the following year. She said there would be no major route changes for next fiscal year and that the city may possibly establish a small student discount to increase ridership.

Jean Foletta provided updated travel training and volunteer driver program reports and briefly discussed the information with members. Christine Ulloa also reported that the RSVP program had hired two new volunteer drivers and four more drivers were to begin soon. Monica Ramos added that Catholic Charities members were growing. She said Catholic Charities was going to add an automated scheduling system to the 5310 application.

**8. CALTRANS REPORT - None**

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mike Costa said that there was no report because Carlos Yamzon and Rosa De Leon Park were at the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting in San Francisco.

## 10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Monica Ramos commented that Catholic Charities had received a donated used van with a ramp. She said that the application for the 5310 Grant would ask for a replacement for this van.

Kay Dunkel commented on a recent survey that was conducted and was amazed on the low income results of the area. She expressed her concern for the sales tax for transit.

Jenny Kenoyer asked for an update on the status of the legislature being changed and the coordination with Assemblymember Kristen Olsen with regard to fare box ratio.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Jean Foletta adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

### Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

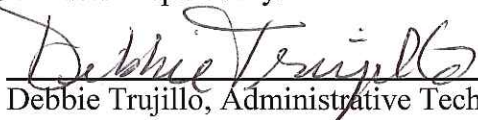
**April 2, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

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