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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA
MARCH 5, 2013 (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 Minutes of 2-5-13

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

5. INFORMATION – None

6. TRANSIT MANAGER’S/CTSA REPORT

7. CALTRANS REPORT

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

9. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

10. ADJOURNMENT

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APRIL 2, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am

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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
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**Minutes of February 5, 2013 (Tuesday)
8:30 am**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto-arrived during 4A); Jean Foletta (CTSA); Jenny Kenoyer (departed during 4A); 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); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Barbara Hempstead, Joshua Swearingen (Caltrans); Curtis Jorritsma (City of Patterson); Carlos Yamzon, Rosa Park, Vince Canales, Mike Costa, Jaylen French, Debbie Trujillo, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair George Sharp welcomed new member Jenny Kenoyer to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Valley Vision Stanislaus

Jaylen French gave a presentation to members about the Valley Vision Stanislaus plan. He said that it was the combined effort of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and a new requirement per Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) which requires the 18 Metropolitan Planning Organizations to better coordinate land use and transportation planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He then gave a brief overview of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee role and provided information on the various draft scenario concepts the committee was currently working on. Carlos Yamzon commented on the importance of public involvement in the process.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 1-2-13

By Motion (Fred Cavanah/Jean Foletta), and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 1-2-13.

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

Mike Costa updated members on recent outreach efforts. He mentioned that the Patterson Public Hearing went well and briefed members on the comments received at the hearing. He mentioned that prior to the hearing, the outreach included placing information sheets in utility bills, flyers on StaRT buses, and visits to congregate meal sites in Grayson, Newman and Patterson. He said that the next hearing would be held on February 28, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Waterford City Council Chambers. He also mentioned that the final hearing would be held in March in Riverbank. Vice Chair Jean Foletta commented for the record that the CTSA had scheduled an outreach on February 15, 2013 to El Solvo Village to discuss the Volunteer Driver Program. She said that this meeting stemmed from the Patterson public hearing.

6. INFORMATION

A. Amendments to the StanCOG Transit Cost Sharing Procedures Document

Mike Costa reported that this item would be going forward for final review to all the StanCOG Standing Committees and then to the Policy Board for final adoption on February 20, 2013. He went over the amendments with members and elaborated on language incorporated into the Transit Cost Sharing Procedures document regarding new transit percentage ceiling cap, which were adopted by the Policy Board in December 2012, replacing the previous population proportionate share methodology used by the transit operators when creating their transit claims. He also reviewed the incorporation of language into the document regarding new criteria for capital claims submitted by transit operators and the new distribution methodology of remaining funds in Step 3 of the Transit Cost Sharing Procedures, which would become effective in FY 2014/15. Members and transit operators discussed the changes with staff and the importance of the definition of unmet needs that are reasonable to meet be very clear. Staff mentioned that they would keep members and transit operators aware of any issues that could potentially jeopardize transit.

7. TRANSIT MANAGER'S/CTSA REPORT

Fred Cavanah reported that ridership continued to slightly increase. He said that the City of Modesto was still in the process of purchasing more buses. He also mentioned that the video surveillance cameras were going up at the bus maintenance facility.

Eunice Lovi reported that ridership had increased slightly. She mentioned that Stanislaus County received one proposal for the planning study which had been reviewed and the county was moving forward. She said that she would report back on how the study was progressing at a later date. She said that the county continued to work on receiving the four buses that were approved in December by the Board of Supervisors. She also said that the county would seek additional replacement buses next year. She reported that the ROTA/StaRT merger had been going well and ridership was being tracked. She said marketing/public outreach for the merger would continue.

Scott Medeiros reported that the City of Turlock received approval from the Federal Transit Administration to purchase the adjacent property next to the Transit Center. He said a master plan would be developed for the site to include an operations office building, and an expansion of services to include Greyhound. He mentioned that ridership continued to increase.

Melissa Molina reported that the Modesto City Council had approved a one year extension contract with Storer. She mentioned that in December, MADAR carried a total of 8,997 passengers for a total of 41,565 total miles with the highest ridership day of 505 passengers. She also updated members that the upcoming ADA Advisory Committee meeting would be postponed until the current ADA assessment of the MAX system was completed. She reported that the plans had been submitted for the remodel of the public restrooms at the transit center.

Kay Dunkel reported that Ceres transit ridership and revenues were up.

Jean Foletta provided updated travel training and volunteer driver program reports and briefly discussed the information with members. She asked members if they would like the report on a quarterly or monthly basis.

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Barbara Hempstead provided an updated projects list for Stanislaus County. She also mentioned that a Call for Projects for funding grants went out and applications for these grant programs were due to the local Caltrans District Office on April 2, 2013. She mentioned that if any agency was interested in finding out what types of grants were available to please contact the Caltrans District Office for assistance. She also introduced Joshua Swearingen who was taking over as the representative for Stanislaus County.

9. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carlos Yamzon recognized the importance of having the Chair and/or Vice Chair attend future Policy Board meetings to represent the SSTAC's interests. He mentioned that StanCOG staff could work with their calendars to schedule, on a quarterly basis, their participation at future Policy Board meetings. He also thanked Barbara Hempstead for her participation over the years and welcomed Joshua Swearingen.

10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair George Sharp also thanked Barbara Hempstead for her service.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair George Sharp adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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