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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto); Jean Foletta (CTSA); Jenny Kenoyer (Senior Advocacy); Margie Palomino (Department of Aging Veterans – arrived during Item 4B); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities); George Sharp (DRAIL)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Eunice Lovi (Stanislaus County); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Melissa Molina (City of Modesto); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Carlos Yamzon, Rosa Park, Mike Costa, Debbie Trujillo, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 4-2-13**

**\*By Motion (Jean Foletta/Fred Cavanah)**, and a unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 4-2-13.

**B. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt Resolution 12-38 to Approve FY 2013/14 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report and Finding**

Mike Costa reported that staff had conducted a more extensive outreach effort for this year's unmet transit needs process. He highlighted the various outreach presentations and public hearings that were held and where notices had been posted in local newspapers and utility bills. He briefly went over the findings of the report and indicated that, pursuant to the StanCOG Policy Board's adopted definitions, there were no unmet transit needs that were reasonable to meet based on the nine comments that had been analyzed in the report.

**\*By Motion (Fred Cavanah/Jean Foletta)**, and a unanimous vote, the Council recommended that Policy Board adopt Resolution 12-38 to approve the FY 2013/14 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report and Finding.

## **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. StanCOG E-Newsletter**

Carlos Yamzon mentioned that the newsletter was available.

### **B. Bike to Work Week Events**

Mike Costa briefly went over the various Bike to Work Week events that would be taking place May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup>. He said there would be a police escorted ride with Modesto Mayor Garrad Marsh that would begin near Roselle Avenue and end at 10<sup>th</sup> Street Place.

## **6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/CTSA REPORT**

Fred Cavanah reported that ridership continues to rise slowly. He mentioned that the purchase of the buses through Gillig Corporation and the San Mateo County Transit District had been canceled. He said that the Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) had written a letter to the San Mateo County Transit District stating that their procurement document did not meet the requirements to allow other transit agencies to purchase off of their contract. He mentioned that the City was working on other options to purchase the buses.

Eunice Lovi reported that ridership was up 4% with some increases on the service provided in Riverbank. She said that routes 15, 70, Waterford Runabout and the Patterson Dial-A-Ride continued to do well. She said that the County continued to work on procuring buses from New Flyer and another bus from El Dorado and hoped to complete the procurement by the end of this year. She also reported that the County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with PMC to conduct a transit study that would kick off on Friday, May 3, 2013.

Kay Dunkel reported that a TDA claim would be going to the City Council for approval that would reflect minor changes to CAT Route D to start about 15 minutes earlier in the morning and with a small student discount fare. She also said that a Bike to Work Week Proclamation for May 13-17, 2013 was going before the Ceres City Council at their next meeting.

Melissa Molina reported that she had recently attended an NTI Paratransit Management course in Washington. She said it was useful in that it would assist in the RFP process for paratransit and focus on areas that have issues. She reported that the City Council had approved the Title VI program and that review of other civil rights programs was underway.

Scott Medeiros reported that ridership on BLAST was steady with a small decrease on Dial A Ride. He mentioned that the City of Turlock's finance department would meet to review the transit system. He shared with the committee a recent passenger that had an animal services dog in training with her and the positive outcome.

Jean Foletta updated the committee with the CTSA's outreach efforts with the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County. She also reported the recent closure of the RSVP program. She said that the transition of moving individuals into other programs was ongoing. She mentioned that the volunteer driver program would be up for bid in a couple of months. Discussion took place amongst members on how to keep the program here in Stanislaus County. She also mentioned that she had accepted a new position and that the CTSA would be looking into a replacement.

## **8. CALTRANS REPORT - None**



## 9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carlos Yamzon said that he requested Caltrans to report on a quarterly basis to the SSTAC. He commented on recent outreach efforts. He reviewed the roles of the committees and Policy Board and the importance of the committees and staff working together to make a difference at a regional level. He reminded members to attend the Policy Board meetings.

## 10. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jenny Kenoyer commented on the progression of StanCOG due to the change in leadership over the years.

Margie Palomino mentioned that May was Older Americans Month. She thanked member Jenny Kenoyer for her community efforts and dedication over the years and being a voice for seniors.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair George Sharp adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

### Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

**June 4, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

**Modesto, CA**

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