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

**Minutes of August 6, 2013 (Tuesday)  
8:30 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jenny Kenoyer (Senior Advocacy); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities); George Sharp (DRAIL)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacie Morales (Stanislaus County); Melissa Molina (City of Modesto) Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Salome Garcia (CTSA); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Arthur Chen, Mike Costa, Jaylen French, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Carlos Falcon (Catholic Charities)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair George Sharp called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carlos Falcon of Catholic Charities introduced himself to the Committee.

**4. PRESENTATION - None**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 6-4-13**

*\*By Motion (Jenny Kenoyer/Monica Ramos), and a unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 6-4-13.*

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Discussion – Implementation of MAP 21 5310 Program**

Mike Costa gave a brief overview of the newly enacted transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21). He summarized the changes in the MAP-21 program regarding the consolidation of both Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5316 (Jobs Access and Reverse Commute) and 5317 (New Freedom) grant programs, which were enacted under the former transportation bill (SAFETEA-LU). He explained how the former Section 5317 program had been consolidated into MAP-21 the FTA Section 5310 program, which had been changed in MAP-21

compared to the previous transportation bill. He then briefly went over the new guidelines and the timeline for the 5310 grant.

**B. Discussion - Valley Vision Stanislaus Update – August 2013**

Jaylen French provided an update on Valley Vision Stanislaus. He mentioned that the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) must be consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) process per Senate Bill 375. He gave a brief history on the housing number from the Housing Community Development Department (HCD) and its importance in this process. He then went over the timeline of the public review period and went over the three public workshops that will be held as well as the seven presentations that would be given to City Council and Planning Commissioners. He mentioned once this review period was complete it would then go before the StanCOG Policy Board to identify a preferred scenario. He also mentioned that the Deputy Director of HCD would be at the September 3, 2013 Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee.

**C. Discussion – Alternate for the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee**

Mike Costa discussed the option of having an alternate for the current SSTAC representative on the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee. Jenny Kenoyer volunteered to be the alternate.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan Update**

Mike Costa reported that the Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan document would be going to the StanCOG Policy Board for adoption on August 21, 2013.

**B. StanCOG Quarterly E-Newsletter**

Mike Costa mentioned that the quarterly newsletter highlights events in the region.

**8. TRANSIT MANAGERS/CTSA REPORT**

Salome Garcia (CTSA) reported that CAT and StaRT had added information regarding the volunteer driver program into their ride guides. She mentioned that a new Program Manager had been hired and the announcement would come from the Executive Director at a later date. The new Program Manager was expected to begin at the end of August.

Melissa Molina reported that MAX had some minor changes to bus routes 33 and 37 to improve on-time performance. She also mentioned that Route 39 had additional services and stops to include a health clinic in the Airport District. She said that the bus bench RFP had gone out and the remodel of the restrooms at the Transit Center had been put on hold. She also reported that MADAR was in the process of developing the RFP for joint procurement with StaRT and CAT and expected to release the RFP on September 3, 2013.

Stacie Morales reported that ridership was up over 2.5%. She also said that outreach efforts had increased. She said that the Oakdale and Riverbank area had their own Dial-a-Ride service and the Eastside Shuttle would serve individuals travelling between the towns. The Eastside Shuttle would also serve as the Dial-a-Ride on Saturdays. She also said that Route 45 had changes in the Patterson area and split the service on that route. She said that this route would serve Blue Diamond in Turlock and also the Keystone Pacific Business Park. She mentioned that StaRT would work with the Human Resources departments of the businesses in the business park to reach out to the employees.

Kay Dunkel reported that changes on CAT took effect on July 1, 2013, which included a small student discount rate for K-12 and earlier CAT Route D at Hatch and Herndon. She mentioned that advertising in the Ceres Courier had taken place and information was available at the schools. She said the RFP for new transit services with the County and the City of Modesto was in the process.

Scott Medeiros reported that ridership was up 7% on BLAST and up 5% on Dial a Ride for the end of the year. He said that Phase II of the Transit Center for federal funding was in process. He said that development of the master plan was the next step for future phases. He also mentioned that the customer call in process for comments had been updated and improvements to the bus stop in front of Walmart would take place in the near future.

**9. CALTRANS REPORT - None**

**10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mike Costa mentioned that the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director were out of the office at a California Transportation Commission meeting. He said he had copies of the On-Board Transit Survey and the updated TDA Guidelines for the Transportation Operators. He also announced the new StanCOG Policy Board Chair was Luis Molina and Vice-Chair was Vito Chiesa for Fiscal Year 2013/14.

**11. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS - None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair George Sharp adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:**

**September 3, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

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