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

**Minutes of June 3, 2014 (Tuesday)
8:30 am**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lillian Castigliano (COA); Melissa Molina (City of Modesto); Stacie Morales (CTSA); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities – arrived during Item 5C); George Sharp (DRAIL);

ALSO PRESENT: Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Carlos Yamzon, Rosa Park, Jeanette Fabela, Debbie Trujillo, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman George Sharp asked for introductions after roll call and also introduced the newest member Lillian Castigliano.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 4-1-14

**By Motion (Stacie Morales/Melissa Molina), and a unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 4-1-14.*

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Final 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), Final 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Corresponding Final Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA) Update

Jeanette Fabela provided an update of this item to the members. She mentioned that the public review and comment period for the RTP/SCS, and FEIR had ended and that staff had received twenty-two comments. She said staff was preparing the response to comments for the RTP/SCS which would be included in the appendix of the final document. She also stated that the public review and comment

period for the FTIP would end on June 5th and that no comments had been received at that time. . She mentioned that all documents would be presented to the Policy Board on June 18, 2014 for adoption.

B. Unmet Transit Needs

Rosa Park stated that the Unmet Transit Needs process would begin soon and asked for input from members. She mentioned that public outreach would continue as it had last year and staff would continue to reach out to as many locations as possible for public hearings. Vice-Chair Stacie Morales commented that she and her staff were ready to assist and had selected other sites for consideration of the congregate meal site visits.

C. Motion to Nominate FY 2014/15 Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair George Sharp called for nominations for the FY 2014/14 Chair and Vice-Chair. Member Monica Ramos nominated Stacie Morales as Chair and Lillian Castigliano as Vice-Chair.

***By Motion (Monica Ramos/Melissa Molina)**, and a unanimous vote, the Council elected Stacie Morales as the Chair of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for FY 2014/15.

***By Motion (Monica Ramos/George Sharp)**, and a unanimous vote, the Council elected Lillian Castigliano as the Vice-Chair of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council for FY 2014/15.

6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/CTSA REPORT

Stacie Morales provided a quarterly report update to members regarding the volunteer driver and travel training programs. She went over the changes and the various findings of the report. Carlos Yamzon suggested that the CTSA provide a detailed presentation to the Policy Board possibly in August. She mentioned that group travel training to seniors in Turlock and Grayson took place in March and April and outreach continues to the senior locations. She also suggested staff hold an Unmet Needs presentation to the seniors at Whitmore Oaks in Ceres. She mentioned that a new computer system would log all phone calls received and would be tracked on the computers beginning in July. She said this system would email employees with information to return the call. She reported that the Veterans Van project continues and that the CTSA would be training volunteers on scheduling and travel training.

Melissa Molina reported that new ride guides would be available June 17th for MAX. She mentioned that Route 21RX would begin the first week of July and staff would be available at the Transit Center providing information for a two week period. She said the fare increase would begin July 6th. She explained that July passes would all be at the old rate and August passes purchased beginning July 15th would be at the new rate. She said the transit center bathroom remodel project would be going out to bid soon and that it would be a four month construction project. She reported that MADAR had 9,660 passengers, 2,333 utilized wheel chairs, and the highest day had 439 trips for the month of April. She mentioned that the new contract would begin June 28th. She also said a new consumer guide would be forthcoming outlining updated policies.

Kay Dunkel reported that ridership continued to be the same as last year. She mentioned that the Ceres City Council approved the extension of CAT Route B to serve the probation department in southwest Ceres, and their TDA claim. She stated that two CNG buses should be received in July.

Scott Medeiros reported that Turlock would be finishing up the CNG slow fill project so that buses could be filled up overnight. He mentioned that ridership had decreased 5% on BLST and 3% on Dial-A-Ride last month. He said route and scheduling improvements would be assessed to go along with the transit plan. He mentioned that the City of Turlock had recently voted to put a local city sales tax on the November ballot for streets and roads, but did not include a transit component to assist with fare box.

9. CALTRANS REPORT - None

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carlos Yamzon reported that the Policy Board recently held a workshop and had informally discussed placing a tax expenditure plan on the 2016 ballot. He said staff would begin the outreach and planning process. He also mentioned that staff had provided a presentation of the RTP/SCS to the California Air Resource Board. He stated that interviews were being held to fill open positions at StanCOG. Rosa Park added that she would like to see the SSTAC be engaged in the process to include a transit component in the tax expenditure plan.

11. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair George Sharp reported that he would be going to Washington D.C. in July. He said if any member would like him to take any items related to transit, to please provide to him prior to July 26th.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

August 5, 2014 (Tuesday) @ 8:30 am
StanCOG Board Room
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