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

**Minutes of February 3, 2015 (Tuesday)  
10:00 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lillian Castigliano (COA); Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto); Stacie Morales (CTSA); Margie Palomino (Department of Aging and Veterans Services); Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities – Arrived during Item 5D); George Sharp (DRAIL)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Eunice Lovi, April Potter (Stanislaus County); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Regina Valentine, Debbie Trujillo, Travis Jacobs, Arthur Chen, Robin Whitehead, Cathy Wang (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stacie Morales called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 1-6-15**

**\*By Motion (Lillian Castigliano/Fred Cavanah)**, and a 4-0-1 vote (with Stacie Morales abstaining), the Council approved the minutes for 1-6-15.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Chair Stacie Morales asked that Item 5D be presented before Item 5A.

**A. Unmet Transit Needs Update**

Regina Valentine gave an update regarding the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment process. She said three public hearings had been held in the region and that staff visited numerous congregate meal sites for seniors. She reviewed the comments received and mentioned that the draft report would be

provided to members and transit operators for comments. She said the final report would be presented to the SSTAC at the March 3, 2015 meeting.

**B. Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**

Regina Valentine provided an overview of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). She stated that the TIRCP was a competitive grant program created to fund capital and operations for transit systems and intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems. She reviewed the eligibility requirements, timeline for applications, and noted that the application materials were available on the Caltrans website.

**C. 2015 Draft Public Participation Plan**

Travis Jacobs reported that the StanCOG Public Participation Plan (PPP) was being updated to reflect new federal mandates and to enhance the public engagement process. He mentioned that the Draft 2015 PPP had been released for a 45-day public review and comment period, and that two public workshops would be held in February. He stated that a public hearing would be held at the Policy Board meeting on February 18, 2015, and that the final PPP would be presented to the StanCOG Policy Board on March 18, 2015.

**D. Congestion Management Process Steering Committee**

Arthur Chen provided a brief overview of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and described how the new committee would be structured. He mentioned that the CMP was federally mandated. Members discussed the structure of the committee and there was consensus that Stanislaus County would try to attend the committee meetings to represent public transit.

**6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/CTSA REPORT**

Fred Cavanah provided a brief report on Modesto Area Express (MAX) services. He mentioned that eight buses would be in service soon and fourteen more would be delivered in August.

Eunice Lovi provided a report on StaRT services. She said that Stanislaus County continued to work on the bus replacement program and the procurement of four paratransit buses.

Kay Dunkel gave a brief report on CAT services. She mentioned that the new fare box system was installed on buses February 1<sup>st</sup> and that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Short Range Transit Plan was to be released soon.

Scott Medeiros provided a brief report on BLAST services. He said the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Short Range Transit Plan was to be released soon.

Stacie Morales provided an update on CTSA services. She said new staff members were hired and that the CTSA would extend their outreach within the County. She mentioned that work on the Veterans Van scheduling program continued, and that the CTSA met with the transit agencies regarding the ADA eligibility study.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Commute Connection Monthly Report – November 2014**

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – None**

**10. MEMBER REPORTS**

Member Monica Ramos reported that Catholic Charities had received the third van from 5310 grant funds and that they would be recruiting more drivers for the RSVP program.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:**

**March 3, 2015 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

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Minutes Prepared By:

  
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