

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

Minutes of March 1, 2016 (Tuesday)
10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lillian Castigliano (COA); Eunice Lovi (Stanislaus County); Stacie Morales (MOVE); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities); George Sharp (DRAIL)

ALSO PRESENT: Fred Cavanah (City of Modesto/City of Ceres); April Henderson-Potter (Stanislaus County); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Elisabeth Hahn, Regina Valentine, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Yvette Davis (Commute Connection)

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 2-2-16

***By Motion (Lillian Castigliano/Eunice Lovi)**, and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 2-2-16.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Commute Connection Annual Report

Yvette Davis of Commute Connection provided an update and overview of the program that includes events, such as, Bike to Work and Rideshare Week. She gave an online demonstration of the new trip planner tool that would assist commuters to match up with various carpool, vanpool, and transit options.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. **Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the 2016/17 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report**

Regina Valentine provided a summary of the 2016/17 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report. She briefly highlighted the various public outreach efforts provided through the process and mentioned that 102 comments had been received. She stated that it was determined that there were no unmet needs that were reasonable to meet for Fiscal Year 2016/17.

***By Motion (George Sharp/Lillian Castigliano)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt by resolution the 2016/17 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report.

B. **Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the Amended FFY 2013-15 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Second Call for Projects Regional Project Priority List**

Regina Valentine reported that StanCOG was contacted by Caltrans regarding the need to amend StanCOG Resolution 15-07, adopted October 21, 2015, approving the FTA 5310 Second Call for Projects regional project priority list. This amendment is required to address the recent increase in prices for each FTA 5310 vehicle.

***By Motion (Lillian Castigliano/Eunice Lovi)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt by resolution the Amended FFY 2013-15 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Second Call for Projects Regional Project Priority List.

C. **Transportation Expenditure Plan for the Stanislaus Region**

Regina Valentine provided members with an update regarding the approved framework for a Transportation Expenditure Plan and briefly reviewed the timeline with members.

7. TRANSIT MANAGERS/CTSA REPORT

Eunice Lovi reported that the County had received a letter from the Senior Citizens Foundation regarding duplication of services and would be meeting with the organization to discuss further. She also provided a brief report on StaRT services and discussed minor service changes for Fiscal Year 2016/17. She mentioned that the Board of Supervisors had approved the purchase of a commuter bus and paratransit buses. She said that StaRT would be scheduling public hearings to discuss fare structure to make sure that StaRT is in compliance with FTA half-fare policy and ADA implementation.

Fred Cavanah provided a report on Ceres Area Transit (CAT) services and mentioned that ridership was down. He said that the City would be reviewing the transit system to determine how best to make fare recovery ratio.

Fred Cavanah provided a report on Modesto Area Express (MAX) services and mentioned that ridership was down, however, Route 22 on McHenry Avenue was up, and Route 21 would be going to a 15- minute frequency. He also mentioned that four new buses were on order and would be delivered in about eighteen months. He said that a new commuter bus should be delivered in June and that the City was going out to bid for refurbishing fourteen buses. He mentioned that the City should have a new transit manager in April.

Scott Medeiros reported that the City was in the middle of its Short Range Transit Plan and that public comments were being received regarding potential route changes and configuration. He mentioned that changes would possibly take place in August/September. He stated that service hours had been extended to 6:30 p.m. He also said that five new paratransit low-floor vehicles would be going into service soon and that electronic fare boxes would be on buses in May.

Stacie Morales provided a report on the Travel Training and BRIDGES programs provided by MOVE. She also mentioned that MOVE was awaiting notification of the location of the future Stanislaus County one-stop shop veterans' facility to determine whether to relocate their office there. She also mentioned that MOVE was working on a TDA claim and budget.

8. CALTRANS REPORT - None

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None

10. MEMBER REPORTS

Simona Rios reported that Catholic Charities had an increase in new calls and rides had increased significantly. She mentioned that Catholic Charities had prepared a grant for senior victims of crime, which would provide emergency transportation for those that need door-through-door services.

George Sharp reported that he was working with Melissa Molina of Modesto Area Dial-A-Ride (MADAR) regarding a design issue on buses for wheelchairs and the walk space for passengers.

Lillian Castigliano reported that the Commission on Aging (COA) had sent out surveys to seniors seeking comments on their concerns. She said that Senator Cannella has asked the COA to have seniors present any issues to him on March 11, 2016 in Ceres. She mentioned that there would be a City of Modesto public meeting regarding the remodel of the kitchen at the Senior Center located on Bodem Street. She also said that Senior Day at the Modesto Nuts game would be held in May. She said that the Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (S.E.A.P.A.) would be partnering with more organizations to provide more information to the public.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

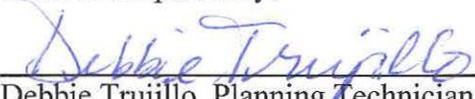
April 5, 2016 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am

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