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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC)

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**STANCOG BOARD ROOM
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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may comment on each item on the agenda as it arises.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 3-1-16

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Approve by Resolution Fiscal Year 2016/17 Transit Operators Farebox Revenue Ratio Requirement Exemptions

6. TRANSIT MANAGER/CTSA REPORTS

7. CALTRANS REPORT

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

9. MEMBER REPORTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

May 31, 2016 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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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Minutes Prepared By:


Debbie Trujillo, Planning Technician



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DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

TO: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) **Staff Report**
Motion

THROUGH: Rosa De León Park, Executive Director

FROM: Elisabeth Hahn, Senior Planner
Regina Valentine, Associate Planner

DATE: April 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2016/17 Transit Operators Farebox Revenue Ratio Requirement Exemptions

Recommendation

By Motion:

Recommend that the Policy Board approve by Resolution the Transportation Development Act Farebox Revenue Ratio Requirement Exemptions for Fiscal Year 2016/17 for the Cities of Ceres, Turlock, and the County of Stanislaus.

Background

Every year as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Stanislaus region, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG), distributes approximately \$21 million in Transportation Development Act Funds (TDA) to the jurisdictions. TDA provides two funding sources for public transportation: the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA). TDA funds are primarily intended for transit; however, if all transit needs have been met, LTF funds may be used for other purposes.

To help guide the distribution of these TDA funds, StanCOG has adopted Transit Cost Sharing Procedures (TCSP) in place. In accordance with Step 2 of the TCSP, the Transit Cost Sharing Committee (TCSC) met on April 18, 2016 to review transit claims and to make a recommendation to StanCOG's Citizens Advisory and Management and Finance Committees and the Policy Board on the total LTF needed for transit for FY 2016/17. At that meeting, the transit claims for the Cities of Ceres, Modesto, and Turlock, the County of Stanislaus, and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) were reviewed.

Discussion

As part of the submission of transit claims from the transit operators, StanCOG received three requests for exemptions from the TDA farebox revenue ratio requirements, TDA Section 99268.8. This section of the TDA states that the farebox revenue ratios required for an extension of public transportation services are exempted for two full fiscal years after the service begins. An "extension of public transportation services" includes: additions of geographical areas or

route miles, improvements in service frequency or hours of service greater than 25 percent of the route total, the addition of new days of service, or the addition of a new type of service.

In Table 1 below, a summary of the services for the requested exemptions from the Cities of Ceres, Turlock, and the County of Stanislaus for Fiscal Year 2016/17 is provided.

Table 1: Summary of Service for Requested Exemptions from the Cities of Ceres, Turlock, and the County of Stanislaus

Transit Operator	Service Exemption Requested	Exemption Category	Exemption Description
City of Ceres	Ceres Area Transit (CAT)	New Type of Service	Conversion of CAT routes from loops to bi-directional service
	Ceres Dial-a-Ride (CDAR)	New Type of Service	Conversion of CDAR from general public to strictly ADA Paratransit service
City of Turlock	Bus Line Service of Turlock (BLaST)	Improvements in Hours of Service	Increase in the number of BLaST routes and hours of service over 25%
County of Stanislaus	Route 70	Improvements in Hours of Service	Continuation of an exemption for a service change that occurred during FY 2014/15
	Route 61	New Type of Service	Conversion of deviated fixed route to fixed route service
	Waterford/Modesto/Ceres Shuttle	New Type of Service, Addition of Geographical Area	Conversion of runabout route to intercity shuttle service, Expanded service boundary to include Ceres
	ADA Paratransit Service	New Type of Service	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) service requirement for newly-designated urbanized and non-urbanized areas

These Transportation Development Act farebox revenue ratio requirement exemption requests for Fiscal Year 2016/17 for the Cities of Ceres, Turlock, and the County of Stanislaus will go before the StanCOG Policy Board for approval at the May 2016 meeting.

Should you have further questions regarding this staff report, please contact Regina Valentine at 209-525-4644 or via e-mail at rvalentine@stancog.org.

Attachment:

Draft Resolution Approving the Transportation Development Act Farebox Revenue Ratio Requirement Exemptions for Fiscal Year 2016/17 for Cities of Ceres, Turlock, and the County of Stanislaus

**STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FAREBOX
REVENUE RATIO REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 FOR
CITY OF CERES, TURLOCK, AND COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, in accordance with to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, StanCOG, as the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, has the responsibility of administering the Transportation Development Act (TDA), including the apportionment and allocation of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund; and

WHEREAS, to help guide the distribution of these TDA funds, StanCOG has adopted Transit Cost Sharing Procedures (TCSP) in place; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Step 2 of the TCSP, the Transit Cost Sharing Committee (TCSC) met on April 18, 2016 to review transit claims for the Cities of Ceres, Modesto, and Turlock, the County of Stanislaus, and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) to make a recommendation on the total LTF needed for transit for FY 2016/17; and

WHEREAS, as part of the submission of transit claims, StanCOG received three requests for exemptions from the TDA farebox revenue ratio requirements, TDA Section 99268.8, from the Cities of Ceres, Turlock, and the County of Stanislaus; and

WHEREAS, TDA Section 99268.8 states that the farebox revenue ratios required for an extension of public transportation services are exempted for two full fiscal years after the service begins; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based on the Rules and Regulations governing the Transportation Development Act funds, including StanCOG's approved Transit Cost Sharing Procedures, the StanCOG Policy Board approves the requested exemptions from the Cities of Ceres, Turlock, and the County of Stanislaus for Fiscal Year 2016/17 for public transportation services, as described in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, in the name of the Stanislaus Council of Governments, administrative modifications and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements, and any other documents required by the Transportation Development Act to implement and carry out the purposes specified in this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Stanislaus Council of Governments, on the 18th day of May, 2016. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2016

VITO CHIESA, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ROSA DE LEÓN PARK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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