

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

Minutes of August 2, 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 Ceres); Melissa Molina, Adam Barth (City of Modesto); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); April Henderson-Potter (Stanislaus County); Rosa Park, Elisabeth Hahn, Dave Reed, Karen Kincy. Carla Alviso (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stacie Morales called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 5-31-16

***By Motion (Lillian Castigliano/Simona Rios)**, and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 5-31-16.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Unmet Transit Needs Update

Rosa Park said that the Unmet Transit Needs process of outreach to communities would begin soon. She asked members for their feedback on upcoming public meetings and asked for any suggestions of new locations to hold meetings or public hearings. She asked that suggestions be emailed to staff. Member Sharp suggested holding some meetings in the afternoon before 3:00 pm to accommodate those who cannot make an evening meeting.

B. Measure L/Transportation Expenditure Plan for the Stanislaus Region Update

Rosa Park reported that the transportation expenditure plan, referred to as Measure L, was approved by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and all nine city councils. She provided members with an update on the outreach material that would go out to the public. She mentioned that a special meeting of the Policy Board would be held on August 11, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel Ballroom to provide educational information regarding Measure L.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Bike to Work Month 2016 Results

7. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT

Adam Barth provided a report on Modesto Area Express (MAX). He said that the electric buses project was approved and should be delivered late 2017. He also mentioned the new Q'pods on buses had been reconfigured for ease of use for passengers.

Eunice Lovi provided a report on Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT). She mentioned that the Board of Supervisors approved StaRT's ADA plan and would be implementing the ADA service that month. She said that a local physical therapy company would oversee the functional assessment for the County. She reported that a new fare structure had been approved and would begin August 22nd. She said a new commuter service from Turlock to Patterson and then on to the BART station in Dublin was moving forward. She also said that six paratransit buses and six 40' buses had been purchased and received.

April Potter-Henderson reported that a workshop for agencies would be held on August 12th for training and education on new materials. She also said that a new route guide format would be available to the public soon. Eunice Lovi also updated members on route changes made to better accommodate individuals needing to get to the Medivan service.

Melissa Molina provided an updated ridership report on Modesto Area Dial a Ride (MADAR). She also reported that a new bulky item policy on the MAX buses was in effect as of August 1st. She said this policy would limit the size and amount of items an individual may bring on the bus.

Fred Cavanah provided a report on Ceres Area Transit (CAT) services. He mentioned that the fare box recovery ratio for both CAT and Dial A Ride was below 10%. He said that significant changes in services would begin in November to help meet the 20% fare box recovery ratio. He provided members with a brochure of proposed changes and said that public meetings were held to receive comments.

Scott Medeiros reported that the new electronic fare boxes on the buses was going well. He said that staff was working on how to configure the electronic fare boxes to accept transfers. He also mentioned that the city was looking into ADA functional assessments as a regional service.

Stacie Morales provided a report on MOVE and mentioned that staff was busy working on the lease of the new Veteran's facility. She said the grand opening was anticipated to be on November 11th. She also provided an update on the Veteran's Van Program and briefly went over recent coordination with other agencies on how to improve the program. She mentioned that MOVE was anticipating hiring a full time volunteer coordinator for the Veteran's Van Program and Catholic Charities once

funding was approved. She said staff was almost ready to test the custom scheduling software for Catholic Charities and hoped to have the software in September. She also mentioned that staff was working with StaRT on route changes that may affect MOVE clients and trigger possible travel training. She reported that staff was busy with group trainings teaching individuals to ride within their city as well as transfer to a new system to go outside their city. She mentioned that she recently met with Stanislaus County staff regarding available JARC funds that can be used in working with the homeless and transportation and hoped to coordinate efforts on this issue.

8. CALTRANS REPORT - None

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - NONE

10. MEMBER REPORTS

George Sharp reported that DRAIL had re-started their advocacy group which will be more of a community group that would focus on issues in the community. He mentioned the next meeting would be held on the last Wednesday of August at 1:30 p.m. at the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services at 500 N. 9th.

Simona Rios reported that Catholic Charities had been approved for funding to purchase hardware that would accompany the software to assist in the programs offered. She said there had been a drop in volunteers from the area of Turlock and hoped to fill the void soon. She also mentioned that there would be trainings for volunteers in the fall.

Lillian Castigliano reported that the Commission on Aging recently held a recognition and thank you luncheon. She also shared information on the Adult Protective Services report on elder abuse. She mentioned that the Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (SEAPA) in Turlock would be holding a Savvy Seniors Seminar that would focus on keeping money and medication safe as well as safety tips from the police department.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

September 6, 2016 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am

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