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

Minutes of September 6, 2016 (Tuesday)
10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lillian Castigliano (COA); Eunice Lovi (Stanislaus County); 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); Elisabeth Hahn, Stephen Hanamaikai, Karen Kincy, Dave Reed, Debbie Trujillo, Marcus Tucker (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Lillian Castigliano called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 8-2-16

***By Motion (Simona Rios/Eunice Lovi)**, and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 8-2-16.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the FY 2015/16 Local Transportation Fund Supplemental Apportionment

Dave Reed provided a report on the available supplemental apportionment for FY 2015/16. He stated that staff recommended that the apportionment be distributed in accordance with Section 7 of the Transit Cost Sharing Procedures.

***By Motion (Simona Rios/George Sharp)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt by resolution the FY 2015/16 Local Transportation Fund Supplemental Apportionment with the suggestion of revisiting the Transit Cost Sharing Procedures for future years.

B. FY 2017/18 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment

Stephen Hanamaikai provided a brief overview of the FY 2017/18 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment process. He mentioned that there would be three public hearings held with one at the October Policy Board meeting, one in Oakdale in November, and the third in Patterson in January. He said that final dates and locations would be provided for the Oakdale and Patterson hearings at a later date.

C. 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Corresponding Final Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA)

Marcus Tucker provided a quick overview of the 2017 FTIP and Corresponding Final AQCA. He reported that one public hearing was held and there was a 45-day public review and comment period from July 5, 2016 to August 19, 2016. He said that all comments received had been addressed and were included in the final draft which would go before the Policy Board on September 21, 2016 for approval.

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

Dave Reed, on behalf of Rosa Park, thanked members for their efforts regarding Measure L. He mentioned that two educational mailers had gone out and a third would be going out soon. He encouraged members to visit the website at www.Stanislaus-LocalRoadsFirst.com for more information as well as to share the website with others. He asked members to provide staff with any upcoming events or meetings where staff could provide any educational information regarding Measure L.

6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT

Scott Medeiros provided an update on Turlock Transit. He mentioned that due to the new fare boxes on buses, staff would be updating brochures with new language regarding monthly passes.

Eunice Lovi provided a report on Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT). She mentioned that new services had been implemented as of August 22nd, which included a commuter route to the Dublin/Pleasanton Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station, a new fixed route serving Waterford and Ceres, and a new fare structure. She said a new ADA paratransit service had been implemented. She stated the county would use a functional assessment procedure instead of a paper application that would be coordinated with Storer Transportation and the new provider performing the assessments. She mentioned that new brochures were available and a new website had been launched.

Fred Cavanah provided a report on Ceres Area Transit (CAT) services. He mentioned that, in an effort for CAT to meet their fare box recovery ratio, significant changes to the transit system would be presented to the city council for approval on September 12th. He said, if approved, changes would go into effect on December 1st. He briefly reviewed the changes that would be presented to the city council.

Melissa Molina provided an updated ridership report on Modesto Area Dial a Ride (MADAR). She mentioned that the percentage of riders utilizing mobility devices as well as personal care assistance (PCA) riders had increased. She said staff had been working on a service boundary map that agencies and the public could have access to on the website. She also reported that the new bulky item policy on the MAX buses would be implemented on MADAR and provided members with informational material.

Adam Barth provided a report on Modesto Area Express (MAX). He mentioned that twenty-two buses had been retrofitted with staggered Q'PODS (mobility device securement station) and stated that the majority of the fleet, new and refurbished, would have the staggered Q'PODS as well. He said that new fare boxes were planned to be in the entire fleet by July 2017 and a possible implementation of a new fare structure in place by September 2017. He stated that a new transit policy and improvement plan that would properly plan routes and services would go before the city council committee on September 14th for approval.

7. CALTRANS REPORT - NONE

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - NONE

9. MEMBER REPORTS

Simona Rios reported that Catholic Charities would be receiving new software and hardware, developed by Paratransit Inc. that would assist them with the programs offered. She also mentioned that the Healthy Aging Fall Summit would be held on October 21, 2016 at the Centre Plaza.

Lillian Castigliano reported that the Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (SEAPA) in Turlock was held with the focus on keeping money and medication safe. Safety tips from the police department were also provided.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Lillian Castigliano adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

October 4, 2016 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am

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