



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

Minutes of February 28, 2017 (Tuesday)
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lillian Castigliano (Commission on Aging); Stacie Morales (MOVE); Margie Palomino (Area Agency on Aging – Arrived during Item 5A); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities); George Sharp

ALSO PRESENT: Melissa Molina, Adam Barth (City of Modesto); April Henderson-Potter (Stanislaus County); Elisabeth Hahn, Dave Reed, Stephen Hanamaikai, Karen Kincy, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stacie Morales called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 1-3-17

Stacie Morales had a correction to the minutes. The Call to Order for the 1-3-17 SSTAC meeting was at 9:03 a.m.

***By Motion (Simona Rios/Lillian Castigliano),** and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes, as corrected, from 1-3-17.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Commute Connection Enhanced Program Launch

Kari McNickle provided a presentation to members regarding the launch of their new program called Dibs. She shared changes and improvements to their program

stemming from a Strategic Marketing Plan to enhance communication with the potential rideshare users. She mentioned the official launch date of the new website and program was February 28, 2017.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. **Motion to Recommend Policy Board Approve by Resolution the FY 2016/17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Project Funding**

Stephen Hanamaikai provided members with a brief overview of the LCTOP process. He stated that StanCOG is a designated recipient of LCTOP funds and has been allocated \$238,250 for FY 2016/17. He said that the City of Modesto applied for funding for an expansion of the regional intermodal transit facility. He mentioned that no other applications had been received and that both Stanislaus County and the City of Turlock had elected to transfer their direct allocations of \$17,602 to the City of Modesto's project.

***By Motion (Lillian Castigliano/George Sharp)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board approve by Resolution the FY 2016/17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Project Funding.

B. **Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the FY 2017/18 Draft Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report**

Stephen Hanamaikai provided a brief overview of the Unmet Transit Needs process and thanked all those who participated in the outreach efforts. He reported that staff had completed their extensive outreach which included, seven presentations to various agencies, eleven senior congregate meal site visits, three public hearings, as well as flyers and public notices in English and Spanish circulated throughout Stanislaus County. He said a total of fourteen comments had been received and provided a brief overview of them. He noted that although the comments received were identified as unmet transit needs, they were not reasonable to meet by definition. He also mentioned that an additional comment was received from the City of Modesto regarding the need for commuter rail service to the Bay Area; however, this comment was not included in the draft report. Adam Barth from the City of Modesto expressed that the city would like the comment to be included in the final report.

***By Motion (Margie Palomino/Lillian Castigliano)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the FY 2017/18 Draft Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report.

C. **Proposition 1B – California Transit Security Grant Program – California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF) Call for Projects**

Stephen Hanamaikai provided members with background information on the program. He went over the fund allocations that were available to the region. He provided members and transit operators with a timeline for submitting applications and went over the eligible projects for the Prop 1B funds. He said staff would coordinate with agencies to go over the allocation of these funds.

7. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT

Melissa Molina provided an updated ridership report on Modesto Area Dial-a-Ride (MADAR). She mentioned that staff had been working through an influx in the use of larger mobility devices in the community. She requested to have a separate meeting to discuss the coordination between providers regarding the transportation needs of dialysis patients. She said that MADAR would be moving to a regional program through MOVE for the ADA eligibility assessment beginning next fiscal year.

Adam Barth provided a report on Modesto Area Express (MAX). He mentioned that MAX and StaRT were working together on a Modesto Junior College (MJC) pass program for students. He said Wi-Fi had been installed on all the commuter buses and the refurbishing of buses was ongoing and hoped to be completed in the Fall. He also stated that Modesto would be going through their Triennial Review and would have a report at future meetings.

April Henderson-Potter provided a brief report on StaRT. She mentioned that there was an open position for a Transit Manager and that the application deadline was March 1, 2017. She said that the commuter service schedule would remain the same due to rider input received. She also stated that StaRT anticipated offering free rides to the Transit Center for the Earth Day Event that would be held in April. She said five paratransit buses had been received and would be available in the system once the security cameras were installed safely. She reported that StaRT was concerned about meeting the fare box ratio this year and would be looking at reducing service on Route 70 and Saturday service in August. She said staff would be going before the Board of Supervisors regarding implementation of a 25 cent transfer fee on buses.

Stacie Morales provide a quick update on MOVE. She mentioned that the relocation of their office to the new veterans building was getting closer. She mentioned that engraved pavers could be purchased for the patio area to honor a veteran. She said an opening celebration would be held in April and information would be shared once it was available. She also reported that the Vets Van service agreement should be completed soon.

8. CALTRANS REPORT - NONE

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On behalf of Rosa Park, Dave Reed stated that the comment from the City of Modesto regarding the commuter rail service would be fitting to include in the Regional Transportation Plan instead of the Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report. Regarding Measure L, he reported that staff has submitted documentation with the State Board of Equalization and was working on developing an oversight committee application.

10. MEMBER REPORTS

Simona Rios reported that Catholic Charities was busy working on grants and transit funds for the RSVP program. She mentioned that they had opened an office in Tuolumne County and were looking forward to expanding services. She also reiterated the concern for dialysis patients and also requested a meeting among providers regarding coordination of services.

Margie Palomino reported that there was a tentative date scheduled on April 21st for the grand opening of the new Veteran's Center. She also mentioned that the California Commission on Aging would be holding their quarterly meeting on March 28, 2017 in Stanislaus County for the first time. She said that MOVE and Catholic Charities were asked to speak on the challenges and successes in the county and that an agenda would be provided to those interested.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

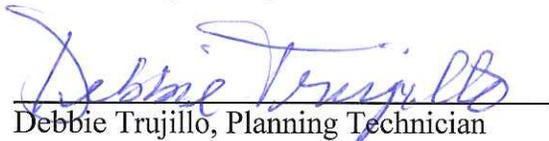
April 4, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am

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