



**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
**1111 I Street, Suite 308**  
**Modesto, CA**  
**Minutes of August 1, 2017 (Tuesday)**  
**9:00 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adam Barth (City of Modesto); Lillian Castigliano (Commission on Aging); Stacie Morales (MOVE); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities); George Sharp; Carla Strong (Howard Training Center)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Annette Borelli, Juan Portillo (Stanislaus County); Elisabeth Hahn, Stephen Hanamaikai, Karen Kincy, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Phyllis Jordan (Member of the Public)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stacie Morales called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Phyllis Jordan, requested contact information for Modesto Area Express regarding bus stop, sidewalk and road repair within the City of Modesto. Adam Barth, MAX Transit Manager responded and let Ms. Jordan know that he could assist her with her questions.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 5-2-17**

**\*By Motion (Lillian Castigliano/Simona Rios)**, and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 5-2-17.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion to Nominate FY 2017/18 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Chair and Vice-Chair**

Elisabeth Hahn provided members with a quick overview of the process to nominate a chair and vice-chair.

**\*By Motion (Carla Strong/Simona Rios)**, and unanimous vote, the Council nominated Stacie Morales and Lillian Castigliano to continue as Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2017/18 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council.

**B. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Amendment Update**

Stephen Hanamaikai reported that staff had met in July with transit operators and a few City Managers to discuss current fare box ratio requirements and the possible amendment to TDA law for the Stanislaus Region. He said there was interest in developing a performance metric that would allow the transit operators to operate their service more freely rather than the current fare box requirement of 10 to 20 percent. He mentioned that Rosa De León Park, StanCOG Executive Director, had met with staff from Senator Anthony Canella's office to discuss the request for the amendment of the fare box requirement. He stated staff from Senator Canella's office requested more information to be provided by August/September so that their staff can prepare an amendment packet to be presented to the State Committees in November/December for consideration and possible approval in April/May by the Governor. He said StanCOG staff would keep members updated on this process.

**C. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)**

Elisabeth Hahn provided members with an update on the 2018 RTP/SCS process. She said the RTP/SCS was a long range plan, updated every four years, that links transportation planning with land use as well as air quality in the Stanislaus Region. She mentioned that staff had met with all member agencies to go over and review the status of projects listed in the 2014 RTP/SCS. She went over the various outreach efforts that had taken place to date and went over the schedule of the upcoming workshops and locations that would be provided for the public. She stated the final draft document would go before the Policy Board in June 2018 with final State and Federal approval in October 2018.

**6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT**

Juan Portillo provided a report on StaRT, mentioning that service changes would be effective August 28, 2017. He said bus stops would have updated signage with identification numbers at each stop. He reported that the new interactive bus locator map had been launched on their website. He also stated the free rides program for Modesto Junior College students had begun.

Scott Medeiros provided a report on the Turlock Transit system. He mentioned that service changes were effective July 1<sup>st</sup> with some fares being lowered. He said that a new discounted program had been implemented for veterans for the fixed route system as well as lower fares for Dial-A-Ride passengers in groups of two or three passengers. He also reported that Dial-A-Ride started a reservation window from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday. He mentioned that a phase two of the Transit Center construction project had begun and that a Request for Proposal for a new contract had gone out. He stated that

several routes would be affected by the closure of Golden State Boulevard and Fulkerth Road Interchange through September and would have detours in place at the Transit Center.

Adam Barth provided a report on MAX services. He mentioned that route and fare changes would be forthcoming and staff was working on improving on-time performance. He said that the elimination of Route 39 to Empire was being considered and reducing service on Route 28 to Salida as well as northeast Modesto Routes 34 and 24. He reported that fares would increase from \$1.50 to \$2.00, transfers from MAX bus to MAX bus would be eliminated, and the monthly day pass would be changed to a time-based pass for 31 days. All of these changes would go to the city council for approval and were proposed to begin in January 2018. He provided a demonstration of a real time bus tracker website that would be launched in October.

Stacie Morales provide a quick update on MOVE. She requested transit operators to provide details of the route changes prior to the change so that MOVE could prepare for the retraining of clients. She also mentioned that there was a new CEO at Paratransit Inc. headquarters and meetings would be scheduled with each transit agency to go over services being provided. She said that applications for the Volunteer Coordinator position were under review.

**7. CALTRANS REPORT - NONE**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

On behalf of Rosa Park, Karen Kincy provided members with a quick update on Measure L funds. She mentioned that target dates to distribute funds to agencies would be in October. She also briefly discussed Senate Bill 1 and said more information would be provided as guidelines were adopted for the various programs that would be implemented.

**9. MEMBER REPORTS**

Simona Rios reported that Catholic Charities would be holding an appreciation luncheon for volunteers in September. She mentioned that program cuts attributed to the draft federal budget would have an effect on some of the volunteer programs offered at Catholic Charities. She said that the Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (SEAPA) would be holding their Turlock SAFE Seminar at the Assyrian American Civic Club. She also mentioned that the DA Victim's Services Grant they receive funding for has not had many requests for emergency rides, so they are considering expanding services on a limited basis.

Carla Strong reported that Howard Training Center continued to review their program to better assist their clients with regards to transportation and community integrated employment. She said the Center had recently been awarded a contract to provide school lunches with the Banta School District in Tracy which would help their clients move forward into competitive integrated employment. She also reported that the Center had been awarded the contract for the senior meals program for Stanislaus County which delivers over 15,000 meals to seniors.

Lillian Castigliano reported that the SEAPA seminar was upcoming at the Assyrian American Civic Club in Turlock.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

***Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:***

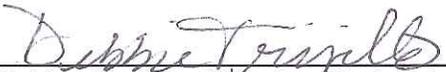
**September 5, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am**

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