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## **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**STANCOG BOARD ROOM**

**1111 I STREET, SUITE 308**

**MODESTO, CA**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to five minutes or at the discretion of the Chair.*

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Motion to Approve SSTAC 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
- B. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Amendment Update (Verbal Report)
- C. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

**6. TRANSIT MANAGER/MOVE REPORTS**

**7. CALTRANS REPORT**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**9. MEMBER REPORTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:**

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

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

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# CONSENT CALENDAR

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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
**1111 I Street, Suite 308**  
**Modesto, CA**  
**Minutes of May 2, 2017 (Tuesday)**  
**9:00 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adam Barth (City of Modesto); Lillian Castigliano (Commission on Aging); Stacie Morales (MOVE); Margie Palomino (Department of Aging & Veterans Services); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities – Arrived during Item 5A); George Sharp; Carla Strong (Howard Training Center)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Melissa Molina (City of Modesto); Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock); Dave Reed, Stephen Hanamaikai, Karen Kincy, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Jeanette Fabela (Stanislaus County CEO's Office)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Stacie Morales welcomed Carla Strong with Howard Training Center as a new member.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 4-4-17**

**\*By Motion (Lillian Castigliano/Adam Barth),** and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 4-4-17.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt a Resolution Approving the Distribution of FY's 2015/16 and 2016/17 California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Transit Security Grant Program Regional Allocations**

Stephen Hanamaikai provided background information regarding the CalOES Transit Security Grant Program. He reviewed the funding allocations that were being recommended. He stated that the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County would receive allocations totaling \$744,167 and briefly reviewed each of the projects.

**\*By Motion (George Sharp/Lillian Castigliano)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt a Resolution Approving the Distribution of FY's 2015/16 and 2016/17 California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Transit Security Grant Program Regional Allocations.

**B. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the Non-Compliance Penalty for Required Recovery Ratio FY 2015/16 – City of Ceres**

Dave Reed provided an update to members regarding the process and penalty. He mentioned that at the Management and Finance Committee meeting in April, the City of Ceres requested a delay before this item went before the Executive Committee and Policy Board. He updated members with the changes to the payment of penalty process and said it would be paid in monthly installments to the other transit operators. He said this process would ensure that the funds would stay within the transit operator's distribution.

**\*By Motion (Margie Palomino/Lillian Castigliano)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the Non-Compliance Penalty for Required Recovery Ratio FY 2015/16 – City of Ceres.

**6. INFORMATION**

**A. Community Bike Cruise**

Chair Stacie Morales quickly mentioned that volunteers for events were always needed and if anyone was interested to email DIBS.

**7. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT**

Adam Barth provided a report on MAX services. He mentioned that the city council had approved the agreement with Modesto Junior College to allow students with valid ID and current semester sticker to ride for free and anticipated a July 1<sup>st</sup> start date. He mentioned the upcoming Bike to Work Week on May 18th and Family Cycle Event May 20th. He mentioned that there was an upgrade to the automatic vehicle location system in April and was currently testing the website showing locations of the bus. He said an update would be provided at a later date. He reported that staff would be looking at route and fare changes for MAX and they planned to start the public process for those changes in June or July and implement them by the first of the year.

Melissa Molina provided an updated ridership report on Modesto Area Dial-a-Ride (MADAR). She mentioned that the no show policy would be updated due to the recent

finding from the triennial review stating that the policy was deemed non-conforming. She said that MADAR was working with Storer on a pilot program utilizing tablets that would increase their scheduling efficiencies.

Scott Medeiros provided a report on the Turlock Transit system. He mentioned that ridership was beginning to increase with the new route system; however, Dial-A-Ride (DAR) continued to drop due to having only one bus for DAR. He said that new buses were on order to replace those destroyed in a fire. He also stated that with the new route system, their Stanislaus County Library stop had been dropped, so staff would begin to look into utilizing a shuttle service to fill that void.

Stacie Morales provide a quick update on MOVE. She mentioned that MOVE was awaiting all the finalized documents for the FTA Section 5310 grant so that a volunteer coordinator to recruit volunteer drivers and manage the Vets Van program could be hired. She noted that MOVE was now settled in at their new office in the Stanislaus Veterans Center in Modesto. She also said that Innovative Paradigms would be holding their annual managers meeting during the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8. CALTRANS REPORT - NONE**

#### **9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

On behalf of Rosa Park, Dave Reed reported that the Citizens Oversight Committee application had been released and reviewed the application process with members.

#### **10. MEMBER REPORTS**

Simona Rios reported that Catholic Charities would be holding their Senior Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (SEAPA) banking seminar on May 19<sup>th</sup>. She said that various fundraising events would be coming up and provided dates to members. She also stated that Catholic Charities participated in the LOVE Modesto event held in April and placed over 90 people to visit individuals residing in long term care facilities. She mentioned that they applied for renewal of the RSVP grant and hope to have that program renewed for another three years.

Carla Strong reported that Howard Training Center would be holding their Trash n Treasures Event May 6 – 7<sup>th</sup>. She also said the Annual Corks and Forks would be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and mentioned that tickets are \$20.

Margie Palomino invited members to come out and tour the new facility located on Coffee Road in Modesto.

Lillian Castigliano reported that May is senior awareness month and that the senior awards will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Stephen Hanamaikai updated members regarding the dialysis plan to assist patients and the transportation issues that need to be addressed. He said a meeting would be held in July to discuss further.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**June 6, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

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**Modesto, CA**

Minutes Prepared By:

  
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Debbie Trujillo, Planning Technician



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# DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS





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**TO:** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) **Staff Report**  
**THROUGH:** Rosa De León Park, Executive Director **Motion**

**FROM:** Cindy Malekos, Manager of Administrative Services

**DATE:** July 17, 2017

**SUBJECT:** FY 2017/18 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Chair and Vice-Chair

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**Recommendation**

**By Motion:**

Nominate a FY 2017/18 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC).

**Background**

The StanCOG SSTAC Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1 state that the SSTAC shall elect from among its membership a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The term of office shall be one year.

**Discussion**

The SSTAC each year elects a Chair and a Vice Chair. The current Chair is Stacie Morales and the current Vice-Chair is Lillian Castigliano. The term of office for fiscal year 2017/18 shall be through June 2018.

Should you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Rosa De León Park, Executive Director, at 209-525-4600 or via e-mail at [rpark@stancog.org](mailto:rpark@stancog.org).



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**TO:** Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) **Staff Report**  
**THROUGH:** Rosa De León Park, Executive Director **Discussion**

**FROM:** Elisabeth Hahn, Principal Planner  
Isael Ojeda, Assistant Planner

**DATE:** July 25, 2017

**SUBJECT:** 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

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**Recommendation**

Consider information presented.

**Background**

Every four years the State of California and the federal government require that regional planning agencies, including StanCOG, update their respective Regional Transportation Plans/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS). In Stanislaus County, the stakeholder driven process of developing and updating the RTP/SCS is referred to as “Valley Vision Stanislaus”. The RTP/SCS for Stanislaus County was last updated in 2014. The 2018 update must be completed before October 2018.

The Regional Transportation Plan is the region’s 25-year, financially-constrained blueprint for future transportation improvements and investments based on specific transportation goals and objectives defined by StanCOG with input from the public and its member agencies. A successful RTP should help promote the safe and efficient management, operation and development of an intermodal transportation system including roadways, transit, goods movement facilities, bicycle/pedestrian improvements and aviation.

Transportation helps shape a region’s economic health and quality of life; it influences the pattern of growth and economic activity through accessibility to land. Transportation also affects other public policy issues such as air quality, affordable housing, and public safety. The RTP is more than a mere listing of highway and transit projects to be pursued over 25 years; it requires

developing strategies for operating, maintaining, and financing the region's transportation system in such a way as to advance the region's long term goals.

Transportation planning and land use became more closely linked in California following the passage of Senate Bill 375 in 2008. As a result of this legislation, each of California's 18 Metropolitan Planning Organizations, including StanCOG, must prepare a "Sustainable Communities Strategy" as part of their RTP. The Sustainable Communities Strategy sets forth a forecasted development pattern for the region which, when integrated with the transportation network and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles and light trucks to achieve emission reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board. The future land use and transportation scenario presented in the Sustainable Communities Strategy must accommodate forecasted population, employment, and housing sufficient to meet the needs of all income groups, including the State-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), while considering State housing goals. The Air Resources Board must review and accept each MPO's determination that, if implemented, the Sustainable Communities Strategy would meet the region's respective emissions reduction targets. SB 375 established incentives to encourage local governments and developers to implement the Sustainable Communities Strategy since land use policy remains under the purview of local governments. Developers can get relief from certain environmental review requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act if their new residential and mixed-use projects are consistent with a region's CARB-approved Sustainable Communities Strategy.

## **Discussion**

The Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee will guide the 2018 RTP/SCS process as it did for the 2014 RTP/SCS update. It is comprised of staff representing StanCOG's 10 member agencies and other interest groups and is chaired by a member of the StanCOG Policy Board (Richard O'Brien\Riverbank). Since the local governments within Stanislaus County maintain land use authority, it is imperative to include them in the Valley Vision Stanislaus process of developing the RTP/SCS.

A kickoff meeting was held with the steering committee on July 20, 2018. A consultant team led by Kimley-Horn & Associates has been hired by StanCOG to prepare the update. The Kimley-Horn team provided the steering committee with an overview of the key RTP/SCS tasks, project schedule, and goals and objectives, as well as their proposed project approach.

A sizable component of the RTP/SCS effort will require data to be collected from the local agencies, including information on land use, transportation projects and revenue. StanCOG staff and the consultant team will, therefore, coordinate closely with local agencies to update the financially constrained and unconstrained project lists in the RTP and receive input on current and future land use policies. The first round of coordination meetings have been scheduled with each local agency for late July and early August and are focused on updating the list of financially constrained and unconstrained projects in the RTP. Through advisory committee meetings and future one-on-one meetings, local agencies will assist StanCOG staff and the consultant team in updating the land use plans of each community, and developing four future scenarios that will be analyzed in the RTP/SCS.

The 2018 update will reflect all new state/federal legislative requirements and guidance and new funding opportunities, including Measure L, SB-1's formula and competitive funding programs, as well as other funding programs (Systemic Safety Analysis Reporting Program, Active Transportation Program, Priority Freight Corridors, etc.). Each of the four scenarios developed for analysis will include Measure L projects and programs as it is a voter approved measure.

Kimley-Horn will utilize a performance-based analysis of the scenarios using the recently updated VMIP2 travel model, and the EnvisionTomorrow Land Use Allocation Tool, to inform progress towards:

- Location Efficiency
- Reliable Mobility
- Health & Safety
- Environmental Stewardship
- Social Equity
- Robust Economy

The team will also use those tools to demonstrate whether the scenarios will achieve air quality conformity and meet the region's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. For the 2018 update, StanCOG's RTP/SCS must reduce per capita emissions in 2020 and 2035 relative to 2005 baseline levels by 12% and 16%, respectively, per the California Air Resource Board.

The Kimley-Horn team will also employ a robust public outreach program including three rounds of public workshops. The schedule for the first round of workshops is:

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| • Mon., July 31  | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Hammon Senior Center<br>1033 W. Las Palmas Ave., Patterson              |
| • Wed., Aug. 2   | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Gene Bianchi Community Center<br>110 S. Second Ave., Oakdale            |
| • Thurs., Aug. 3 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Modesto Centre Plaza (Ash Room)<br>10 <sup>th</sup> /K Streets, Modesto |

Other workshops will be held in October 2017 and February 2018. At each workshop, the Kimley-Horn team will communicate that the RTP/SCS is a legally required process to identify areas to accommodate all of the region's population, including all income groups, for at least the next 20 years. The intended outcome is a Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy that meets the transportation and land use needs of the region and reduces greenhouse-gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks. The team proposes to conduct many other presentations throughout the county to civic organizations and stakeholder groups. The team will encourage the local media to report on the RTP/SCS process and they will create and utilize social media tools to communicate directly to county residents. The intent is to engage the broadest cross section of Stanislaus County residents, businesses and transportation providers in planning for our future transportation needs and to make the planning process accessible, interactive and engaging.

The key milestones in developing the 2018 update include:

- July – August 2017. Establish goals/policies of the RTP/SCS, develop demographic and revenue projections, and review the 2014 performance metrics and update for 2018, as needed.
- August 2017. – Develop four future land use and investment scenarios.
- October 2017 – March 2018. Perform technical studies and analysis on scenarios, and prepare the draft and final RTP/SCS plan.
- November 2017 – June 2018. Conduct environmental review of the final RTP/SCS plan.
- By June 2018. Board adoption of RTP/SCS and certification of environmental document.

Should you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Elisabeth Hahn, Principal Planner, by phone at (209) 525-4632 or via e-mail at [ehahn@stancog.org](mailto:ehahn@stancog.org)