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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
**1111 I Street, Suite 308**  
**Modesto, CA**  
**Minutes of March 6, 2018 (Tuesday)**  
**9:00 am**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Wayne York (City of Turlock); Darla Moen (Stanislaus County); Stephen Hanamaikai, Elisabeth Hahn, Karen Kincy, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve SSTAC Minutes of 2/6/18**

**\*By Motion (Lillian Castigliano/Carla Strong),** and unanimous vote, the Council approved the minutes of 2/6/18.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Approve by Resolution the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis**

Stephen Hanamaikai provided an update on the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment process and presented the findings from this year's public review and comment period. He mentioned that more comments were received this year in comparison to years past due to the online survey success and provided the various methods of public outreach that had taken place. He stated that there were no unmet transit needs that meet the

definition of reasonable to meet during FY 2018-19. Members discussed the transportation needs of individuals living in areas experiencing transit service reductions that are being made to ensure the transit agencies are able to adhere to mandated farebox recovery requirements.

**\*By Motion (Simona Rios/Lillian Castigliano)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board approve by Resolution the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis with the finding that there are no Unmet Transit Needs that are reasonable to meet for FY 2018/2019.

**B. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Approve by Resolution the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Project Recommendation**

Stephen Hanamaikai stated that LCTOP was created as a statewide program that provides capital operating assistance to transit agency projects that reduce greenhouse gases and improve mobility with a priority to disadvantaged communities. He stated that StanCOG's allocation for FY 17/18 was \$672,378. He said three projects were submitted for consideration and all were eligible to receive funds. He then stated that after review, staff recommended that StaRT receive the funds for the implementation of the ITS Project and Fare Reduction Program. A member expressed that they would like to see a larger portion of LCTOP funding requested by Stanislaus County going to fare reduction program that provide direct benefit to disadvantaged communities.

**\*By Motion (Adam Barth/Lillian Castigliano)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board approve by Resolution the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Project Recommendation.

**6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT**

Adam Barth provided a report on MAX services. He said that buses would have automated voice announcements in the next couple of months and that equipment upgrade to a cellular based data transmission which would provide more frequent updates to the transit app. He also mentioned the new MAX Bus app that was launched and available on IOS and Android devices.

Darla Moen provided a report on StaRT services. She mentioned that the regional eligibility center opened on March 1<sup>st</sup>. She said that new cement pads had been poured for accessibility at various bus stops in Riverbank. She stated that new bus stop signs had begun to be placed in Patterson and would eventually be countywide. She reported that public meetings would be held in Grayson on March 14<sup>th</sup> and in Westley on March 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss proposed consolidation of services in the area.

Wayne York provided a report on Turlock Transit services. He mentioned that preparation was ongoing for the launch of the new eligibility service center scheduled to open March 13<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned a community shuttle pilot program that would provide service for about 6 months. He said it would be a 35 minute fixed route that would integrate with the transit center and run on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am to 2pm. He stated that the shuttle would serve locations that were affected by the route realignment that were implemented last year and plan to launch in early May. He also reported that Phase 2 of the Transit Center is anticipated to open in October/November with Storer having an office there. He said Phase 3 improvements were moving forward to move transit administration to the Transit Center.

Stacie Morales provided a brief update on MOVE. She said that on March 1<sup>st</sup> in person eligibility screening had begun and remote location visits to take place in Patterson on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Turlock on March 13<sup>th</sup>, and Howard Training Center on March 20<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that with regard to the Turlock center, the eligibility interviews would eventually be held out at the Transit Center in Turlock.

**7. CALTRANS REPORT - None**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None**

**9. MEMBER REPORTS**

Simona Rios reported that Catholic Charities had a lot of outreach and events coming up. She said that Catholic Charities was continuing to look for volunteers. She reported that a fundraiser would be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> held at the State Theatre to benefit senior programs.

Carla Strong reported that the Howard Training Center was ready for the eligibility screening to be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that their recent crab fest fundraiser was successful and raised \$24,500 to purchase new vehicles. She said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Yard Sell at Whitmore Hall would be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. She reported that the Center would be rewriting the program for their food services department and would be working with several culinary schools to provide a certificate program for individuals coming through their program.

Lillian Castigliano reported that the Commission on Aging would be holding their Senior Ball on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran Banquet Hall in Modesto located at Coffee and Sylvan from 5pm to 9pm. She said ticket sales would benefit the Senior Foundation. She also mentioned that a SEAPA forum would be held in Turlock in May and September. She provided information on various upcoming events such as an upcoming caregivers event on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, DA Victims of Crime Week, Love Modesto, and Age with Movement.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:**

**April 3, 2018 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am**

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Minutes Prepared By:

  
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