



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

Minutes of March 5, 2019 (Tuesday)
9:00 am

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

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Medeiros (Turlock Transit) (arrived during Item 5A); Rosemary Martinez (City of Ceres); Darla Moen (Stanislaus County); Doralee Boles (Stanislaus County Transit), Carla Alviso, Arthur Chen, Elisabeth Hahn, Karen Kincy, Melissa Molina, Stephanie Mora, Edith Robles, Ted Tasiopoulos (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 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 1/8/19

*** By Motion (Member Lillian Castigliano/Member Angela Swanson),** and unanimous vote, the Council approved the Consent Calendar.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between StanCOG and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution

Control District (SJVAPCD) for the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Services in the San Joaquin Valley Project

Ted Tasiopoulos reported that the SJVAPCD and partners, which included four Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) in the San Joaquin Valley, were awarded \$2.25 million by the Air Resources Board for a project known as the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility in the San Joaquin Valley Project. He provided background on how the funds would be used and the work that would be conducted. He stated that the portion of the grant for StanCOG's project was referred to as the Valley Flex Project. Chair Morales provided information on how MOVE would be involved in the Valley Flex Project. A discussion followed, members provided input and their questions were answered.

*** By Motion (Member Carla Strong/Member Lillian Castigliano)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between StanCOG and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) for the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Services in the San Joaquin Valley Project.

B. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the FY 2019/20 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds Apportionments

Stephanie Mora provided background on the LTF and STA Funds Apportionments process. She stated that the FY 2019/20 LTF estimate was \$23,000,000 and the STA estimate was \$5,677,670.

*** By Motion (Member Angela Swanson/Member Simona Rios)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the FY 2019/20 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) Apportionment of \$23,000,000 and the State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds Apportionment of \$5,677,670.

C. Motion to Approve by Resolution the FY 2018/19 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Regional Allocation Request for \$1,026,131 and Project Nomination for the Free Fare Day Project

Edith Robles provided members with an overview of the LCTOP program. She stated that at a February 7th Transit Managers meeting, all operators and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) MOVE unanimously agreed upon a Free Fare Day Regional Project and for Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) to provide a reduced fare program, that would target local schools to increase ridership and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. She reviewed the dates for the free fare days and how the regional allocation funds would be distributed within the Transit Agencies. A discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

*** By Motion (Member Simona Rios/Member Angela Swanson)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended that the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the FY 2018/19 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Regional Allocation Request for \$1,026,131 and Project Nomination for the Free Fare Day Project.

D. FY 2019/20 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Update

Edith Robles reported on the Unmet Transit Needs outreach efforts that had been conducted in the Stanislaus region. She stated that a total of 92 comments had been received and that the final analysis report would be presented to the committees and the

Policy Board for their consideration in April. Edith Robles and Melissa Molina provided detailed explanations of what the terms “unmet transit need” and “reasonable to meet” meant. They also indicated that the final report would be available on the StanCOG website in both English and Spanish. A discussion followed and the members had their questions answered.

6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT

Angela Swanson with Modesto Area Dial-A-Ride (MADAR) reported that effective June 29th, their new name would be MAX Mobility. She also stated that they now have electric busses on Routes 21 and 26.

Angela Swanson reported for Adam Barth with Modesto Area Express (MAX) that they were considering a Transit Ambassador Program to help potential riders get more comfortable with using transit services. She also reported on wanting to promote transportation services to dialysis centers.

Darla Moen with Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) reported on upgrades being made at bus stops in Empire, Riverbank and Patterson to make them more accessible for riders. She stated that there were now busses working out of the Oakdale yard, which saves on fuel and greenhouse gases.

Scott Medeiros with Turlock Transit reported that at the new Transit Center, they had the ability to sell passes for the other transit systems. He also provided members with the new Turlock Transit Rider Guide. He distributed flyers regarding public workshops for the short-range transit plan, and stated that with LCTOP funds, they would be offering free bus rides in July, including to the Stanislaus County Fair. He also reported about new mobile apps that were being presented to their City Council.

Stacie Morales with MOVE reported they were in the process of working with McGuire Management Consultancy on the Demand Study and Business Plan.

7. CALTRANS REPORT - None

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Karen Kincy reported that StanCOG had been working with McGuire Management Consultancy on the Transit Efficiency and Innovations Study. She also reported that the State was moving forward with the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Task Force. She also stated that at the end of the month, the transit agencies were to turn in their transit claims and that transit cost sharing was to take place in April.

9. MEMBER REPORTS

Simona Rios with Catholic Charities reported that their Stanislaus County and San Joaquin County offices were working together to better serve the needs of their clients.

Carla Strong with Howard Training Center reported that their facility on Empire Avenue had been sold, and all their clients were moved to the Stonum Road facility. She also provided information on an upcoming Abilities Expo hosted by Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) at their Stockton location on Thursday, April 11th, and reported that a job for a part-time driver with a Class B license was posted on indeed.com.

Lillian Castigliano with the Commission on Aging reported on the upcoming 2nd Annual Senior Ball at the Stanislaus Veterans Center in Modesto, on Saturday April 27th.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Special SSTAC Meeting Scheduled:

April 2, 2019 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am

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