



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

Minutes of August 6, 2019 (Tuesday)
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Barth (City of Modesto); Lillian Castigliano (Commission on Aging); Stacie Morales (MOVE); Mohamed Rashid (Vocational Coaching & Development Institute/VCDI); Simona Rios (Catholic Charities)

ALSO PRESENT: Annette Borelli, Laurel Sears (Stanislaus County); Angela Swanson (City of Modesto); Steven Martinez (Caltrans); Carla Alviso, Elisabeth Hahn, Karen Kincy, Melissa Molina, Isael Ojeda, Josephine Oshana, 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 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 6/4/19

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

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Approve by Resolutions the Amended 2018/19 State of Good Repair Project List and the 2019/20 State of Good Repair Project List

Melissa Molina summarized the region's State of Good Repair Program (SGR) and stated that the current item impacts two separate years of SGR funding. The item modified the 2018/19 SGR Project List to add a new City of Turlock Operations facility project in the amount of \$409,075 of regionally allocated SGR funds. The second action item established the FY 2019/20 SGR Project List in which City of Modesto and City of Turlock had projects for their respective direct allocations and StanCOG would continue the Regional Transit Bus Stop Cleaning and Maintenance Project with regional funds.

***By Motion (Member Adam Barth/Member Mohamed Rashid)**, and unanimous vote, the Council recommended the Policy Board approve by Resolutions the Amended 2018/19 State of Good Repair Project List and the 2019/20 State of Good Repair Project List.

B. FY 2017/18 Measure L Oversight Committee Annual Report and Measure L Independent Audit

Karen Kincy provided background on the Measure L Expenditure Plan and stated that the Certified Public Accounting firm of Hudson Henderson & Company Inc. had completed their auditor's reports for the year ended June 30, 2018. She reported that all agencies received an unqualified or "clean" opinion on their financial statements. She also reported that the Measure L Oversight Committee had reviewed the annual audits and issued their findings, that all agencies were in compliance. She also pointed out that at the end of FY 2018/19, StanCOG had received over seven million dollars above what was estimated.

C. Administrative Modification #6 and #7 (Type 1 Amendment) to the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Josephine Oshana stated that Administrative Modifications #6 and #7 were approved by StanCOG on June 13th and June 26th. She reported on transit projects included in Administrative Modification #6 that included programming additional funds to Turlock Transit's Operating Assistance Project, additional Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) funds in the amount of \$1.5 million and a local match in the amount of \$1.5 million that were programmed over FFY's 2018/19 through 2020/21.

D. Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Rule Update

Isael Ojeda stated that on August 1, 2018 the Environmental Protection Agency released a note of proposed rulemaking for the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2016 for Passenger Cars and Light Trucks. He detailed the potential impacts of the rule and how it would negatively affect the Stanislaus Region. He reported that a Type 5 formal amendment had been prepared to mitigate the impacts of the SAFE Rule on project delivery. He stated the amendment was released for public review and that a public hearing would be held at the August 21st Policy Board meeting.

6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT

Adam Barth with Modesto Area Express (MAX) reported that the free transit rides in July program was a success and that there were more than 100,000 additional rides over the same month last year.

Angela Swanson with Modesto Area Dial-a-Ride (MADAR) provided an update on their current RFP's to hire a new operator, procure tenant improvements at the bus maintenance facility on 9th Street to house MADAR, purchase 17 cut away buses to provide their own fleet, and to purchase a CAD/AVL software system for the buses to provide maximum efficiency.

She stated that the process should be concluded in time for the December Modesto City Council meeting. She also stated that due to the extension of MAX evening service on July 1st, MADAR was able to eliminate general public ridership that had previously been allowed during nighttime hours.

Annette Borelli with Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) stated that they were awaiting results from the free transit rides in July program, and that the free rides would continue through the month of August. She provided an update on the Intelligent Technology System (ITS) for the buses, and reported that they were in the process of purchasing five new buses and that they were making improvements at a bus stop in Riverbank to make it more accessible to riders. She also introduced their new Transit Planner Laurel Sears.

Stacie Morales with MOVE reported that they hired Hayley Vieyra as the new Director of Mobility Services. She provided details on the Valley Flex Project, Volunteers on the Go (VOGO). She also stated that their Demand Study and Business Plan had been completed and that she would share the results at a future meeting.

7. CALTRANS REPORT

Steven Martinez stated that the Governor's Office had designated California State Advisor Bob Franzoia to assume the position of Acting Director of Caltrans. He reported that last month the California Transportation Commission allocated more than \$533 million for 120 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) projects throughout California, including more than \$229 million for 42 fix-it-first projects funded by Senate Bill 1. He also reported that Caltrans recently announced \$146 million from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) would go to 180 local mass transit projects around the state and that more than 160 of those projects would benefit disadvantaged and low-income communities. He also outlined three Stanislaus County construction projects that would be going out for bid in August.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Elisabeth Hahn reported that StanCOG had been working with UC Davis in submitting two FTA grant applications for mobile apps, Vamos Mobility and Miocar. StanCOG would also be providing approximately \$130,000 in matching funds.

9. MEMBER REPORTS

Simona Rios with Catholic Charities stated they would be having another 36-hour Ombudsman training and were looking for interested volunteers. She also stated there would be a Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (SEAPA) event on September 20th in Turlock.

Lillian Castigliano with Commission on Aging reported that a thrift store in Turlock donates their income to non-profits or people in need. She stated that \$950,000 had been collected and advised members that applications would be accepted in November and May and were available if anyone was interested. She also reported that Healthy Aging would have their Fall Prevention Summit on Friday, October 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Modesto Centre Plaza. She also mentioned they would be having another Senior Ball in April, and wanted to get the word out early.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

September 3, 2019 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am

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