



**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Minutes of June 2, 2020 (Tuesday)
10:00 am**

Important Notice Regarding COVID 19

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Board Room was closed, and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) members and staff participated in this meeting via GoToMeeting. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing measures, members of the public were provided the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment during the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Barth (City of Modesto); Carol Bowman (Catholic Charities); Stacie Morales (MOVE); Mohamed Rashid (DRAIL); Carla Strong (Howard Training Center)

ALSO PRESENT: Letty Ortiz, Darla Moen (Stanislaus County); Angela Swanson (City of Modesto); Steven Martinez, Tom Dumas (Caltrans); Carla Alviso, Aric Barnett-Lynch, Chris Jasper, Karen Kincy, Cindy Malekos, Edith Robles, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stacie Morales called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

**A. Motion to Approve Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
Minutes of 3/31/20**

*** By Motion (Member Mohamed Rashid/Member Carla Strong), and unanimous roll call vote, the Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve the FY 2020/21 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionments for Transit and Other Purposes and Approve the FY 2020/21 TDA Allocations for Transit**

Karen Kincy provided an overview of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds allocation process. She stated that after allocations for Administration, Planning, Non-Motorized and regional projects were deducted, it was recommended that \$18,000,640 be approved for transit claims and the remaining LTF funds of \$5,048,960 be held in reserves for future transit use.

***By Motion (Member Adam Barth/Member Carla Strong)**, and unanimous roll call vote, the Council recommended the Policy Board approve the FY 2020/21 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionments for Transit and Other Purposes and Approve the FY 2020/21 TDA Allocations for Transit.

B. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Adopt the 2020 Public Participation Plan (PPP)**

Debbie Trujillo provided background information on the Public Participation Plan. She reported that the draft document was released for a 45-day public review period that began on April 1st and concluded at 3:00 pm on May 18th, and that two public hearings were conducted via teleconference on April 14th. She stated that one comment was received and that the comment and response would be included in the final PPP document, which would be presented to the Policy Board at their June 17th meeting. There was a brief discussion and members' questions were answered.

***By Motion (Member Carla Strong/Member Mohamed Rashid)**, and unanimous roll call vote, the Council recommended the Policy Board adopt the 2020 Public Participation Plan (PPP).

C. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Adopt the FY 2020/21 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report**

Edith Robles provided an overview of the Unmet Transit Needs process and reviewed the various outreach methods used to receive public input. She stated that StanCOG received a total of 71 public comments, and of those, four were identified as Unmet Transit Needs. She reviewed the four comments and stated the overall finding was that there were no Unmet Transit Needs that were reasonable to meet, per the Policy Board's adopted definitions, for FY 2020/21. Chair Morales thanked Edith and StanCOG staff for the effort that was put forward to receive public comments.

***By Motion (Member Carol Bowman/Member Adam Barth)**, and unanimous roll call vote, the Council recommended the Policy Board adopt the FY 2020/21 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report.

D. **StanCOG Non-Motorized Transportation Plan**

Chris Jasper provided an overview of the update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP). He reported on the various methods used to maximize public outreach during the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and reviewed the plan's next steps. He stated that the draft document was anticipated to be completed by the winter of 2020 and was

expected to be presented to the Policy Board in early 2021. He also encouraged the members to visit the NMTP web page available on the StanCOG website at: <http://www.stancog.org/nmtp.shtm> and to also follow StanCOG on Facebook for further details and updates. A brief discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

E. Motion to Nominate FY 2020/21 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Chair and Vice-Chair

Cindy Malekos explained that it was time to select the Council's Chair and Vice-Chair for the next fiscal year which was to begin July 1st.

***By Motion (Member Adam Barth/Member Carla Strong)**, and unanimous roll call vote, the Council re-elected Stacie Morales to serve as Chair and elected Carol Bowman to serve as the new Vice-Chair for FY 2020/21.

6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT

Adam Barth with Modesto Area Express (MAX) stated that MAX was offering free rides in June through the end of July, and that they had resumed full service. He provided information on several new routes that would be starting in July which included the former Ceres Area Transit route, a new route to Stockton with a stop in Manteca and the Escalon system eTrans.

Angela Swanson with MADAR stated that starting July 1, MADAR would be expanding to the City of Ceres which would open transportation to the whole region for one fare. She provided an update on their contract with Storer Transportation, which had to be extended because of the COVID-19 situation. She also reported that ridership was down to about 20% and that they were only transporting one person at a time because of the health conditions of their riders.

Letty Ortiz with Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) reported that they were back to full service and that they were offering free rides in June through the end of July.

Stacie Morales with MOVE reported that their lobby was open for appointments only and that the office was using minimal rotating staff. She stated that there were no ADA eligibility appointments at the time, anyone calling in would receive 90-day full and immediate eligibility, and she reviewed safety changes being made to allow for future appointments. She stated that their travel training was not available because the day programs and senior programs were not open at the time. She also provided information on Unite Us, a web-based referral program, and stated she would like to set up a webinar for the SSTAC members to attend, if interested.

7. CALTRANS REPORT

Steven Martinez reported that in May, Caltrans honored the lives of 189 fallen highway workers at its 30th Annual Memorial. He stated that even though there had been less highway congestion during the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, there was an 87% increase in citations for speeding in excess of 100 mph. He also stated that during COVID-19, Caltrans had authorized food trucks in State rest areas to help provide food to truck drivers and motorists, as well as provide opportunities to food truck operators. He also provided information on a traffic advisory and upcoming construction on State Route 99.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Cindy Malekos, on behalf of Rosa Park, thanked the members for participating in virtual meetings, and offered assistance to anyone who may be having technical difficulties logging

into the meetings. She stated that due to State guidelines, GoToMeetings would be held as long as the Governor's orders were in place.

Aric Barnett-Lynch stated that StanCOG had been sending out a monthly newsletter to provide StanCOG updates for the members.

9. MEMBER REPORTS

Carol Bowen with Catholic Charities reported that they were continuing in a reduced capacity for senior-assisted transportation but were providing rides for essential appointments and grocery shopping. She stated that they were hoping to be at full capacity within two weeks. She also provided information on their senior meal delivery which provided 1,600 meals to home bound seniors in the last two months.

Mohamed Rashid with DRAIL reported that they had been back in the office for two and a half weeks and were staggering staff, half in the morning and half in the afternoon. He also stated that there were no in-person appointments, and that all business was done by phone.

Carla Strong with Howard Training Center reported that their day programs were deemed non-essential and expressed her concern for their 150 clients, some of whom would not be able to return because of the new procedures that may be put in place. She stated that their kitchen and community employment were considered essential and were running with a skeleton crew. She also reported that their facility on Stratos Way had been moved and they were all at one location at Stonum Road. She also stated that next year's CrabFest Fundraiser would be held on the first weekend in February and would potentially be a drive-through event.

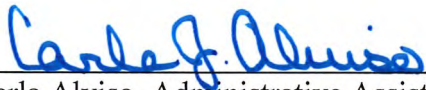
10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

August 4, 2020 (Tuesday) @ 9:00 am

Minutes Prepared By:



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