



**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Minutes of April 6, 2021 (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); Emma Niven (Catholic Charities); Lillian Castigliano (Commission on Aging); Stacie Morales (MOVE); Carla Strong (Howard Training Center)

ALSO PRESENT: Emma Goldsmith, Karen Kincy, Cindy Malekos, Isael Ojeda, Edith Robles, Monica Streeter (StanCOG); Steven Martinez (Caltrans); Stephanie Maynard (Dibs); Angela Swanson (City of Modesto); Tracy McMillan (Nelson\Nygaard); Phil McGuire (StanRTA); Leticia Ortiz (StaRT); Rosa Garcia, Jean Foletta-Morales (Members of the Public)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stacie Morales called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

**A. Motion to Approve Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
Minutes of 3/2/21**

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

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. **Bike to Work Month 2021**

Stephanie Maynard presented information on plans for the 2021 Bike to Work Month. She said increased biking and walking was being encouraged through Bike Month Bingo, and that more information was available at dibsmysway.com.

B. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the FY 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report**

Edith Robles reviewed the process that had taken place in the development of the annual UTN Identification and Analysis Report. She said that the finding was that there were no unmet transit needs that were reasonable to meet for FY 2021/22.

*** By Motion (Member Adam Barth/ Member Carla Strong),** and a unanimous roll call vote, the Council recommended the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the FY 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report with the finding that there were no unmet transit needs that were reasonable to meet for FY 2021/22.

C. **Public Transit Human Services Coordinated Plan Update**

This item was presented after Item 5A.

Tracy McMillan provided an update on the process that would be taking place in the development of the Public Transit Human Services Coordinated Plan. She said it was expected to be completed in early 2022. Adam Barth and Phil McGuire suggested that Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA) could work with StanCOG on outreach efforts.

D. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution the FY 2020/21 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Allocation Request and Project Nomination**

Edith Robles reviewed the LCTOP program and the Regional Free Fare Days Project that the Transit Operators had collaborated on.

*** By Motion (Member Carla Strong/Member Adam Barth),** and a unanimous roll call vote, the Council recommended the Policy Board approve by Resolution the FY 2020/21 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Allocation Request of \$606,352 for the Regional Free Fare Days Project, and authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Turlock and the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority for the Implementation of the Regional Free Fare Days Project.

E. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionment for the FY 2020/21 Transit Claim for the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority**

Karen Kincy reviewed the TDA claim that StanRTA had submitted for \$7,000,000.

*** By Motion (Member Adam Barth/Member Carla Strong),** and unanimous roll call vote, the Council recommended the Policy Board approve by Resolution the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionment for the FY 2020/21 Transit Claim for the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority.

6. TRANSIT MANAGERS/MOVE REPORT

Adam Barth and Leticia Ortiz both reported that they were working on efforts involved in the formation of StanRTA. They also both said that free fares would be provided on Earth Day.

Angela Swanson reported on free trips being provided for those going to be vaccinated. She also said that ridership had increased over the prior month.

Phil McGuire provided an update on the progress being made in the establishment of StanRTA.

7. CALTRANS REPORT

Steven Martinez provided an update from District 10. He said that a call for projects for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 funds was released on March 22, 2021 and was due April 30, 2021.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Karen Kincy introduced and welcomed new StanCOG staff member Monica Streeter, General Counsel.

9. MEMBER REPORTS

Lillian Castigliano reported that some members were going to be able to attend the next Commission on Aging meeting in person.

Stacie Morales reported that MOVE had begun a virtual travel training program.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stacie Morales adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Next Regularly-Scheduled SSTAC Meeting:

May 4, 2021 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am

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