

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
THE
STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (STANCOG)
FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IDENTIFICATION ANALYSIS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. during the StanCOG Policy Board Meeting. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of soliciting comments on any unmet transit needs, which are reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation services. All those wishing to speak will be given an opportunity to do so.

As the regional transportation planning agency, StanCOG, must hold at least one public hearing to solicit comments on any unmet transit needs before a determination on transit funding is made. Pursuant to the Transportation Development Act, a determination must be made that there are no areas in Stanislaus County with unmet transit needs, which can reasonably be met, before monies for other purposes may be approved.

A 30-day public review and comment period will commence on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 and conclude on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Comments are requested about the transportation needs of all individuals including but not limited to the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means. Information about this process and the Unmet Transit Needs survey are accessible on StanCOG's website at <http://stancog.org/unmet-transit-needs.shtm>.

The Policy Board meeting will be held remotely using the video conferencing software GoToWebinar. In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, the StanCOG Board Room will be closed to the public during the March 17, 2021 Policy Board meeting and Public Hearing. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing measures, members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically and shall have the right to observe and offer public comment during the meeting.

The following options are available to members of the public to listen to the Policy Board meeting and Public Hearing and provide comments to the Policy Board members during the meeting:

Option 1: To listen and speak, join the meeting from your computer or tablet.

Please register at any time in advance of the StanCOG March Policy Board Meeting on March 17, 2021 at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4531910265649331983>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing instructions for joining the webinar. Participants will also need to use a telephone for audio purposes.

Dial-in using the following phone number and access code with your telephone.

Phone number: +1 (415) 655-0052

Access Code: 786-938-835

To make a public comment during the Public Hearing, please use the "Raise Hand" feature in GoToWebinar, and you will be called on by the chair during the meeting.

Option 2: To listen to the meeting by teleconference only, use the above phone number and access code. Using this option, your comments must be submitted via email to unmettransitneeds@stancog.org or by calling 209-525-4891 by 3:00 pm on March 17th, 2021. Comments received this way will be shared with Policy Board members and placed into the record during the public hearing. Every effort will be made to read comments received into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations.

All public comments received prior to the end of the 30-day comment period on March 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. will be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report. Comments received after 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2021 will be included in the subsequent analysis. Staff will present a draft analysis to the StanCOG Policy Board for adoption at a later meeting date in 2021.

Spanish translation services will be available at this hearing. Other language support or reasonable Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations may be requested 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Further information regarding this analysis may be obtained by contacting the StanCOG office located at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, California, 95354 via US mail or by calling (209) 525-4600.