

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

10:00 a.m.

StanCOG Conference Room

900 H Street, Suite D

Modesto, California

Any member of the public may speak on any item on the agenda. The Council will only allow comments by members of the public on an item on the agenda during consideration of the item. When the item is called, please raise your hand if you desire to address the Council.

1. Roll call
2. Comments from the Public
3. Approval of Minutes for May 6 and July 9, 2008 Motion
4. Election of 2008/09 Officers Motion
5. Update of County Transit Needs Assessment Study – Brad Christian, Stanislaus County Transit Manager Discussion
6. Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) / New Freedom (NF) Programs Update Discussion
7. Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 – Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program Discussion
7. Unmet Transit Needs Update/Roundtable Discussion
8. Transit Managers Reports
9. Executive Director's Report
10. Comments from Council Members

Next Scheduled Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2008
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Questions: Contact Vince Harris at (209) 525-4600.

**Stanislaus Council of Governments
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
900 H Street, Suite D
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Minutes of May 06, 2008

Members Attending: Tom Truax, Jill Erickson, Lynn Ewen, Wes Villines

Members Not Attending: Michael Bohannon, Greg Gaudio, Kris Rowe

Also Present: Brad Christian (Stanislaus County), Bill Latham (City of Modesto), Misty Ridenour (Howard Training Center), Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock), Monica Ramos (Catholic Charities), Kay Drunkel (City of Ceres), George Sharp (DRAIL), Terry Plett (DRAIL), Sandra Williams (Stanislaus County CSA), Joshua Swearingen (Caltrans), Janet Jaramillo (Caltrans), Lark Downs, Scott Philips, Terri Estes & Sabrina Pinheiro (StanCOG)

Vice Chairman Tom Truax called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Public Participation
(None)

3. Accept the minutes of SSTAC Meeting for March 12 and April 9, 2008 as follows:
By Motion, (Villines and Erickson) and unanimous vote by Council, approved the March 12, 2008 and the April 9, 2008 minutes. As Amended.

4. Transit Grant Programs Update

- **JARC/New Freedom:** Scott Philips from StanCOG spoke on this item stating that there are still some application issues with FTA. He has a meeting arranged with the FTA representative next week, who is responsible the allocation of these funds. Mr. Philips stated that the difficulty with this specific program is having the high dollar match requirements.
- **Proposition 1B Transit Programs/PTMISEA/Homeland Security:** Mr. Philips stated that funds received for this program are to enhance rider security. He received an email from the Homeland Security Program Director last week stating that everything looks fine. Mr. Philips stated that he expects funds to be allocated from this program in the near future.
- **Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 – Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program:** Mr. Philips stated that he knows of several applicants looking to submit applications, which are due at the end of the month. He stated that he can work with applicants if they are not able to submit an application by StanCOG's due date of June 02, 2008. Mr. Philips stated that he is seeing a lot of positive results from non-profit

7. Transit Managers Reports

Mr. Christian stated that he would like agencies to provide "Cal Act", which stands for: "California Association for Coordinated Transportation" Mr. Christian highly recommends membership with this organization.

Bill Latham, City of Modesto, discussed issues with Paradise Road out to Martin Luther King. He stated this is a high demand area and is hoping to get services started on Monday, May 12th.

Mr. Downs reported for Donna Bridges, stating she had sent him an email noting 5 comments about ROTA (please see attached).

Mr. Truax requested two things in his report:

1. He would like the "Reasonable to Meet" Definition put on this June's SSTAC Agenda
2. He would like StanCOG staff to provide Council members a packet regarding this issue.

8. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Downs stated that he was standing in for Vince Harris, due to Mr. Harris having to attend a meeting in Sacramento today. Mr. Downs reported that StanCOG is working on:

- Blueprint Regional Planning Process
- Request For Proposal regarding the Transportation ½ Cent Sales Tax informational materials has been released.
- Update on SR219 and SR132 East/West projects

Vice-Chairman Tom Truax adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.



Lark Downs, Senior Planner

Next Meeting: June 11, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the following location:

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900 H Street, Suite D
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Minutes of July 9, 2008

Members Attending: Tom Truax, Lynn Ewen

Members Not Attending: Michael, Bohannon, Greg Gaudio, Kris Rowe

Also Present: Sandra Williams (CSA-StanWorks), Misty Ridenour (Howard Training Center), Jenny Kenoyer (Catholic Charities), Simona Rios (GAP), Brad Christian (Stanislaus County), Scott Medeiros (City of Turlock), Lark Downs, Scott Philips (StanCOG)

Meeting called to order by Vice-chair Tom Traux at 10:00 a.m.

As a quorum was not established, Vice-chair Truax proceeded with informational and discussion items.

1. Roll Call

2. Comments from the Public

Jenny Kenoyer (Catholic Charities) asked for clarification of the approved definition of Unmet Transit Need. Lark Downs (StanCOG) and Brad Christian (Stanislaus County) provided explanation to Ms. Kenoyer's satisfaction.

3. Approval of Minutes for May 6, 2008

No action was taken. Held over to August 13 meeting.

4. Election of 2008/09 Officers

No action was taken. Held over to August 13 meeting.

5. Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC)/New Freedom (NF) Program Update

6. Proposition 1B Transit Programs Update

7. Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 – Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program

Scott Philips (StanCOG) updated the Council on the JARC/NF, Prop 1B Transit Programs, and FTA Section 5310 activities. He informed the members that applications for Section 5310 funds may be submitted to the StanCOG office up to July 31, 2008. Mr. Philips also explained potential uses of Section 5310 funds.

8. Unmet Transit Needs Update/Roundtable

This item was covered under Agenda Item No. 2 "Comments from the Public". Brad Christian updated

the Council on the Transit Needs Assessment Study. He stated that two firms have submitted proposals. The Study is projected to be completed by February 2009.

9. Transit Managers Report

Scott Madeiros, City of Turlock

- Turlock transit is offering free rides (DAR and fixed route) to the 'cooling station' location at the Salvation Army Turlock site.
- Ridership has been flat (approximately 20% below last year).

Brad Christian, Stanislaus County

- Ridership is up 10% over last year.
- Changes to the Turlock-Modesto Shuttle will be effective August 4, 2008
- Effective June 30, 2008, the Medivan South ceased operation
- Due to the termination of Medivan South, Route 70 will run from Modesto-Turlock-Merced

6. Executive Director's Report (Lark Downs for Vince Harris)

- Jill Erickson has informed StanCOG that she wishes to withdraw from the SSTAC.
- If approved tonight by the StanCOG Executive Committee, Sandra Williams and Misty Ridenour will become SSTAC members.
- Policy Board approved FY 1008/08 Overall Work Program and Budget. Included was the Transit Coordinator position at an increased salary level.
- Sales Tax Measure EIR and Ordinance are on tonight's Policy Board agenda. If approved, the County Board of Supervisors has until August 8 to approve it for the November Ballot.
- Blueprint Workshops are continuing through July 17

7. Comments from Council Members

Vice-chair Truax requested that staff contact DRAIL Director Terry Platt and ask if he would be interested in becoming a SSTAC member. Chairman Truax felt it important that DRAIL be represented, and felt that Mr. Platt would be an excellent candidate.

Vice-Chairman Tom Truax adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.



Lark Downs
Senior Planner

Next Meeting: August 13, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
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TO: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Staff Report
THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director Motion
FROM: Lark Downs, Sr. Planner LD
DATE: September 4, 2008
RE: Election of 2008/09 Officers

Recommendation

By Motion, elect a Chair and Vice-chair for FY 2008/09.

Background

As per the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Bylaws, the SSTAC shall elect from its membership a Chair and a Vice-chair. The term of office is one year.

Current officers

Chair – Mike Bohannon

Vice-chair – Tom Truax