

**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, April 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled 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 March 16, 2022, and conclude on April 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.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 is accessible on StanCOG's website at <http://stancog.org/unmet-transit-needs.shtm>.

The following options are made available to members of the public to listen to this meeting and provide comments to the StanCOG Policy Board members during the meeting:

1. You are strongly encouraged to listen to the Policy Board meeting by joining the meeting from your computer or tablet. Please register for the StanCOG Policy Board Meeting on being held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. using the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkduGvqz4rG9SnMZnEJQSeZdY18oK3Nxj6>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

2. For participation by teleconference only, please use the following telephone number and access codes.

Call in Number: 1-646-568-7788

Webinar ID: 869 1875 5110

Meeting Password: 200667

If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please select the "Raise Hand" icon in Zoom and you will be called on by the chair during the meeting. For those joining the meeting by telephone, please press *9 on your telephone keypad to raise your hand. To lower your hand, press *9 again.

All public comments received prior to the end of the 30-day comment period on Friday, April 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. will be considered in the final Fiscal Year 2022/23 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report. Comments received after 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2022, will be included in the subsequent plan or any amendments thereafter.

Spanish translation services will be available at this hearing. Other language support or reasonable American disabilities act accommodation may be requested 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Public Hearing comments and responses will be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Unmet Transit Needs Identification and Analysis Report. Staff will present a draft analysis to the StanCOG Policy Board for adoption at a later meeting date in 2022.

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