

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)

San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 East Weber Ave.
Stockton, CA 95202
Wednesday, June 04, 2008

MINUTES

1. **Call Meeting to Order/Introductions:**

The SSTAC meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Sam Kaur Introductions were made.

Committee Members Present:

Ann Fisler	San Joaquin ARC
Johanna Ferriera	City of Manteca
Marla Livengood	SJRTD
Annette DePauli	Human Services Agency – Department of Aging
Jeff Kidwell	UCP
Immanuel Beroka	City of Lodi

Committee Members Not Present:

Al Lacson Gali	City of Lathrop
Kathy Williams	Health for All
Barbara Schneider	City of Ripon
Wilma Murray	Valley Mountain Regional Center
Sean Reilly	Transportation Consumer
Ed Lovell	City of Tracy
Brenda Wilson	Seniors First
John Andoh	City of Escalon
Laurie Crawford	Transportation Consumer
Kathy Selsor	Caltrans
Wendy Moore	SJC Department of Aging

Other Parties Present:

Shani Adams	Health Plan of San Joaquin
Jean Foletta	SJRTD
Maya Paratore	UCP

SJCOG Staff Present:

Sam Kaur	Regional Planner
Katy Castro	Office Assistant

2. **Public Comment**

None

3. Approval of Minutes from April 02, 2008:

Ms. Annette Depauli commented on the list of committee members, she said it is out of date. Ms. Sam Kaur said that we will be revising the list

It was moved/second (Foletta/ Fisler) to approve the minutes of April 2, 2008.

4. Nomination/ Election FY 08/09 Officers:

We discussed election for new officers. Ms. Ann Fisler commented that it was previously decided. Ms. Ann Fisler is the new chair and Ms. Marla Livengood is vice chair.

No action was taken on this item. This item will be acted upon at the next meeting scheduled August 6, 2008.

5. SSTAC Work Program and Meeting Dates FY 08/09:

Ms. Sam Kaur commented on the work program that Ms. Tanisha Taylor put together. The program describes the duties of SSTAC, committees responsibility, and SSTAC participation on the admit transit needs. Ms. Tanisha Taylor has also put together the work program schedule for next year. SSTAC will be reviewing public comments and participating.

Ms. Jean Foletta asks if we are still having our meetings at 10:00 a.m. We will leave this topic open until Ms. Taylor's return.

It was moved/second (Foletta/ Fisler) to approve the SSTAC Work Program and Meeting Dates FY 08/09.

6. JARC/ NF Program updates:

Ms. Sam Kaur commented on the workshops SJCOG had for the JARC New Freedom and 5310 Transit Grant Program. The JARC workshop was held on March 24, 2008 and the 5310 Transit Grant was on April 1. Caltrans and RTD help with putting together the workshops. RTD discussed the Coordinated Transportation Plan and how the projects have to be derived from the plan in order to be eligible for the funds. The 5310 workshop was more focused on social services agency. If you don't have Social Service agencies in your transit area a transit operator could apply for the money. June 2, 2008 was last day to submit applications to SJCOG. SJCOG received one application for the 5310 program from Escalon; SJCOG didn't receive any applications from Social Services. Ms. Sam Kaur emphasized how important it is to have participation from Social Services. We will be discussing in future meetings what we need to do in order for Social Services to participate.

Ms. Kaur said we would like to score the applications and to elect representatives for the scoring committee.

Ms. Jean Foletta, Nathan and Ms. Ann Fister were sponsor for the scoring committee. Ms. Annette DePauli volunteered for the scoring committee.

This committee will meet the third week of June.

August 29, 2008 will be the day SJCOG will submit the applications to Caltrans.

Ms. Sam Kaur will be sending notices with the date and time along with the scoring criteria after she reviews the applications.

Ms. Shani Adams asked about the transit program, she asks if there is a list of current agencies receiving funding. Ms. Sam Kaur responded by saying we don't have a big list since not a lot of agencies have applied for the funding. The City of Escalon is the only participant. She also said these funds are available to all transit providers. We have received applications from RTD, City of Tracy and City of Escalon for JARC/NF.

Ms. Shani Adams commented that Health Plan of San Joaquin wants to be aware of the transportation that is available in the area.

It was moved/ second (Foletta/ Fislser) to approve JARC/NF Program Updates.

7. 5310 Program Updates:

Ms. Sam Kaur said we will be doing all the applications together. At this time we have only received one application.

This was for information only, no action was taken.

8. Regional Transit Systems Plan Update:

Ms. Sam Kaur commented on how SJCOG is going through the process of updating our transit plan. We are trying to get as much information as we can from the SRTP and look at what the transit operators have for future plans. We are hoping we will receive our SRTP in a timely manner. We have elected a consultant. They are Fehr and Peers. They are working on updating the plan. We are trying to figure out how to set aside money for funding out of MK pool. We need representatives to give input to take back to the consultant. SJCOG is forming the Regional Transit Systems Plan Review committee consisting of representative from the CAC, ITC and SSTAC to review the work being produced by the consultant.

Ms. DePauli asked how often these meetings will be. Ms. Sam Kaur responded by saying we will be meeting on a monthly basis but once the work kicks in it will be on an as needed basis.

Ms. Adams asked is there is room for guest to participate, she volunteered to participate. She also asked for the outreach SJCOG has participated in. She wanted to know if the consultant will be updating the approach or if SJCOG will be determining what outreach effort and methods will be planned. Ms. Sam Kaur said we will be conducting four meetings in different parts of the county to receive input.

We will be doing surveys to get input from the public.

Ms. Shani Adams asked will this outreach be open to the public. Ms. Sam Kaur said yes and she will provide the information to Ms. Adams.

Ms. DePauli volunteered.

It was moved/ second (Foletta/ Fislser) to approve SRTP committee members.

9. Reports/ Updates from Transit Providers:

Ms. Johana Ferreira commented that the city of Manteca is just beginning the short range transit plan process. They had a meeting with Nelson Nygaard last week. The first item to be completed is a ride check survey of the passengers. It will be conducted next Tuesday on their routes. They want to get the most important information prior to October since councilmember's are up for election. The SRTP will be presented to the Council members in December.

Ms. Sam Kaur commented Fehr and Peers will be looking at RSTP by July.

Ms. Jean Foletta said RTD will be making modifications to their routes on Sunday primarily with the High School since summer school will be starting. RTD was awarded for one stop shop. They will be talking to all Social Service agencies and transit providers to find out all the transportation needs for the public. They will also have a website for the one stop shop a two year program they will get it started before January 2009. They have also been awarded JARC funding for a travel training program. They will be working with UCP and HSA to train individuals how to use service that is currently on the road. They will be training outreach and service agency about the program. They anticipate starting in January 2009. They will keep us updated if any changes.

Mr. Immanuel Beroka commented that the City of Lodi is anticipating to award transit contract the second Wednesday of this month or next Wednesday of next month. The transit programs started to certify ADA riders. It began in May but the City has extended the program.

Ms. Annette DePauli asked how is certifying the riders' changing the way you are running the system. Mr. Immanuel Beroka said same day reservation will be \$5.00 this will encourage them to make reservation within 24 hours.

Ms. Annette DePauli said they celebrated senior awareness day, she said RTD transported eleven hundred people she thinks that this time around they did a smoother job and have made progress.

This was for information only, no action was taken.

10. Access Advisory Committee Update:

Ms. Jean Foletta said that their last Advisory Committee was May 15, 2008. City of Manteca has updated the members on the travel training program and coordinated transportation plan. They started the Access Advisory committee they have asked people what topics they would like them to talk about but they have not received much respond. They have being doing research online bringing different information to share with Advisory Committee. One of the first topics was how to make people's home more accessible for wheelchairs and also guidelines for transporting oxygen. Their next meeting will be July 7, 2008.

11. Adjourn - Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.