

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)

San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 East Weber Ave.
Stockton, CA 95202
Wednesday, April 1, 2009

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions:

The SSTAC meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. by Nathaniel Atherstone. Introductions were made.

Committee Members Present:

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| Johanna Ferriera | City of Manteca |
| Jean Foletta | SJRTD |
| Al Lacson Gali | City of Lathrop |
| Julia Tyack | City of Lodi |
| Joni Bauer | Community Center for the Blind |
| Roy Juarez | Delta College |
| Wilma Murray | Valley Mountain Regional Center |

Committee Members Not Present:

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| Kathy Selsor | Caltrans, District 10 |
| Annette DePauli | Human Services Agency – Department of Aging |

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| Barbara | |
| Toby Hunter | UCP |
| Sean Reilly | Transportation Consumer |
| John Andoh | City of Escalon |
| Ann Fisler | San Joaquin ARC |
| Ed Lovell | City of Tracy |

Other Parties Present:

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| Nathaniel Atherstone | SJRTD |
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SJCOG Staff Present:

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| Tanisha Taylor | Associate Regional Planner |
| Katy Castro | Office Assistant I |
| Lynetta Martinez | Fiscal Assistant III |

2. Public Comment: None

3. **Need to add vote to add agenda item:**

It was moved/ second (**Bauer/Foletta**) to approve Mr. Atherstone from RTD to present goals and objectives COA information item.

4. **Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2009:**

It was moved/second (**Ferreira/Bauer**) to approve the minutes of April 1, 2009.

5. **Unmet Transit Needs Report:**

Ms. Tanisha Taylor discussed the UTN final form. She said no comments were received from the public hearing. There are Unmet Transit Needs in the City of Lathrop, Lodi and Tracy that are not reasonable to meet. There are no Unmet Transit Needs for the City of Escalon, Manteca and Ripon. There is an Unmet Transit Need to RTD regional service that is not reasonable to meet. This year's process included 16 public hearings that were held throughout the region to gather community input on Unmet Transit Needs, community outreach efforts were employed to promote other opportunities for the public to communicate their unmet transit needs.

Efforts include:

- Distribution of brochures and flyers to public/private/non-profit agencies throughout San Joaquin County.
- Use of the City of Lathrop's utility bill mailing to distribute over 3000 flyers.
- Use of SJCOG's Commute Connection database to distribute over 5000 surveys to patrons.
- Use of the San Joaquin County Human Services Department to distribute surveys.

This year's outreach efforts produced input from over 174 individuals, which resulted in 62 comments for review. Most of the comments are operational or services that are provided. Ms. Taylor explained the Unmet Transit Needs report is not a draft but the final form and once SSTAC committee takes action the report will become the final document. The Board will be requested to take action this month.

Ms Ferreira requested clarification of the Unmet Transit Needs comments that reflect services between the local jurisdictions. Ms. Taylor responded stating services that cross jurisdictional boundaries are captured as RTD services in the Unmet Transit Needs report. Ms. Murray also commented that several of the comments appear to be operational in nature. Ms Taylor responded saying those comments that are operational in nature will be removed from the report as they do not reflect needs; however will be forwarded to the appropriate transit operator. Ms. Jean Foletta asked if the comments received will be group by the comments already received or where would the comments fall as far as the service transit. Ms Taylor responded stating services provided through multiple cities will be captured as RTD service needs; the resulting determination that the comment is not reasonable to meet will remain the determination for the need; however the comment will be relocated to the RTD section of the report.

Ms. Taylor will have Anthony Zepeda revise the document to show that the services are the responsibility of the Transit District.

Ms. Johanna Ferreira asked; if an individual makes five comments will it count as one comment or five comments.

Ms. Tanisha Taylor said that it will count as one comment however; when the unmet transit needs analysis is conducted the five comments are taken as five individual's comments.

Mr. Al Gali commented on page 29 he stated that Lathrop and Manteca are switch. Lathrop is label as Manteca and Manteca is label as Lathrop.

Ms. Julia Tyack commented on fares for the City of Lodi on page 4-3; she said that general public Dial-a-Ride is five dollars in city limits, a dollar fifty for seniors, disable and Medicare passengers. She asked that the freeway mobile home park be eliminated from Dial-a-Ride. She commented on the statement that City management is trying to supplement not replace the Dial-a-Ride system. Ms. Tyack said the City of Lodi wants to decrease the use of Dial-a-Ride.

Ms. Taylor said changes will be made to page 4-3 for City of Lodi. She said she will go through the analysis. Ms. Taylor Stated that Ms. Ferreira comments will also be address.

Mr. Atherstone commented on the formatting issue on pages 4-4 and 4-5; he said it starts in RTD for City of Stockton than it goes to City of Tracy, then to intercity and then inter regional services.

Ms. Taylor said changes will be made to show all RTD services will be all together.

Ms. Tanisha Taylor stated in regards to all the Transit Operators the services that go between cities; but those services that identify as intercity trips will be reallocated to be described as RTD services. The City of Lathrop needs are Dial- a- Ride. Dial-a-Ride will be identified as RTD because it is assumed that the commenter is providing a comment to RTD services because RTD provides transit service in the City of Lathrop and the commenter is commenting on the current services.

Ms. Ferreira asked about City of Manteca comments 1, 9, 11 and 17.

Ms. Murray asked if Lathrop's Dial-a-Ride needs to go out of Lathrop even makes reference to RTD.

Mr. Al Gali asked if the comments will be attached.

Ms. Taylor said Tracy comment number 15 SDervice from Tracy to Stockton will be reallocated to RTD.

Ms. Ferreira asked if it will be more appropriate if the committee went through the UTN and discuss it on a later time.

Ms. Taylor stated the committee needs to take action before local jurisdictions can claim TDA funds. Ms. Taylor the action will include the changes that have been discussed.

Ms. Taylor commented to Wilma Murray's question regarding number 13; she said she wouldn't classify the Regional Rail Commission Right of Way as a City of Tracy need but as an operational need, as the service is provided the commenter merely asserts that the location of the right of way of the service should be relocated..

Ms. Taylor stated that comment on number 13 will be removed from the report and comments will be forward to ACE to let them know that there is a comment about these services.

Ms. Tanisha Taylor recommended that the committee take an action with changes; she also recommended that staff will provide an updated revision of the UTN to the SSTAC members as part of the action so that the members will have the final document.

Ms. Johanna Ferreira asked what will happen if someone was to have an issue if something was not denoted.

Ms. Taylor advised:

- 1.) To take action to approve the document with changes as identify today
- 2.) Staff will provide the revise document with all of the revision indicated per SSTAC review. Staff will give committee members an opportunity to comment on those revisions prior to going to Board. Mr. Zepeda will have the revisions by Tuesday of next week and staff requests that members have responses by Friday of next week.

It was moved/ second (**Foletta/Ferreira**) to approved Unmet Transit Needs Report with Committee members recommended changes.

Ms. Foletta stated she wants Mr. Atherstone to get a copy of the report and he will get back to SSTAC and represent RTD.

6.Comprehensive Operational Analysis:

Mr. Atherstone commented on how RTD is currently conducting a comprehensive operational analyzes. The analyzes is a response to the City of Stockton attorney general requirement to conduct a transit Gap Study. Mr. Atherstone said that City of Stockton came to RTD asking them to complete a Gap study in part of the mitigation requirement for the EIR for the general plan for City of Stockton. RTD recognizes there is some funding short falls for the upcoming year for operations; they are reviewing their operations trying to come up with some good set of recommendations to make operational changes; so that they could do their best maintain insisting services level with reduce available revenues. RTD recognizes there are specific stake holders review the service recommendations and the different assumption they want to put together and making this findings in part of the transit Gap study. RTD and City of Stockton recognizes SSTAC as a stake holder on this project. They recognize there is need to include the service provider in the review of the projects. They want to reach and get a feel for the public opinion and service provider on how RTD is providing service. He provided a fact sheet and a time line and explained what the COA is about and how they are moving forward with City of Stockton. The timeline they are conducting a right check every one of their routes they have a consultant on board; they are reviewing the system, collecting data every ridership data, surveying the passenger and also the non passengers on the general public regular use is for transportation. RTD are collecting data in April and May. By the end of May and the beginning of June they will have a market analysis completed. In June they will come with an early action plan and additional outreach to stake holders including the SSTAC with the result of the

analysis. Their goal is to identifying the existing of potential transit user; the second goal is to identify the current and future transit service opportunities for the City of Stockton and the County. Once they have a gap study they want to refine their services to maximize the use of public funds. They will also have a five year implementation plan and a final report identifying how they are going to meet those Gaps.

Mr. Gali asked if once the results have been determine will there be an public outreach public comment period for the board to finalize and approve.

Mr. Atherstone said; they expect that the Board will approve the final findings. With respect to comments they are limiting the comments to the stake holders for review.

Mr. Gali asked if the stake holders are the residents and passengers.

Mr. Atherstone responded yes.

Ms. Taylor asked if the study will be incorporated back into the general plan once the study is complete.

Mr. Nathaniel Atherstone said that the ultimate goal for the city is once they have put the gap study together they will be pursuing a transit program for the general plan after the COA is complete they will pursue a fourth goal that will put together the transit program.

Ms. Taylor asked Mr. Atherstone; when you do get to that phase do you have a time frame when you will be developing actual plan.

Mr. Atherstone stated their current time frame to complete the Gap study will be completed before September. They expect to start working on the transit program early fall 2009 and 2010.

Mr. Atherstone advised once again that if any one has any comments if they could get them back to him by Friday of this week.

Ms. Tanisha Taylor requested a final version of this document.

7. Adjourn – Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2009.