

# **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)**

**San Joaquin Council of Governments  
555 East Weber Ave.  
Stockton, CA 95202  
Wednesday, December 03, 2008**

## **MINUTES**

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

The SSTAC meeting was called to order at 12:00 a.m. by Nathan Atherstone. Introductions were made.

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Kathy Selsor	Caltrans, District 10
Barbara Hempstead	Caltrans, District 10
Johanna Ferriera	City of Manteca
Nathaniel Atherstone	SJRTD
Julie Bristow	SJRTD
Wilma Murray	Valley Mountain Regional Center

#### **Committee Members Not Present:**

Annette DePauli	Human Services Agency – Department of Aging
Jean Foletta	SJRTD
Ed Lovell	City of Tracy
Ann Fisler	San Joaquin ARC
Toby Hunter	UCP
Sean Reilly	Transportation Consumer
Al Lacson Gali	City of Lathrop
Julia Tyack	City of Lodi
John Andoh	City of Escalon

#### **Other Parties Present:**

None

#### **SJCOG Staff Present:**

Tanisha Taylor	Regional Planner
Anthony Zepeda	Regional Planner

### **2. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2008 and October 1, 2008:**

This item was skipped; the SSTAC Committee did not have a quorum.

### **3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing:**

Mr. Atherstone stated that every year SJCOG is required under sections 99238.5 and 99401.5 of the Public Utilities Code to determine if there are any Unmet Transit Needs in San Joaquin County; that can reasonably be met. Reasonable Unmet Transit Needs must be funded before Transportation Development Act Funds can be used for non-transit purposes.

Mr. Atherstone continued to state that the local public hearings have been held at each local member jurisdiction and in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Mr. Atherstone stated that he will open the SJCOG's Unmet Transit Needs public hearing. The public is invited to comment on any unmet transit needs at this hearing. Mr. Atherstone opened the public hearing for comment. Seeing none, Mr. Atherstone closed the public hearing.

**5. Unmet Transit Needs Public Outreach Update:**

Mr. Zepeda stated that SJCOG staff has wrapped up the public outreach hearing portion of the UTN process. SJCOG staff is now in the process of winding down on receiving comments regarding the UTN process. As mentioned in the staff report, there is a brief update of the schedule listed at the bottom. After just completing the UTN Public Hearing; SJCOG staff will have the Draft UTN Report available for review and public comment in February of 2009. In April of 2009, SJCOG staff will have the SSTAC Committee consider the Final UTN Report for adoption and then the SJCOG Board to consider the Final UTN Report for adoption.

Mr. Zepeda handed out a copy of the preliminary comments. Mr. Zepeda continued to state that SJCOG staff sent out 4700 UTN surveys and in response staff received 100 of the surveys back; on those surveys SJCOG staff had roughly 35 comments regarding the UTN process, which are included in the handout.

Mr. Zepeda stated that SJCOG staff needs SSTAC committee members to sit on the UTN Committee to determine if there is a need that is unidentified in San Joaquin County, by January. SSTAC Committee members already sitting on the committee include Kathy Selsor, Caltrans, District 10 and Nathan Atherstone, SJRTD.

Ms. Murray stated that she could also be on the UTN Committee.

Mr. Atherstone stated that for SJRTD's Board packet, SJRTD's Unmet Transit Needs Report, will be reviewed on December 16<sup>th</sup>; if approved, Mr. Atherstone will send it to Mr. Zepeda as well as SJCOG staff.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

**6. 5310 Program Update:**

Ms. Taylor stated that in the staff report, SSTAC committee members will find the outline for the 5310 process; awarding grants to private non-profit organizations, as well as public agencies to serve the transportation needs of elderly and disabled individuals for capital programs which provides for funding vehicles. This year, recently, they allowed mobility management as a funding source. On November 7, 2008, the CTC released the results of the State Scoring Committee for the 5310 program; which is the attachment available in the staff report.

Ms. Taylor continued to state that the list contains two applicants from San Joaquin County. The City of Escalon scored a 95 of a possible 100 points; which falls within the portion of the list that is guaranteed funding (above the 100% line). SJRTD falls within the portion of the list that includes funding from 101% to 110% of total funding. This portion of the list is not guaranteed to be funded; however, should a project above the 100% line not be developed these are the projects that will have first priority for those funds in rank order.

Ms. Taylor stated that these results are preliminary and still must go through a state wide appeals process and public hearings. The appeals process is scheduled to take place on December 16, 2008 with the public hearing to occur at the January 2009 CTC meeting. The CTC is then scheduled to take action on the final list as early as their January meeting.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

**7. Transit Funding in San Joaquin:**  
(Presentation by small Urban Transit Operators)

Ms. Ferriera stated that the City of Manteca has two fixed routes and Dial-A-Ride system, operating Monday thru Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and on Saturday using general Dial-A-Ride operating from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Ms. Ferriera continued to state that the City of Manteca's current budget is operating at a little over \$1 million for this fiscal year and about the same for next fiscal year 2009-2010. The City of Manteca is currently funded through a CMAQ grant, just funding the operations; in which that grant will be used up by next year, so the CMAQ grant basically funded our first 2-3 years of operation. Once that grant is expended the City of Manteca will use the 5307 funding for operations and capital; which will be matched with the City of Manteca's LTF funds.

Ms. Ferriera stated that the City of Manteca's transit is new, it's a good time to be in the City of Manteca because of all the new projects going on, the city is working on bus stop improvements and looking forward to big changes in the future.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

**8. Reports/Updates from Committee Members:**

Ms. Murray stated that there has been a lot of feedback from public agencies regarding budget cuts and dealing with the most cost effective way of trying to meet the demands of our population.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

**9. Reports/Updates from Transit Providers**

Ms. Ferriera stated that the City of Manteca is drawing to the end of the Short Range Transit plan. Right now, the draft is out and the City of Manteca is looking at December of 2008 for it to go to the committee and with the comments that have been submitted, the City of Manteca is looking at a possible January or February adoption. However if there are route changes, the City of Manteca will be looking at a July of 2009 adoption.

Mr. Atherstone stated the SJRTD has a draft Short Range Transit Plan, which is released and on the website and welcomes everyone to review it and make comments; getting any comments

to Mr. Atherstone by December 18<sup>th</sup>. SJRTD is looking at a January 2009 adoption of their Short Range Transit Plan.

Mr. Atherstone continued to stated the SJRTD is changing with respect to their services; SJRTD is looking at service times and schedules, revised Hopper, Inter-city and Stockton MSA route structures that will be implemented on January 25th. So SJRTD has some drastic changes occurring due to the decrease in revenues; the decrease in LTF, STA and general sales tax revenues. In response to that, SJRTD will be running on contingency funds which have dropped significantly to the point where SJRTD will need to cut service. SJRTD staff will be meeting with other agencies who utilize these services, to address these changes in the transit schedules prior to January, so that the public can make the necessary changes in their daily schedules.

Mr. Atherstone stated that SJRTD staff is trying to get the schedule changes and new brochures out prior to the change.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

**10. Access Advisory Committee Update**

Ms. Bristow stated that she attends the Access Advisory Committee; a meeting held by SJRTD with stakeholders and the disabled community; who utilize the Dial-A-Ride and the fixed routes in San Joaquin County. The Access Advisory Committee is held every other month. During the last meeting, the committee continued to educate the public on the usage of these services and also the policies. The committee did table a great portion of the items until next month, due to the lack of attendees.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

**11. Adjourn - Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.**