

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)

San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 East Weber Ave.
Stockton, CA 95202
Wednesday, June 3, 2009

MINUTES

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

Chairman Ann Fisler and Vice Chair Jean Foletta were absent from the SSTAC meeting. It was moved (**Bauer/Lovell**) for Johanna Ferriera to act as the SSTAC Chairman. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. by Johanna Ferreira. Introductions were made.

Committee Members Present:

Johanna Ferriera	City of Manteca
Al Lacson Gali	City of Lathrop
Joni Bauer	Community Center for the Blind
Roy Juarez	Delta College
Ed Lovell	City of Tracy

Committee Members Not Present:

Kathy Selsor	Caltrans, District 10
Annette DePauli	Human Services Agency – Department of Aging
Jean Foletta	SJRTD
Barbara	
Toby Hunter	UCP
Sean Reilly	Transportation Consumer
John Andoh	City of Escalon
Ann Fisler	San Joaquin ARC
Julia Tyack	City of Lodi
Wilma Murray	Valley Mountain Regional Center

Other Parties Present:

Brian Schmidt	SJRRC
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SJCOG Staff Present:

Sam Kaur	Regional Planner
Katy Castro	Office Assistant I

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2009 Meeting:**

It was moved/ second (**Bauer / Lovell**) to approve Minutes from May 6, 2009. Motion passed unanimously 5/0 with a voice vote.

4. Nomination/ Election FY 09/10 Officers:

It was moved (**Bauer/Lovell**) for Julia Tyack to be the new SSTAC Chairman. Motion passed unanimously 5/0 with a voice vote.

It was moved (**Gali/Juarez**) for Wilma Murray to be the new SSTAC Vice Chairman. Motion passed unanimously 5/0 with a voice vote.

5. SSTAC Work Program and Meeting Dates FY 09/10:

Ms. Kaur commented on the Work Program. She stated that the important elements of the Work Plan are the SSTAC rules, responsibilities and SJCOG UTN process. The committee's role and responsibility are as follows:

- Establish FTA section 5310, 5316, and 5317 application review committee.
- Review and evaluate project proposals for FTA Section 5310 funds.
- Review and monitor the implementation of new and or updated short and long- range transit plans.
- Review SSTAC Bylaws

Ms. Kaur asked the committee if they would volunteer to serve on the scoring committee. She stated that a meeting schedule will be provided for those who participate. Ms. Bauer volunteered to be part of the scoring committee.

It was moved/ second (**Bauer/ Lovell**) to approved SSTAC Work Program and Meeting Dates FY 09/10. Motion passed unanimously 5/0 with a voice vote.

6. FY 09/10 Operating Cost Per Passenger Objective:

Ms. Kaur presented this item; the Operating Cost per Passenger Objectives. She discussed the SJCOG adopted policies to implement an operating cost per passenger objective for transit agencies; which contract out their transit services. TDA claims are required to compare the operating cost per passenger objective with actual operating cost per passenger calculated for each fiscal year. If the claimant is unable to demonstrate that their annual is less than adopted objective, the transit portion of the claim is frozen for previous year's level.

Ms. Ferreira commented that Manteca will not recommend the numbers. She expressed that this is a bad standard; they are being compared to cities that don't really match their services. She went on to say the City of Manteca does not want to be held accountable. Mr. Lovell stated that City of Tracy agrees with City of Manteca.

Ms. Ferreira stated that this information will be presented to the Board even though is not recommended by City of Manteca.

It was moved/ second (**Baur/ Gali**) to approved FY09/10 Operating Cost-Per-Passenger Objective. Motion passed unanimously 2/5 with a voice vote.

7. Regional Transit Systems Plan:

Ms. Kaur discussed the regional transit plan; she stated that the plan was established in 1992 and then updated in 1998. Measure K renewal expenditure plan identified a need to update the plan because there is a lot of new transit operators. SJCOG formed a Regional Transit Systems Plan review committee to assist in developing the RTSP. The committee consists of representatives from the Citizens Advisory Committee, Inter-Agency Transit Committee and Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee. Fehr & Peers were also hired to assist in developing the RTSP update. Work on the project began April 2008 with the main task of looking at options for better inter-operator coordination and the development of a stronger, more effective Interagency Transit Committee. The 30 day public hearing started May 12, 2009 and will close June 13, 2009. We will be taking the draft plan to our TAC meeting and our Board meeting this month. The recommendations includes inter-operator support; a formal Interagency Transit Committee structure; updating the Operating Cost per Passenger Objective methodology and performance measures; enhancing the transit portion of SJCOG's 511 program; and proactive ridership

Mr. Lovell stated that in the original draft there was a section on serving unincorporated areas adjacent to city limits that has been removed from the original copy. Ms. Kaur responded that the section will be added back to the plan and the final form will be available on Monday.

Ms. Kaur went on to comment that depending on the comments received on June 13th she is asking the committee members to recommend the RTSP for the board adoption.

It was moved/ second (**Lovell/Juarez**) to approved RTSP for the board adoption. Motion passed unanimously 5/0 with a voice vote.

8. FY 10/11 Operating Cost Per Passenger Measure Proposed Revisions

Ms. Kaur commented on the operating cost-per-passenger measure proposed; she stated that the purpose of this measure means that the SJCOG is not getting a comprehensive assessment of performance and it leaves the agency open to charges of unfairness from transit operators who may feel they are being judged inadequately by the use of one measure.

New performance measures recommended by Nelson/ Nygaard:

1. Cost/ Revenue Hour
2. Passengers/ Revenue Hour
3. Subsidy/Passenger = (Operating Cost- Fare Revenue) Passengers

Ms. Kaur stated the transit operators need to meet two of the measures out of the three.

Mr. Schmidt asked if any accommodations are made for high fuel prices.

Ms. Kaur stated SJCOG is trying to develop the new numbers through the ITC.

Mr. Lovell commented on the current operating cost per passenger standard. He stated that if standards aren't met within two years the TDA funds will be frozen. He asked if the same consequences apply with these new standards and since this is a complete measure, if everyone starts at zero.

9. Transit Funding- SJRRC:

Mr. Schmidt discussed Transit Funding for SJRRC and that on the operating side they have thirteen revenues sources and on the capitol side they have sixteen. He stated that STA funds are no longer available; however ACE is not depended on those funds. On the operating funds they have thirteen revenue sources including Measure K. Ace also received funding from Alameda County and Santa Clara County in addition to the TDA funding through San Joaquin County, and the 5307 funds. Special event ticket sales and car leasing revenues also contribute three hundred thousand dollars.

They get funding from MTC region on operating. They also have 5303 funds available. For the capitol, they have sixteen funding sources. Some of the major funding sources are Section 5307, Section 5309, funds from San Joaquin Region, MTC Region, State Prop 1B, SJCOG, and STIP. This year they are showing stimulus funding, money from Alameda County's Measure B, and Measure K. They have four projects set; one of them is the Western Pacific Depot, Mapping between Sacramento and Lathrop High Speed Rail, and environmental work on the Altamont Corridor. They have also set the environment clearance between Fremont and Santa Clara through the wetland area.

10. Reports/ Updates from Committee Members:

Ms. Baur extended an invitation to the 60th anniversary for the Community Center for the Blind on June 18 from 4-8. They will also have Open House on July 13.

11. Reports/ Updates from Transit Providers:

Mr. Lovell commented the draft copy of the short range transit plan he will be posting it tomorrow and the 30-day public comment period will begin.

Ms. Ferreira stated that they are working on recommendations for Short Range Transit Plan. They have just started on designing and engineer of their bus stop improvement program. They are also working on subsidize taxi services for seniors and disabled in Manteca on their Multi-model station.

12. Access Advisory Committee Update:

Mr. Schmidt commented on the different promotions they have going. One of the promotions they are offering right now is a trip to great American for only \$50.00. On September 27 ACE will be offering a trip to the Raider's game for \$75.00.

13. Adjourn – Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2009 3:00 p.m.