

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)

San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 East Weber Ave.
Stockton, CA 95202
Wednesday, December 2, 2009

MINUTES

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

The SSTAC meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. by Ms. Julia Tyack. Introductions were made.

Committee Members Present:

Kathy Selsor	Caltrans, District 10
Johanna Ferriera	City of Manteca
Julia Tyack	City of Lodi
John Andoh	City of Escalon
Ed Lovell	City of Tracy
Annette DePauli	Human Services Agency – Department of Aging
Jean Foletta	SJRTD
Joni Bauer	Community Center for the Blind

Committee Members Not Present:

Al Lacson Gali	City of Lathrop
Sean Reilly	Transportation Consumer
Ann Fisler	San Joaquin ARC
Wilma Murray	Valley Mountain Regional Center
Michael Moser	UCP
Nathan Atherstone	SJRTD
Tammy Kramp	SJRTD

Other Parties Present:

Deborah Gurley	Visitor
Raul Sanchez	San Joaquin County Mental Health Board
Art Gomez	Mayor's Task Force

SJCOG Staff Present:

Tanisha Taylor	Senior Regional Planner
Aaron Hoyt	Associate Regional Planner
Katy Castro	Office Assistant I

2. **Public Comment:**

Ms. Gurley commented that there are not enough buses to ride. Ms. Gurley feels that disabled and elderly people have to wait at the bus stop for long periods of time. She stated that she's been at a bus stop for forty five minutes to an hour.

Mr. Hoyt asked Ms. Gurley which bus service she uses. Ms. Gurley stated she rides the fixed route.

Mr. Hoyt stated there have been large cuts for transit services because of the economy. Ms. Gurley commented that she feels the budget is not being cut in the right places. Mr. Hoyt suggested that Ms. Gurley, transit providers and SJCOG have a meeting regarding her concerns.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2009 Meeting:

Ms. Tyack commented on Item 10 of the minutes. "Short Safe" should be "Shirtsleeve Meeting"; "Express Routes" instead of "express way."

It was moved/seconded (**Lovell/Bauer**) to approve Minutes from October 7, 2009.

4. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing:

Mr. Hoyt commented briefly on the history of the UTN process. He stated SJCOG staff coordinates with each of the local jurisdictions. Public transit agencies were asked to host a public hearing to hear from the public's transit needs. SJCOG staff has prepared flyers, inserts, and surveys to assist in the public outreach process. SJCOG has received 50 responses to the survey so far. Mr. Hoyt stated that SJCOG is in the process of receiving and compiling comments received from local jurisdiction. The comments will be presented at the UTN Advisory Committee in January and to the SSTAC at the February 3, 2010 meeting.

Ms. Tyack discussed the process that SJCOG is required to perform and opened the meeting to public comments on unmet transit needs.

Mr. Sanchez asked if any comments could be submitted after today's public hearing. Mr. Hoyt stated that we will continue to take comments for the remainder of the month. Any comments received after this month will be use for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Hoyt discussed the process that staff will go through when reviewing the comments.

Mr. Sanchez asked for the most current TDA report. Mr. Hoyt stated the most current TDA report could be found in the SJCOG website.

With no additional comments, Ms. Tyack closed the public comment period on this topic. This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

5. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Unmet Transit Needs Advisory Committee Formation:

Mr. Hoyt commented to the committee that he needs participants to participate in the advisory committee. He stated participants will review UTN comments and go through the evaluation process. The process will take place in January 2010.

The following members volunteered; Ms. Folleta, Ms. Tyack, Mr. Lovell, Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Selsor, Mr. Gomez and Ms. Depauli.

Mr. Gomez and Ms. Gurley have asked to be placed on the SSTAC mailing list.

This item is for information only.

6. Federal Fiscal Year 2009-2010 5316 Prop 1B:

Mr. Hoyt presented this returning item. The 5316 JARC and 5317 New Freedom Grant programs fund both capital and short-term operating costs; that improve transit services to employment. At the last meeting one JARC and one New Freedom application was presented. One being a request from UCP for a minivan and radio equipment. The purpose is to provide transportation services to UCP supported employment crew cleaning program. The second application was from SJCOG to conduct a Regional Farebox Technology and Coordination Study. The projects were ranked according to their respective scores.

5316 JARC

1. Regional Farebox Technology and Coordination Study (92 points)

5317 New Freedom

1. UCP Operating Costs grant request (85 points)
2. UCP Capital grant request (84 points)

The SJCOG Board reviewed the applications and adopted a resolution at the October 22, 2009 meeting. SJCOG staff transmitted the applications to Caltrans for review and selection process. The results of the grant process should be released by spring 2010.

This item was for information only.

7. Fiscal Year 2009-10 Prop1B PMTISEA and TSSSDRA Update:

Mr. Hoyt commented on the PTMISEA and TSSSDRA programs. He stated that these programs specifically targeted public transit, the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA). The Transit System, Safety, Security and Disaster Response Account (TSSSDRA). Prop 1B allocated \$4 billion dollars to PTMISEA and \$1 billion dollars to TSSSDRA.

Funds are distributed by the State Controller's office. Fifty percent of the funds are to be allocated to Metropolitan Planning Organization and fifty percent to transit operators. Due to the current economic conditions, the State of California bond sales have not been able to keep up with the FY 07/08 and FY08/09 allocations. Project guidance and applications for the FY 09/10 PTMISEA and TSSSDRA programs are anticipated to be released in December and early 2010. SJCOG staff is currently defining policy guidance with the Interagency Transit Committee to identify program eight years of transit capital funding.

This item was for information only.

8. Transit Project Delivery Process Overview:

Mr. Hoyt gave a briefly overview on the Transit Project Delivery Process. SJCOG Board adopted these polices in 2006. The policy was developed to assist with tracking freeway and roadway projects and the value gained from this process is being applied to transit projects. Transit Projects are funded by a variety of sources, like Prop 1B funds, Federal Transportation administration funds and local tax dollars. The Transit Project Delivery form was presented to the ITC and it was agreed to start using the form.

Mr. Sanchez asked where the TDA funds can be found on the form.

Mr. Hoyt stated TDA funds go directly to the Transit Operators and they don't have many restrictions on the time frame.

This item was for information only.

9. 2011 Regional Transportation Plan Overview:

Mr. Hoyt gave a brief overview. He stated the update to the RTP will cover a period from 2010 through 2035. Staff will be looking at the region, roadway, and railroad needs. SJCOG staff will continue to work with local jurisdiction throughout the development of the 2011 RTP and 2011 RTP EIR.

Ms. Gurley gave her concerns about the roads in Stockton. Mr. Gomez extended an invitation to Ms. Gurley to attend and participate at the Mayor's Task Force meeting.

There was a long discussion among committee members regarding Road maintenance.

Mr. Hoyt stated the RTP must comply with the requirements of the SAFETEA-LU and the California Transportation Commission's RTP guidelines. SJCOG Staff identified updating the revenue assumptions of the 2007 RTP revenue estimate to reflect the best available data as the first task. Mr. Hoyt discussed the SJCOG 2011 RTP schedule; with the seven other San Joaquin Valley MPO's due to air quality conformity requirements. A public comment period will be early spring.

Ms. Depaulie asked if the collected UTN information is incorporated into the RTP. Mr. Hoyt stated that it is not directly part of the RTP. Ms. Taylor stated parts of the transit providers' goals are to maintain existing services first before they expand to new services.

Mr. Sanchez asked about the Regional Traffic Impact Fee. Mr. Hoyt stated is a fee based on development in each jurisdiction.

This item was for information only.

10. Reports/Updates from Committee Members:

Ms. DePauli commented the Department of Aging recently used their ARRA funding for community social workers. Ms. DePauli stated seven workers who are stationed throughout Lodi, Tracy and Stockton will be assisting the community with any social services needs. The community social workers assist individuals with food, the home energy assistant program and helping with Medi-cal applications. The social workers also train individuals and help with re-employment. She commented that Kaiser gave them a fifty thousand dollar grant to evaluate having a 211 line in San Joaquin County. The 211 line is a Social Services Information Line. A letter will be going out to their Board next week to accept the money and once that is done they will be conducting an evaluation of the whole county. The Department of Aging will be giving Kaiser a status report in March to show if there is a need in the County.

Ms. Depauli commented on their Santa for Senior Program. She stated they partner up with a private local agency to provide Christmas trees for the seniors. She also commented on funding received from SCAN to provide food delivery to seniors.

11. Reports/Update from Transit Providers:

Ms. Ferreria stated that they have a new route that will be starting on January 4, 2010 to increase services in Manteca.

Mr. Lovell stated Tracy's Short Transit Plan was presented to their Council. He stated they are expanding their commuter route near the new high school to provide transportation for the students. He also commented on the grand opening of their Transit Station on February 1, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Foletta stated RTD will be doing service changes in January to the Metro HOPPER. The changes will reflect information they have obtained from operators, passengers and their supervisors.

Ms. Tyack commented on their October 21, 2009 Council meeting. Some of the items presented were;

- eliminating Sunday service;
- reducing hours on Saturday;
- Cutting two morning runs and one evening run during the week.

The Council did approve but they want to possibly have a fare increase; in order to keep some hours on Sunday and maintain an additional hour and a half on Saturday. Ms. Tyack stated that on the December 16th the possible fare increase will be address in the Council meeting. She also stated that on November 18th they held their UTN public hearing. There were no comments but are still reaching out to the public.

12. Access Advisory Committee Update:

Ms. Foletta stated that the major topic at their meeting was the Metro Hooper.

13. Adjourn – Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2010 3:00 p.m.