

# SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)

San Joaquin Council of Governments  
555 East Weber Ave.  
Stockton, CA 95202  
Wednesday, February 3, 2010

## MINUTES

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

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

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

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| Kathy Selsor    | Caltrans, District 10                       |
| Julia Tyack     | City of Lodi                                |
| Annette DePauli | Human Services Agency – Department of Aging |
| Jean Foletta    | SJRTD                                       |
| Joni Bauer      | Community Center for the Blind              |
| Michael Moser   | UCP   |

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

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| Johanna Ferriera  | City of Manteca                 |
| Al Lacson Gali    | City of Lathrop                 |
| Ed Lovell         | City of Tracy                   |
| John Andoh        | City of Escalon                 |
| Sean Reilly       | Transportation Consumer         |
| Ann Fisler        | San Joaquin ARC                 |
| Wilma Murray      | Valley Mountain Regional Center |
| Nathan Atherstone | SJRTD                           |
| Tammy Kramp       | SJRTD                           |

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

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| Kennetha Stevens | GAP        |
| Bennie Pemrerton | GAP        |
| Zack Johnson     | The Record |

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

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| Aaron Hoyt  | Associate Regional Planner |
| Katy Castro | Recording Secretary        |

### 2. **Public Comment:** None

### 3. **Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2009 Meeting:**

No action taken due to no quorum.

4. **Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Unmet Transit Needs Update:**

Mr. Hoyt commented that Unmet Transit Needs public hearing process began in August and concluded December 2, 2009. During this period 15 public hearings were held through the region. The meetings were held in order to receive public input and public comments. SJCOG received a total of 174 comments pertaining to public transit. Of the 174 comments received, 86 comments were identified as a transit need to meet life expectations, 41 were specific to the City of Lodi's recent service reductions, and the remaining 47 comments specify that there are no unmet transit needs. The draft FY 2010/2011 UTN report will be available February 15, 2010. A 30 day review period will follow and the SSTAC will take action at a special March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

5. **Prop 1B Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA):**

Mr. Hoyt presented this returning item. PTMISEA funds can be use for bus replacement, bus purchases; equipment for buses, transit trips, transit planning and capital projects. There is a 20 percent match for capital projects. SJCOG will be receiving \$23,573.606; this equals approximately \$2.9 million annually over FY 09/10 through 16/17. SJCOG staff coordinated seven meetings with transit operators to determine how the funds would be distributed. The PTMISEA program is funded through the bond sales by the State of California and recipients. Due to the economic conditions bond sales have not kept pace with the PTMISEA allocations.

This item is for information only.

6. **Congestion Management Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding Recommendation:**

Mr. Hoyt stated CMAQ Cost Effectiveness policies require that SJCOG program, at least 20 percent of the CMAQ funds available during the four-year programming period, for those projects that meet a cost-effectiveness threshold of \$30 per pound for emission reductions improvement. SJCOG formed a CMAQ Committee consisting of representatives from partner agencies to revise the existing scoring criteria. The revised scoring criterion was approved by SJCOG Board on November 19, 2009. SJCOG staff prepared a ranked list of projects based on the Scoring Committee recommendations for a total amount of \$25,156.342. SJCOG's Commute Connection Program will receive \$1,200.00 of CMAQ funds. Mr. Hoyt commented on Scoring Committee approval SJRTD's BRT Phase 3 Corridor Improvements Projects. Mr. Hoyt discussed the ranked list of CMAQ projects.

This item was for information only.

7. **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2:**

Mr. Hoyt commented on Jobs for Main Street Act. The House of Representatives passed the ARRA 2, providing \$75 billion in targeted investments to create or save jobs, in the areas of infrastructure, investment, public sector jobs, and continuing emergency funding. The Act also extends the authorization and funding for the surface transportation acts until September 30, 2010. The SAFETEA-LU created and provided all large funding programs; it also contained the formulas on how the Federal Government distributed funds. Mr. Hoyt discussed the key investments in the Jobs form Main Street Act. The Senate is reviewing the Act but has not approved. SJCOG met with Caltrans, one of the challenge they found is with the language of the Act, is that all projects would be required to obligate funds within 90 days. This timeline

poses significant challenges to public transit projects given the typical timeline for grant approval. Mr. Hoyt commented on the Highway Infrastructure investments.

Ms. Foletta asked if any of the funds apply to operating cost. Mr. Hoyt stated 10 percent could be use towards operating cost. Ms. Foletta asked if the 90 percent can be use to match another project. Mr. Hoyt stated you can use 100 percent to fund a project or use 50 percent of the ARRA money, and fifty percent from another source.

Ms. Depauli commented that HSA has received ARRA funds for employment development. She commented that it has being a challenge finding projects that will allow people to work locally. Mr. Hoyt commented that City of Stockton will be working on some projects that require hiring local contractors.

Ms. Pemrerton asked about funds that benefit the seniors. Mr. Hoyt stated that many of our topics do not target a specific group but encourage Ms. Pemrerton to participate in the meetings, so that her concerns could be addressed. She commented that her agency is working on improving services for seniors. She stated that many elderly don't have anywhere to sit while waiting for the bus. Mr. Hoyt stated many of the transit operators are working on the process of installing benches and shelters.

This item was for information only.

**8. Regional Transportation Plan/ Public Outreach Update:**

Mr. Hoyt commented that SJCOG is currently working on updating the RTP. SJCOG staff has held public outreach opportunities in each of the cities and is working to schedule a public outreach opportunity in the unincorporated county. SJCOG has developed a survey for the public outreach meetings. These surveys are intended to help the public participants identify what are their transportation priorities. Staff presented the draft fiscally constrained project list to the local agencies and transit operators.

SJCOG staff has divided the list into two categories called Tier I and Tier II. The Tier I list represents the 25 year planned transportation investment strategy. He stated staff is developing a congestion management plan. SJCOG has met with or has scheduled meetings to meet with each local jurisdiction to help in the "scoring" process for each jurisdiction's projects. He stated staff will be looking at the environmental impact report on how those projects will affect the environment, air quality, noise, and traffic.

Ms. Stevenson asked how to obtain the survey; if they don't have internet access.

Ms. Baur stated her agency has distributed copies to the public in the past. Mr. Hoyt offered Ms. Stevenson copies of the flyer. Ms. Stevenson asked if February 26 is the deadline to turn in the survey. Mr. Hoyt stated yes.

This item was for information only.

**9. Google Transit Opportunity:**

Mr. Hoyt commented that the University of Berkeley California's Center for Innovative Transportation (CCIT), in partnership with Caltran's is assisting small urban and rural transit agencies in implementing Advanced Public Transportation Systems, such as Google Transit. The City of Escalon and the RTD have already begun developing the Google Transit Specifications Feeds independently of this process. This will also provide an opportunity for

smaller agencies to try Google Transit. Staff is preparing a survey that will go out to all the transit agencies, which will ask information about their resources. Ms. Selsor asked who would pay for Google Transit. Mr. Hoyt stated that CCIT will provide the development of the Google Transit fee and one year of maintenance for free.

Ms. Depauli asked if the link will be on the SJCOG website or the local transit operator's website. Mr. Hoyt stated that will be an option.

This item was for information only.

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

None

**11. Reports/Update from Transit Providers:**

Ms. Tyack stated that City of Lodi has put together new route maps and schedules. She stated they may be able to expand their services. She commented that they are in the process of reviewing the UTN. She commented on City of Lodi's new general manager. She stated at their next Council meeting they will discuss and approve the bus shelter improvement project.

**12. Access Advisory Committee Update:**

Ms. Foletta commented on their meeting last Thursday. She stated they send out flyers to social service agencies to get them to participate on the Access Advisory Committee meeting. She stated they are encouraging senior participation. Next meeting will be on March 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. She stated the meetings are held at the Downtown Transit Center, every third Thursday of the month. Some of the topics they discussed were:

- Travel buddy program
- Travel training program
- Review service changes
- DRAIL training

She stated they offer the training to some of their staff and will have training for those who could not attend in February. She commented on their final topic, suggestion on increasing membership and meeting topics. She stated they found that people are not aware of some of the resources they have. She commented that they will have visitors from Advocacy Council Six on their next meeting.

**13. Adjourn – Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2010 3:00 p.m.**