



# SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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## SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023  
at 3:00 PM**

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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions:
2. Public Comments:
3. Minutes: March 7, 2023

**ACTION**

4. New Vice Chair (verbal report) (**John Andoh**) **ACTION**
5. Appointments to Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (**Joel Campos**) **ACTION**
6. Education Series: City of Escalon (**John Andoh**) **PRESENTATION**
7. Draft FY 23-24 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Assessment Report (**Christine Tran/Joel Campos**) **DISCUSSION**
8. Other Matters of Business
9. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 3:00 PM.

# AGENDA ITEM 3



SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Vice-Chair Max Calder, ACCESS San Joaquin.

Members present

Joni Bauer, Community Center for the Blind and the Visually Impaired; Lynn Hogue, United Cerebral Palsy; Max Calder, ACCESS San Joaquin; John Andoh, City of Escalon; Frank Huang, City of Lodi; Bee Thao, ACCESS San Joaquin; Armando Valerio, San Joaquin County Public Health; Celine Barber, City of Manteca; Jayne Pramod, City of Tracy; Ken Baxter, Government Affairs Director for San Joaquin RTD; Rita Carter-Overstreet; Ryan Niblock, Deputy Director; Christine Corrales, SJCOG Senior Regional Planner; Isaiah Anderson, SJCOG Associate Regional Planner; Christine Tran, SJCOG Assistant Regional Planner; Katy Castro, SJCOG Administrative Technician.

Committee Members Not Present

Marie Marchese, Valley Mountain Regional Center; Juan Portillo, City of Manteca.

2. Others present  
Martha Arevalos, Catholic Charities; Tamisha Allen, 211 San Joaquin; Laura Alvarez, Valley Mountain Regional Center; Shofi Azum, RTD; Melinda Gonser, Valley Mountain Regional Center.
3. Minutes: February 7, 2023  
It was moved/seconded (**Bauer/Barber**) to recommend the approval of the minutes from February 7, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

4. 211 San Joaquin  
Tamisha Allen gave a presentation on 211 San Joaquin program.  
Armando Valerio asked if 211 San Joaquin has collaborated with behavioral health or the Stockton police department for mental health crises. Ms. Allen stated that they work with both.

Joni Bauer asked who funds the 211 San Joaquin. Ms. Allen stated 211 is a non-profit and has different forms of funding.

This item was for information only.

5. FY 23-24 UTN Comment Review Subcommittee Recommendations

Christine Tran reported on the FY23-24 Unmet Transit Needs comment review subcommittee recommendations. Christine Tran highlighted the online survey responses and the UTN comments received.

Jayne Pramod asked if an unmet transit need can be modified to be reasonable to meet. Ryan Niblock stated that agencies can have more flexibility if the services are delivered outside of the process. He continued to state the council can adjust the recommendation.

It was moved and seconded (**Pramod/Valerio**) to take the SSTAC recommendation to SJCOG's March board meeting for action. Additionally, the comments and SSTAC findings will be incorporated into the FY 23-24 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report with the modification based on the feedback from city of Tracy to include the unmet need not identified through the process but is reasonable to meet for the city of Tracy. Motion passed unanimously.

6. SSTAC Membership Education Series: Catholic Charities

Martha Arevalos gave a presentation on Catholic Charities.

This is an information item only.

7. Stockton Mobility Collective Launch Event

Christine Tran gave an update on the Stockton Mobility Collective project activities.

This is an information item only.

8. Other Matters of Business

None.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

# AGENDA ITEM **5**



## STAFF REPORT

- SUBJECT:** Appointments to Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
- RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Recommend that the SJCOG Board Approve the Two SSTAC Appointments
- SUMMARY:**

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) staff is seeking to update the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) membership roster by replacing one representative from Catholic Charities and one from Access San Joaquin to fill two vacancies that opened up due to internal turnover. SJCOG recommends that Teresa Williams-White be appointed to represent Catholic Charities, and Tonish Mixon be appointed to represent Access San Joaquin on the SSTAC.

### BACKGROUND:

The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was formed as a result of California Public Utilities Code 99238. SSTAC is responsible for annually participating in the identification of unmet transit needs in San Joaquin County's transit jurisdictions by reviewing and recommending action to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) for the annual unmet transit needs assessment. The SSTAC is also responsible for advising SJCOG on any other major transit issues, including coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services.

The SJCOG Bylaws state:

- A. *There shall be a Social Services Transportation Advisory Council to assist in providing transportation services to the elderly and handicapped residents of San Joaquin County and to comply with the requirements of California Public Utilities Code section 99238.*
- B. *The Council shall be composed of at least 7 members as appointed by the SJCOG Board consistent with the Council Bylaws and California Public Utilities Code section 99238.*

Public Utilities Code section 99238 states:

- (a) *The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council shall consist of the following members:*
  - (1) *One representative of potential transit users who is 60 years of age or older.*
  - (2) *One representative of potential transit users who is disabled.*

- (3) *Two representatives of the local social service providers for seniors, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists.*
- (4) *Two representatives of local social service providers for the disabled, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists.*
- (5) *One representative of a local social service provider for persons of limited means.*
- (6) *Two representatives from the local consolidated transportation service agency, designated pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 15975 of the Government Code, if one exists, including one representative from an operator, if one exists.*
- (7) *The transportation planning agency may appoint additional members in accordance with the procedure prescribed in subdivision (b).*
- (b) Members of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council shall be appointed by the transportation planning agency which shall recruit candidates for appointment from a broad representation of social service and **transit providers** representing the elderly, the disabled, and persons of limited means. In appointing council members, the transportation planning agency shall strive to attain geographic and minority representation among council members.*

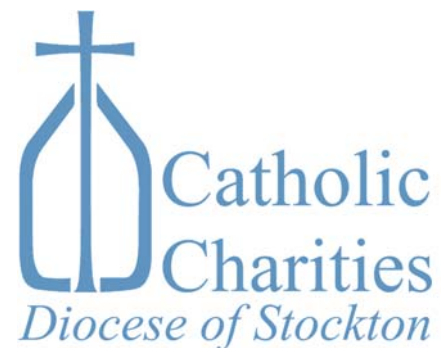
## **DISCUSSION:**

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

For over 70 years, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton (CC) has provided social services to people in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alpine, and Mono counties. CC believes in the inherent dignity of each person and creates services that support families and enhance the quality of life for all members of the community regardless of race, age, or religion.

Today, Catholic Charities administers direct social services and advocacy through a variety of programs for the most vulnerable and underrepresented citizens of our communities.

While CC serves the Diocese of Stockton region, CC is not directly funded by the diocese or the parishes associated with the Diocese of Stockton. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, its programs and services are funded through grants, foundations, and the generosity of our communities.



### **First SSTAC Appointment: Teresa Williams-White**

Teresa is the Program Manager for Senior Services with Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton, covering San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. She has over ten years of experience working with non-profit social service agencies including working with government agencies such as the Housing Authority of Fresno and the County of Fresno Department of Social Services. She has had the privilege of serving in the San Joaquin area for the last three years and she is passionate about building collaborative relationships within the community.



## ACCESS SAN JOAQUIN

Access San Joaquin is a Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) formed by multiple transit operators in San Joaquin County. One of the primary goals of Access San Joaquin is to improve the quality of transportation services for low-mobility groups such as seniors and people with disabilities.

### **Second SSTAC Appointment: Tonisha Mixon**

Tonisha Mixon serves as the Program/Project Manager for Access San Joaquin (ASJ) as a contractor through MTM. In this capacity, Tonisha is responsible for managing ASJ for San Joaquin County. Currently, she is responsible for Access Pass, My Ride, Discount Fair cards, and Travel Training services for San Joaquin County. She is currently responsible for Lodi, Tracy, Stockton, Lathrop, Manteca, and Escalon jurisdictions (San Joaquin County). Prior to this position, Tonisha served as UCP's Transportation and Day Program Manager where Tonisha was responsible for two-day programs and transportation for all UCP's operated buses for San Joaquin. Tonisha worked with Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) as a Program manager of the day program to provide services to the ADA community. Tonisha worked for Community Care Licensing for the Adult and Senior Services Unit for Contra Costa County and San Joaquin County.

From 1998 to 2015 Tonisha worked for San Joaquin County Head Start in San Joaquin County starting as a parent in training and leaving as a Program Manager. Tonisha has a daughter that is an ADA client that has Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, and mental retardation. Tonisha has over 20 years of working with the ADA community as she was the first person for VMRC to open a Day Camp in 2007 for children with disabilities. Tonisha continues to strive to serve the ADA community in any way needed. Tonisha is also an instructor for American Red Cross for adult and child pediatric CPR and First Aid.



### **RECOMMENDATION:**

For the SSTAC to recommend that the SJCOG Board approve the two SSTAC appointments.

*Prepared by: Joel Campos, Associate Regional Planner*

# AGENDA ITEM 7



## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Draft FY 23-24 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information

### SUMMARY:

The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) plans to release the draft FY 23-24 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report (UTN Report) and publish a Notice of Availability for public comments in the following newspapers on or around April 9th, 2023:

- Manteca bulletin
- Escalon times
- Tracy Press
- Lodi Sentinel
- Stockton Record

The draft UTN Report is available on SJCOG's website: <https://www.sjcog.org/UTN>.

### RECOMMENDATION:

SJCOG recommends that the SSTAC review and provide comments on the recently released Draft FY 23-24 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost to publish the Notice of Availability in the five newspapers is around \$380. These funds have already been allocated to the SJCOG Overall Work program.

### BACKGROUND:

Each year, pursuant to the Transportation Development Act (TDA), the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency must identify any unmet transit needs that may exist in San Joaquin County. If needs are found, SJCOG must determine whether those needs are reasonable to meet. SJCOG must ensure that reasonable needs are met before TDA funds are allocated to local jurisdictions for non-transit purposes.

This year's assessment included two public hearings (one virtual and one in person), online

English and Spanish surveys, and an opportunity for the public to submit comments directly to their transit agencies. This year’s outreach produced a total of 213 comments on transit service from specific individuals.

SJCOG compiled the 171 comments received through the online survey into 33 groupings of general requests for service. Of the 33 requests for service, four were found to be unmet transit needs. All four unmet transit needs were considered not reasonable to meet by the SSTAC at the February 2023 meeting.

At the request of the SSTAC, SJCOG formed a subcommittee to review the adopted definitions of the term “unmet transit need.” The updated definitions as proposed by the subcommittee and adopted by the Board in February 2018, are as follows:



At the request of the SSTAC members, SJCOG formed a subcommittee to review the adopted criteria of what it means for a UTN to be “reasonable to meet.” The updated criteria, as proposed by the subcommittee and adopted by the Board in January 2023, are as follows:

Criteria	Proposed Revised Definition
<b>1. Equity</b>	The proposed UTN will increase equity for transit-dependent populations, older individuals, persons with disabilities, and populations identified by Title VI.
<b>2. Operational Feasibility</b>	The system can be implemented safely and in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
<b>3. Potential Ridership</b>	The proposed service will meet ridership potential metrics, as defined by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC).
<b>4. Cost Effectiveness</b>	The proposed transit service will not affect the ability of the overall system of the implementing agency or agencies to meet the applicable Transit Systems Performance Objectives or the state farebox ratio requirement after exemption period, if the service is eligible for the exemption.
<b>5. Funding</b>	The proposed service would not cause the claimant to incur expenses in excess of the maximum allocation of all TDA (LTF and STA) funds.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- SJCOG will receive and incorporate public comments for the Draft FY 23-24 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report.
- The SJCOG Board will act on the final draft of the FY 23-24 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report in June 2023.

*Prepared by: Joel Campos, Associate Regional Planner, and Christine Tran, Assistant Regional Planner*