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## DISCUSSION:

The COVID 19 pandemic has caused a lot of uncertainty among transit riders, therefore, to ensure San Joaquin County residents are provided an opportunity to voice their transit needs, SJCOG has increased the modes in which residents can participate in the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) assessment. SJCOG staff have laid out the following tasks to ensure widespread input is gathered:

- Extended the public comment period from December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Created a new email address, [UTN@SJCOG.ORG](mailto:UTN@SJCOG.ORG) to receive UTN comments year-round.
- Published the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 UTN Public Hearing notice in 6 local newspapers, including a Spanish newspaper.
- Made available both an online and printable (English and Spanish) UTN Survey.
- Conducted informational UTN PowerPoint presentations to various community groups.
- Held a Public Hearing at the December 2020 SJCOG Board Meeting.

## NEXT STEPS:

- SJCOG will collect comments until January 31, 2021
- SJCOG and SSTAC members will analyze all comments to determine if any are considered unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet
- Board adoption of UTN findings in Spring 2021