



SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Via Zoom

**Monday May 9, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Minutes: April 5, 2022, and April 21, 2022.
4. Draft FY 2022 -2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment (Discussion)
5. Other Business Matters
6. Meeting Adjourned

AGENDA ITEM **3**



SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC)

San Joaquin Council of Governments 555 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA 95202 Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) teleconference meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Joel Campos, SJCOG staff.

Committee Members Present via Conference Call

Armando Valerio	Public Health Services
Juan Portillo	City of Manteca
John Andoh	City of Escalon
Frank Huang	City of Lodi
Joni Bauer	Community Center for the Blind and the Visually Impaired
Max Calder	San Joaquin Regional Transit District
Bee Thao	Access San Joaquin
Marie Marchese	Valley Mountain Regional Center
Jayne Pramod	City of Tracy

Alternates/Others Present via Conference Call

Randy Hendrickson Access San Joaquin; Emma Nivea; Kong Her; Elizabeth Fernandez

Committee Members Not Present

Robert Balderama	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Deborah Gurley	Transit User 60 Years or Older

SJCOG Staff Present via Conference Call

Joel Campos	Associate Regional Planner
Katy Castro	Administrative Technician

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Minutes: February 1, 2022, March 1, 2022, and March 30, 2022

It was moved/seconded (Bauer/Pramod) to approve the minutes of Feb. 1, 2022, March 1, 2022, and March 30, 2022. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. FY 22-23 UTN Comment Review Subcommittee Findings

Joel Campos announced this year's assessment included two virtual public hearings, an online survey posted on SJCOG's website, and downloadable English and Spanish paper surveys producing a total of 47 UTN responses and comments. The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) subcommittee reviewed all the comments, they found no unmet transit needs to be reasonable to meet.

Upon approval of the findings by the SSTAC, SJCOG staff will incorporate the findings into the FY 22-23 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report. A draft report will be present at the May SSTAC Meeting. The final report will be presented at the June SSTAC meeting, and then will be recommended for SJCOG Board approval at the June Board meeting. Mr. Campos shared a public comment he received.

Joni Bauer expressed her concerns about routes being cut and how it will impact the disabled community.

John asked for clarification regarding LTF and LTA.

It was moved/seconded (Valerio/Baur) to approve the UTN comment review subcommittees' findings. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Other Matters of Business

Joel Campos introduced Emma Niven from Catholic Charities. Mr. Campos commented that SSTAC commented on the SSTAC Special meeting he will be sending out a Doodle poll to check everyone's availability.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the SSTAC meeting was adjourned from 3:37 p.m. to Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC)

San Joaquin Council of Governments 555 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA 95202 Zoom Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions

The Special Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) teleconference meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Joel Campos, SJCOG staff.

Committee Members Present via Conference Call

John Andoh	City of Escalon
Frank Huang	City of Lodi
Joni Bauer	Community Center for the Blind and the Visually Impaired
Armando Valerio	Public Health Services
Bee Thao	Access San Joaquin
Jayne Pramod	City of Tracy
Max Calder	San Joaquin Regional Transit District

Alternates/Others Present via Conference Call

Randy Hendrickson, Elizabeth Fernandez, Damaris Galvan.

Committee Members Not Present

Robert Balderama	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Deborah Gurley	Transit User 60 Years or Older
Juan Portillo	City of Manteca
Marie Marchese	Valley Mountain Regional Center

SJCOG Staff Present via Conference Call

Joel Campos	Associate Regional Planner
Katy Castro	Administrative Technician

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Teleconference Meetings During a Proclaimed State of Emergency Extension

Joel Campos presented this report and stated that the recommendation is to adopt R-22-87 to continue to meet using teleconferencing and allow for flexibility as long as there is a state of emergency.

It was moved/seconded (Valerio/Bauer) to approve the Teleconference Meetings During a Proclaimed State of Emergency Extension resolution R-22-87. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Other Matters of Business

Joel Campos stated the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) will be released for a 30-day comment period.

5. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the SSTAC meeting was adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 4



STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Draft FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion

SUMMARY:

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.

The unmet transit needs assessment requires SJCOG to meet the following requirements:

- Ensure that several factors have been considered in the planning process, including:
 1. Size and location of groups likely to be dependent on transit,
 2. Adequacy of existing services and potential alternative services
 3. Service improvements that could meet all or part of the travel demand.
- Hold a public hearing to receive testimony on unmet needs.
- Determine definitions for "unmet transit needs" and "reasonable to meet."
- Adopt a finding regarding unmet transit needs and allocate funds to address those needs, if necessary, before street and road TDA allocations.

This year's assessment included two virtual public hearings, an online survey posted on SJCOG's website, a new dedicated email address to receive comments, and downloadable English and Spanish paper surveys. This outreach produced 47 comments on transit services from specific individuals.

After a review of the public's unmet transit needs comments, with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, SJCOG determined no unmet transit needs were recommended to be found **reasonable to meet**.

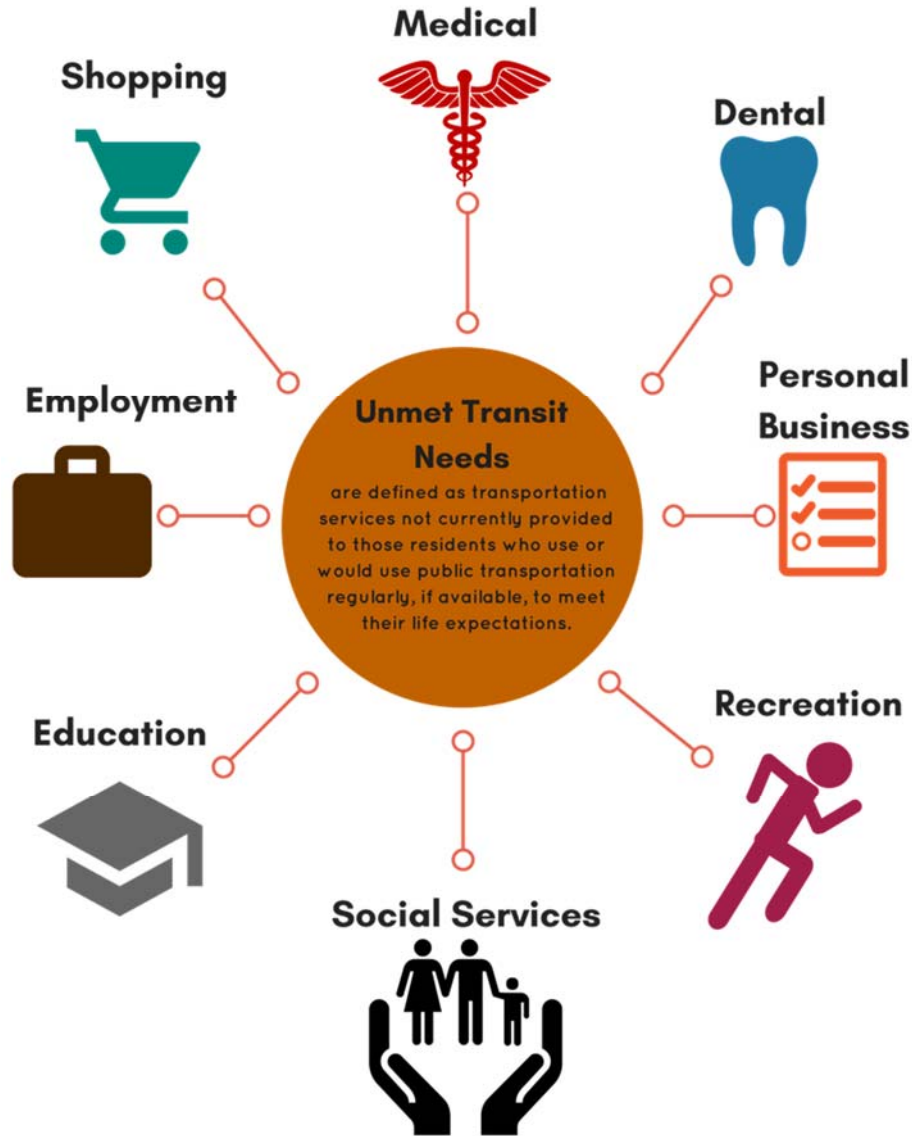
The draft report is available on SJCOG's website: <https://www.sjcog.org/UTN>.

RECOMMENDATION:

SJCOG recommends that the SSTAC review and provide comments on the recently released Draft FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report.

BACKGROUND:

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



An unmet transit need that meets the definition above and meets all the following criteria shall be considered **reasonable to meet**:



Within the definition, an unmet transit need cannot be found unreasonable solely based on economic feasibility.

DISCUSSION:

Public Input

This year's unmet transit needs process included an extended public outreach process using different techniques to gain public input. These efforts were intended to promote multiple opportunities for members of the public to communicate their unmet transit needs (e.g., SJCOG website, survey, social media, phone,). Examples of this effort include:

- Two public hearings were held throughout San Joaquin County, including at least one hearing in each jurisdiction
- Attending community events and reaching out to local organizations
- An online survey was posted on the SJCOG website and e-blasted to interested parties

Analysis of Comments Received

SJCOG convened a UTN Review Subcommittee consisting of seven members of the SSTAC (including RTD, other transit operators, and social service providers). Most comments were deemed to fall into the operational, educational, or non-specific categories defined above, and as such were not considered unmet transit needs. These comments will be forwarded to the appropriate transit operators for consideration in service planning.

Findings

Based on the analysis described above, SJCOG recommends the following Unmet Transit Needs Findings for FY 2022-2023:

Jurisdiction	Unmet Transit Needs, determined Not Reasonable to Meet
Stockton/ Manteca	Sheffield Court, Stockton, CA 95210 to 165 Saint Dominic's Drive, Manteca
Tracy	In need of wheelchair (ADA) service in Tracy for all trip needs
Stockton	Lanza Ln to Quail Lakes Baptist Church on Sundays at 8 AM
Stockton	Ben Holt and Alexandria to Lincoln center on Weekday and weekend mornings
Stockton	Feather River Drive Stockton CA 95219 to Pershing & Alpine
Stockton	Kermit Ln Stockton 95207 to 10200 Trinity Parkway Suite 201 Stockton 95219 on Weekdays
Stockton	Pershing & Alpine Stockton to Feather River Drive on weekdays after 5 PM
Stockton	Kermit Ln Stockton 95207 to Trinity Parkway Stockton 95219 On weekends at 9 AM
Stockton	Trinity Parkway
Stockton	Please increase bus times for RTD and north of Hammer Lane. bring robust intercity service back.
SJ County	Van Go! is not affordable or reliable nor available when needed.
SJ County	RTD commuter service from Lodi or Escalon to the warehouses in Tracy or shuttle service from a park and ride lot or a community pick-up location to an ACE train station in Stockton, Manteca, or Tracy.

NEXT STEPS:

- SJCOG will receive and incorporate public comments for the Draft FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment.
- SJCOG will release the final draft of the FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment in June 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

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