



SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSTAC)

**SJRTD Downtown Transit Center
421 E. Weber, Stockton, CA
Board of Directors Meeting Room**

May 1st, 2013

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions **2:30 PM**
2. Approve February 6, 2013 Minutes Action
3. Public Comments

STAFF ITEMS

4. FY 13/14 Unmet Transit Needs Final Report Action /Staff Rpt
5. FTA Section 5310 Grant Applications and Scoring Committee Info/Staff Rpt
6. Multi-Modal Trip Planning Study Info/No StaffRpt
7. Reports/Updates from Committee Members Info/No Staff Rpt
8. Reports/Updates from Transit Providers Info/No Staff Rpt
9. Access Advisory Committee Update Info/No Staff Rpt

10. Adjourn – Next Meeting Scheduled for June 5th, 2013 @ 2:30 PM

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SAN JOAQUIN RTD
DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER
421 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202
Wednesday, February 6, 2012

MINUTES

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

The SSTAC meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Ms. Julia Tyack. Introductions were made.

Committee Members Present:

Nathan Atherstone	RTD
Melissa Ogren	Human Services Agency – Department of Aging
Natalie Lerma-Solis	Human Services Agency-Department of Aging
Julia Tyack	City of Lodi
Joni Bauer	Community Center for the Blind
Johanna Ferriera	City of Manteca
Jayne Pramod	City of Tracy
Barbara Hempstead	Caltrans
Deborah Gurley	Transit User 60 years or older
Joga Singh	Transit User with a Disability/Community Center for the Blind
James Young	Public Member
Jesse	PCS

Committee Members Not Present:

Robert Balderama	Transit User with a Disability/State Council Development Disabilities – Area Board VI
Wilma Murray	Valley Mountain Regional Center
Mary Houlihan	City of Lathrop
Ann Fisler	San Joaquin ARC
Kevin Werner	City of Ripon

SJCOG Staff Present:

Anthony Zepeda	Associate Regional Planner
Kimberly Juarez	Office Assistant I

2. **Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2012:**

It was moved/seconded (**Young/Atherstone**) to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012.

3. **Public Comment:**

A member of the public expressed her concern about crime and women's rights. Mr. Jesse commented that he was pleased with RTD Bus 52. Mr. Atherstone spoke on behalf of James Young stating that he called ahead for a Hopper bus but it passed him without stopping. Mr.

Atherstone will pass the information on to operating staff. He also commented that the operating times for Bus 93 are not right and he would like to see buses and Hoppers increasing in frequency and later in the evening.

4. FY 13/14 Unmet Transit Needs Process – Update:

Mr. Zepeda stated the staff report in terms of the schedule has been updated. The release for public comment will be February 22, 2013 and the public hearing will then be pushed back to March 25. The draft will be revised on March 27 and on April 3 the final report will be presented to the SSTAC. On April 25, the final report will be presented to the SJCOG Board of Directors.

5. FY 13/14 Unmet Transit Needs Subcommittee Findings:

Mr. Zepeda stated that public outreach was conducted from August 2012 through December 28, 2012 with 14 public hearings completed. SJCOG received 143 individual comments through emails, website surveys and phone calls. Of the 143 comments, 73 were identified for further review as potential Unmet Transit Needs. The SSTAC UTN Advisory Committee made the following findings: The Cities of Lathrop, Lodi and Tracy have no unmet transit needs, the City of Escalon has an unmet transit need that is not reasonable to meet, the City of Manteca has unmet transit needs that are not reasonable to meet, and the Metropolitan area SMA fixed route service has unmet transit needs that are not reasonable to meet.

Mr. Zepeda stated, as required by state law, the SSTAC has reviewed the comments, made the findings, and now has presented them to this committee with a motion to accept the findings. Once the motion is passed, a draft report of the UTN process with findings will be prepared and presented for a 30 day public comment period beginning on February 22nd. After the 30 day comment period and a public hearing on March 25th, the draft UTN document will be reviewed and revised, as necessary, and then presented to the SSTAC for final approval at the April 2013 meeting. The final draft will then be presented to the SJCOG Board for approval and submitted to Caltrans as a completed report.

Ms. Bauer commented, this being the first time in years there hasn't been a request for service in Tracy to Mountain House, a short discussion followed with Mr. Zepeda. Ms. Nguyen commented in regards to public opinion regarding the leadership of local transportation agencies. Mr. Zepeda reminded Ms. Nguyen that after the public comment portion of the SSTAC meeting, additional comments were welcome for agenda items only. Mr. Atherstone recommended to Mr. Zepeda if more analysis and detail can be incorporated into the staff report in regards to "not reasonable to meet" criteria. Mr. Singh expressed his need for a courtesy stop on Marantha Drive. Mr. Zepeda responded this was brought up in last month's meeting and Mr. Atherstone will work with Mr. Singh on this.

It was moved/second (Young/ Ferriera) to approve the motion to accept the findings of the SSTAC UTN Advisory Committee for FY 13/14 Unmet Transit Needs Process.

6. FY 2013/14 Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Opportunities:

Mr. Zepeda briefed the committee on the staff report. He stated Caltrans will be accepting applications for six transportation planning grants that can be applied for through public agencies, community organizations and jurisdictions. There is a link on the website which

summarizes the types of grant programs which include, Environmental Justice, Community-Based Transportation Planning, Partnership Planning, Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies, Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies, and Transit Planning Student Internships. Ms. Hempstead added that the Caltrans website is very helpful and will provide ideas for past grant programs as well. Ms. Nguyen expressed her disappointment in regards to the bus schedule. Ms. Tyack responded she will follow up with her about her concerns.

7. **FTA 5310, 5316, 5317 Grants – Update:**

Mr. Zepeda stated grants 5310, 5316 and 5317 are available to those interested in applying. Mr. Atherstone asked if there was a horizon date for the funding considering that FTA 5316 and 5317 have been consolidated under other grant programs as a result of Map 21. Mr. Zepeda replied that he will look into it.

8. **2013 Meeting Dates and Times:**

Mr. Zepeda provided the 2013 meeting dates and times. He announced the SSTAC meeting start time will change to 2:30 p.m. to accommodate bus schedules utilized by committee members.

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

Ms. Bauer announced the Peddling Pass event February 23, 2013. Ms. Hempstead announced the California State Rail Plan is requesting input at the open houses February 12, 2013 and an on-line webinar February 26, 2013. Ms. Bauer also announced Easter Seals Project Action is having a webinar on travel training and a six week travel training course. Mr. Singh announced a fundraiser for the Community Center for the Blind, omelet/champagne brunch Sunday, February 10, 2013 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

10. **Reports/Updates from Transit Providers:**

Ms. Ferreira announced an update to the City of Manteca Short Range Transit Plan and for members to be aware of upcoming opportunities for public comment. Ms. Bauer stated she has been working with Manteca trying to get assessable pedestrian signals on Yosemite & 99 and on Spreckles as well.

Ms. Pramod announced that Phase Two of the Bus Stop Improvement Project has been completed and is a huge achievement for the City of Tracy.

Mr. Atherstone announced a budget neutral schedule change on the 27th of January for RTD. The change included the opening of the Hammer Triangle Transfer Station, Phase One (which includes five routes operating at the Hammer Triangle Station), the Metro Express Pacific 40, and the Metro Express Hammer 43. Phase Two construction is expected to be completed around March 1st. The other change, Metro Express 40, has increased frequency to 10 minutes throughout the middle of the day. The Metro Express 44 route has changed and is no longer going to the airport with every trip but is looping around the south Stockton neighborhoods of Ralph Avenue and Eighth Street then cutting back up Airport. The services from the airport to Manteca and Tracy have not changed.

Ms. Tyack announced the City of Lodi will hold Service Modification meetings on Tuesday, February 19th, 3:30 p.m., at the Lodi Station and Thursday, February 21st, at 3:30pm at the Lodi Library Community Room. Ms. Tyack will forward an email to Mr. Zepeda who will then send a mass email to the committee members. The discussion will be to combine route 32 & 33 so it reflects more of a weekday service. Other projects going on include security cameras in parking structures and behind buses, along with driveway and ADA improvements, bus operations and a solar panel project.

11. Access Advisory Committee Update:

No update, the Access Advisory Committee is currently on hiatus.

12. Adjourn:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. to reconvene on, April 3, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.