

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Annually, the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) is required, under Sections 99238.5 and 99401.5 of the Public Utilities Code, to determine if there are any UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS in the County that can reasonably be met.

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS are defined as transportation services not currently provided to those residents who use or would use public transportation regularly, if available, to meet their life expectations. This includes but is not limited to: trips for medical and dental services, shopping, employment, personal business, education, social services, and recreation.

REASONABLE TO MEET is defined by six criteria:

1. There should be a demonstrated interest of citizens in the new or additional transit service (i.e. multiple comments, petitions, etc.);
2. The proposed new or additional service will benefit the general public, the elderly population, and persons with disabilities;
3. The proposed transit service will maintain new service ridership performance measures;
4. A transportation system must not prove excessive in capital and operating costs;
5. The system can be implemented safely and in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations; and,
6. Any service provided should be able to be funded on both a short and long-term basis.

Unmet Transit Needs that are identified as reasonable to meet must be funded before the Transportation Development Act fund can be used for non-transit purposes. Local public hearings will be held throughout San Joaquin County in the cities of Stockton, Lodi, Escalon, Tracy, Lathrop, Ripon and Manteca.

The Public is invited to comment on any unmet transit need at a public hearing to be hosted by the San Joaquin Council of Governments at the following time and location:

Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

November 18th, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

San Joaquin Council of Governments

555 E. Weber Avenue

Stockton, CA 95202

In lieu of testifying at the public hearing, written comments and statements may be submitted to SJCOG at 555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202, emailed to [prince@sjcog.org](mailto:prince@sjcog.org), on the SJCOG website ([www.sjcog.org](http://www.sjcog.org)) or via phone by calling the SJCOG office at 209-235-0600.

A draft document is anticipated in April 2020, with final action to be taken by the SJCOG Board at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting in May 2020.

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