

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes**

Date: January 22, 2020
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: COG Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present:

Bill Hyatt, CVRE
Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate
Sarin Wakimian, Public
Michael Mendez, RICV
Vidal Medina, RICV

Moses Stites, FCRTA
Amy Hance, City of Clovis
Sonia De La Rosa, County of Fresno

Others Attending:

Jeff Long, FAX/COG
Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG

Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA
Carolina Ilic, FAX

Bill Hyatt called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

City of Clovis
City of Coalinga
City of Firebaugh
City of Fowler
City of Fresno
City of Huron
City of Kerman
City of Kingsburg
City of Mendota
City of Orange Cove
City of Parlier
City of Reedley
City of San Joaquin
City of Sanger
City of Selma
County of Fresno

I. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the SSTAC on the items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

II. Executive Minutes of October 15, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Amy Hance to approve the October 15, 2019 minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. Kick-Off of the FY2020-21 Unmet Transit Needs Process

1.) Mailing List

2.) Flyer

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. Mr. Sobrado explained that he e-mailed the mailing list for the Unmet Needs to the committee so that they can review, update, and send it back so corrections can be made. He also reviewed the flyer that would be sent out for the Unmet Needs meetings.

V. 2019 Transit Productivity Evaluation - DRAFT

Jeff Long gave an update on the FAX ridership, revenues, and fare box collections during FY 2019. He also clarified that the Transit Productivity Evaluation is performed annually while the TDA is done every three years.

Amy Hance gave an update on the City of Clovis ridership, revenues, and fare box collections. Ms. Hance explained that last year was a little quiet, but this year is going to be busy. The Clovis Landmark Square will be going up and the Route Redirecting Project will be starting.

Moses Stites gave an update on the FCRTA's ridership, revenues, ongoing projects, and raising fares on buses.

Jeff Long gave an update on the FEOC/FAX due to Monty Cox being absent. Mr. Long reported that there were not many changes for the fiscal year. He also touched on ridership and funding.

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Amy Hance to approve the 2019 Transit Productivity Evaluation – DRAFT. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. Discussion of the Summary of the UTN Resolution Update Meeting

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. Mr. Sobrado explained the definition for the Unmet Needs. He added that the state determined that it meets the initial scope of the definition. Mr. Sobrado also updated the group as to the California Transit Association's recent review of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), at the request of the state legislature, which includes the Unmet Transit Needs process. The California Transit Association is not recommending changes to the Unmet Needs process at this time.

A meeting to review the region's UTN process by Fresno COG took place on December 5, 2019. The outcome of the meeting was to recommend to SSTAC to update the UTN matrix to include 'Unmet transit need' and 'reasonable to meet'

for each comment received with 'Yes', 'No' and 'Not Applicable', being the permitted answers.

Carolina Ilic noted that all comments received during the Unmet transit Needs process are important and helpful for the transit operators.

The SSTAC made a motion to support the recommendations...

VII. FAX Open Houses

FAX will conduct three open houses to inform transit riders of upcoming proposed route changes as well as technology projects. The open houses are scheduled for:

Fresno State University
February 25, 2020 - 12:00 PM

Central Learning Adult School
February 29, 2020 - 10:30 AM

Maxie L. Parks Community Center
March 2, 2020 - 5:30 PM

The Unmet Transit Needs meetings scheduled for the City of Fresno are expected to start right after the three open houses.

FAX will also conduct a pop-up tent "blitz" at fourteen of the busiest transit stops throughout the City of Fresno. The "blitzes" will be held during the time of day when transit use is heaviest and expected to run for 2 to 3 hours.

Additional information will be shared with the group as soon as it is finalized.

Todd Sobrado gave an update on the My FAX Bus App and Smart Cards. Mr. Sobrado also said that FAX will conduct a survey at the open houses and the pop-up tents to get input from transit riders about the proposed service changes.

This item was informational only.

VIII. Upcoming FAX Route Changes

Jeff Long reported on proposed route changes that could affect Routes 28, 45, 20, 33, and 12, and could result in a new route, Route 3, with service along Herndon Avenue. Mr. Long informed the committee on a three-phase implementation approach, if the changes move forward. Route 3 does not exist yet and would be a new route.

This item was informational only.

IX. FAX Handy Ride Guide To Ride Update

Todd Sobrado provided an update on the 2020 FAX Handy Ride Guide to Ride. It is a user-guide for the population that relies on Handy Ride.

Mr. Sobrado also announced that FAX recently hired Chenier Derrick to work with Handy Ride. Mr. Derrick will be further updating the Handy Ride Guide when he has a chance in the near future. The update will be much more comprehensive. He added that some updates had also been recently made to the website.

This was an informational item

X. SSTAC Memberships expiring in 2020

There was a quick review of SSTAC members whose membership expire in 2020. They included:

Vidal Medina - May 2020

Amy Hance - June 2020

Monty Cox - June 2020

Yonas Paulos - June 2020

Carolina Ilic asked if there was an opportunity to extend membership of some of the members whose membership will expire. Mr. Long responded yes, if those members would like.

XI. UPDATES FROM TRANSIT AGENCIES

1. FAX

Carolina Ilic informed the committee that fare boxes will be added to BRT, Route 1, on January 27, 2020. She added that as part of the March 2020 elections, FAX will provide free transit for up to four days to the voting polls. She also announced that the new FAX Schedule Guide is out.

Jeff Long gave an update on the median stop improvements that will be completed by the end of March. Mr. Long also informed the committee that the State Senate Community College district has elected to discontinue their support of the student ID pass program, affecting community college students within the Cities of Fresno and Clovis. He closed his update by announcing a new FAX staff member, Crystle Stidham, as the new FAX Operations Manager.

2. FCRTA

Moses Stites informed the committee that he met with the West Park Board and CRLA to modify a route to implement service.

3. Clovis Transit

Amy Hance gave a brief update and on a route restructure RFP that is going out.

4. FEOC

No one from FEOC was present to give an update.

XII. Other Member Items

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sobrado

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