

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes

Date: April 21, 2020
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: COG Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present – Via Phone in:

Bill Hyatt, CVRE
Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate
Vidal Medina, RICV
Monty Cox, FEOC/CTSA

Judy Nishi, FAX
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Amy Hance, City of Clovis

Others Attending – Via Phone in:

Jeff Long, FAX/COG
Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG
Gloria Hensley, Fresno County

Brenda Veenendaal FCOG
Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA
Carolina Ilic, FAX

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

Bill Hyatt called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

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. There were no public presentations.

II. Executive Minutes of January 22, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Yonas Paulos to approve the January 22, 2020 Minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Review UTN Comments Received matrix

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. Mr. Sobrado read and reviewed all of the comments received and operator responses, as contained in the Matrix of Comments Received.

This was an informational Item.

Mr. Vidal Medina asked about how he could obtain additional information about transit and transportation-related projects. Mr. Sobrado stated that he would include links to the documents containing additional transit and transportation-related project information.

Mr. Sobrado stated that SSTAC will be asked to vote on the full FY2020 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment at its May 2020 meeting.

IV. SSTAC Memberships expiring in 2020

Mr. Sobrado conducted a quick review of SSTAC members whose membership expires in 2020. They include:

- Vidal Medina - May 2020
- Amy Hance - June 2020
- Monty Cox - June 2020
- Yonas Paulos - June 2020

All members indicated that they would be willing to continue to serve as a member on the SSTAC after their membership expires.

V. UPDATES FROM TRANSIT AGENCIES

Each of the transit operators provided an overview of how their agencies are responding to the COVID-19 epidemic.

1. FAX

Carolina Ilic Informed the committee that FAX is allowing only 10 passengers at a time on each bus and sending sweeper buses to pick up remaining passengers that are left behind. FAX also initiated self-screening for passengers. Flyer were sent out to the public and social media so that everyone is informed. Fax drivers and all employees are also wearing masks and being screened, along with cleaning and sanitizing the buses every night. While ridership has fallen, no services have been cut.

2. FCRTA

Moses Stites informed the committee that drivers are wearing masks and cleaning and sanitizing the buses every night. The FCRTA services are running at 100% with only two routes being eliminated to Reedley collage. No driver hours

were eliminated and are still working. Drivers are delivering meals to the Selma and Kingsburg senior centers.

3. Clovis Transit

Amy Hance informed the committee that they are doing the same for staff in the way of wearing masks, cleaning and sanitizing. The fairs to the Stagecoach and Roundup were eliminated so that the virus cannot be transported through the handling of cash. Ms. Hance also stated that ridership was low.

4. FEOC

Monty Cox gave an update on the FEOC. Mr. Cox also said that the buses are being cleaned and staff are wearing masks. Mr. Cox also said that about 25 to 30 of the transit drivers are working with food service operations preparing and transporting to the different sites daily in Fresno county.

XII. Other Member Items

Yanos Paulos informed the committee that he was able to advocate for Fresno City College for restoring free bus passes for the students in the summer and fall and will find more for spring of 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sobrado
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