

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes**

Date: April 14, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: COG Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present – Via Zoom:

Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Amy Hance, Clovis Transit
Darleen Christensen

Tomas Dulin, Fresno County
Matthew Gilliam, Fresno County
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Others Attending – Via Zoom:

Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG
Brenda Veenendaal, FCOG
Robert Phipps, FCOG

Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA
Carolina Ilic, FAX
Gloria Hensley

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

Moses Stites called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting was reserved for persons wishing to address the SSTAC on the items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. Note: Prior to action by SSTAC on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item

None

II. Minutes from the March 15, 2022 Meeting

A motion was made by Yonas Paulos and seconded by Mathew Gilliam to approve the March 15, 2022, minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Review and Approval of the FY 2022-2023 Draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report (Todd Sobrado) [ACTION]

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. Fresno COG made progress towards completing the current cycle of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment process. The main product of this important process was the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report attached herein for your review and approval.

An essential element of the Unmet Transit Needs process was public outreach. This year, Fresno COG took a hybrid approach to outreach combining the best of both virtual and in-person meetings.

Regarding virtual outreach, three online meetings were held on ZOOM on Thursday, February 17, 2022, with the evening meeting broadcast on Facebook. Around 10 members of the public joined the Facebook broadcast.

Regarding in-person meetings, six public meetings took place: four in the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area, and two in rural incorporated cities, specifically Kerman and Fowler. The final in-person public meeting took place on Saturday, February 27, 2022, at the offices of Fresno COG. This meeting was held to accommodate the schedules of those stakeholders and transit riders who were not able to participate in events held on weekdays.

Also carried over from last year's UTN cycle was an online survey asking transit riders and stakeholders about their unmet transit needs. Available online in early February through late March, the survey was publicized in email newsletter articles, social media, websites, and Fresno COG and UTN email lists. All comments received this year was through the online survey.

Twelve comments had been received to date. The comments received, transit operator response, whether the comment was an unmet need, reasonable to meet, and if it was a previously recorded start on page 14 of the attached draft UTN Report. Three of the 12 comments received satisfied the definition of an unmet transit needs, with two determined to be "not reasonable to meet."

A summary of the comments received includes:

- Several requests for transit service to Clovis, including Clovis Community College.
- Feedback about FAX routes.
- Comments about service between outlying rural communities and the Fresno metropolitan area.

The Draft FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Report was attached. SSTAC members are requested to review the draft report before the UTN meeting on April 14, 2022, in preparation to vote on the report.

This item was changed from an Information Item to an Action Item to have it approved.

A motion was made by Matthew Gilliam and seconded by Amy Hance to approve and forward the draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report for FY 2022-23 to the Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee, and Policy Board. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. **Other Member Items**

- Brenda Veenendahl shared a Measure C outreach flyer for the upcoming community meetings in the City of Clovis, Kerman and Reedley.
- Moses Stites welcomed Tomas Dulin to Fresno E.O.C.
- Moses Stites also informed the Committee that the FCRTA and FAX are reviewing the Inspiration Transportation project for services.
- Carolina Ilic also informed the committee that the mask mandate for FAX was extended till May 2022. Also, all Veterans and children under the age of 12 years ride free and the fare for the FAX bus is now one dollar.
Todd Sobrado informed the committee that on the May agenda Sonia De La Rosa and Sarin Wakimian will need to be discussed as they will need to be replaced on the SSTAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sobrado
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