

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes

Date: January 17, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: COG Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present

Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate	Matthew Gillian, Inspiration
Moses Stites, FCRTA	Transportation
Amy Hance, Clovis Transit	Chenier Derrick, FAX, Handy Ride
Darleen Christensen, City of Fresno/FAX	Stacy Francis. CVRC
Thomas Dulin, Fresno County	

Others Attending

Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG	Bethany Berube, Clovis Transit
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG	Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA
Brenda Veenendaal, FCOG	Carolina Ilic, FAX
Juan Mosqueda Rosales, FAX	Susan Herrera, Clovis Transit
Jeff Long, FAX/COG	Robert Phipps, FCOG

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 1:33 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. Executive Minutes of May 31, 2022 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Amy Hance and seconded by Matthew Gillian to approve the May 31, 2022 Special Meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Updates and Re-Appointment to SSTAC Membership

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. In 2022, several members stepped down from serving on the SSTAC because of promotions, new jobs, and other reasons. Some of these member's terms expire this month. As a result, we have vacancies on the SSTAC to fill, a few of these are to represent Fresno County on the Committee.

Representatives of the General Public (<i>minimum of 2</i>)			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Michael Mendez, Jr.	Sanger/Fresno County	1-2023	Hispanic
Brian Spaunhurst, Fresno County Public Works	Fresno/Fresno County	1-2023	Caucasian
Moses Stites, FCRTA	Fresno/Fresno County	2-2023	Hispanic

SSTAC Chairman Moses Stites two-year term comes to an end in February 2023. Todd Sobrado brought this up as a reminder to the group. The question was asked if the Committee could address the matter in the meeting, to which the answer was 'yes'. Darleen Christiansen, and Matthew Gillian seconded nomination of Amy Hance from Clovis Transit as the SSTAC Chairperson. A vote was called for and the motion carried. The Chairperson is elected to serve a two-year term through 2023 and 2024.

IV. FY2023/24 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment kick-off

Todd Sobrado reported on the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Assessment.

Public outreach is an essential and required component of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment. This year, the public outreach component of the UTN will consist of virtual and in-person events, and an online public survey.

Public outreach activities are tentatively scheduled (as of this writing) for the second and third week of February and will consist of seven in-person events, two virtual events, and the public hearing. The virtual events will be held in the morning, and evening, with the latter, broadcast on Facebook.

The in-person events are tentatively scheduled for the following cities:

- Fresno (Urban area)
- Clovis (Urban area)
- Fresno COG Offices (Urban area)
- Huron (West County)
- Mendota (West County)
- Del Rey (East County)
- Sanger (East County)

One of the 'in-person' events will be scheduled for a Saturday to accommodate those transit riders who want to attend a weekday in-person event but are unable to do so.

An increasingly important component of the public outreach process is the online survey. Available in English and Spanish, the survey will be available online through Friday, March 24, 2023. The draft survey in English is attached herein for your review.

To generate interest and awareness in the UTN and the survey, staff will rely on the mailing list and is exploring conducting an advertising campaign on Facebook. If run, the Facebook advertising campaign will be limited to Fresno County.

The final public outreach event for the current cycle of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment is the public hearing tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting.

This was an informational item and subject to the discretion of the SSTAC.

V. **FY2022 Productivity Report (Jeff Long) - [Action]**

Jeff Long reported on this item. Transit operators conduct a productivity evaluation annually, to assess progress with State Transportation Development Act funds and to recommend potential productivity improvements. The California Public Utilities Code 99244 required that "Each transportation planning agency shall annually identify, analyze, and recommend potential productivity improvements which could lower the operational costs of transit operators who operate at least 50 percent of their vehicle service miles within the area under its jurisdiction." If the responsible entity determines that the operator had not made a reasonable effort to implement the recommended improvements, then local transportation funds allocated to that operator cannot exceed the appropriation from the prior year.

Each of the transit agencies represented in the FY2022 Productivity Evaluation shared service, operations, and planning highlight for the same period.

1. Jeff Long reported on the Fresno Area Express and Handy Ride.
2. Amy Hance reported on the Clovis Stageline and Roundup.
3. Janelle Del Compo reported on the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency.
4. Thomas Dulin reported on the Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies for the Metropolitan and Rural Areas.

A motion was made by Darleen Christensen and seconded by Matthew Gilliam to accept the FY 2022 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report and forward it to TTC/PAC and Policy Board. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. **Other Member Items**

a. **Inspiration Transportation**

Matthew Gilliam informed the SSTAC members that Inspiration Transportation will provide contract services with CVRC for weekday round-trip passenger service from the program's developmentally disabled consumer's residence to various training and educational sites throughout Fresno County.

Moses Stites, Executive Director of the FCRTA, and outgoing Chair of the SSTAC informed the committee of the Pilot demonstration project of two and a half years with Inspiration Transportation will end February 16, 2023. Moses thanked Inspiration Transportation for their efforts in the project and wished them well in their future endeavors. This was also acknowledged by FAX, FEOC, and FCRTA..

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sobrado

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