

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes**

Date: February 21, 2023
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, City of Fresno

Thomas Dulin, Fresno County
Matthew Gillian, Fresno County
Stacy Francis, CVRC

Others Attending – Via Zoom:

Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG
Brenda Veenendaal, FCOG
Juan Mosqueda Rosales, FAX

Jeff Long, FAX/COG
Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA
Carolina Ilic, FAX
Katherine Martindale, DSS

Amy Hance, Chair of the SSTAC called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 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 January 17, 2023, SSTAC Meeting

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Yonas Paulos to approve the January 17, Meeting minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. **Re-Appointment to SSTAC Membership (Todd Sobrado) - [Action]**

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. Last month, the Committee appointed a new Chairperson to lead for the next two years. In the process, the re-appointment of the outgoing Chair to another two-year term as a member did not take place.

Representatives from the Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (minimum of 2)			
Appointment	Resident of / Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Moses Stites, FCRTA	Fresno/Fresno County	2/23/2023	Hispanic

There were also additional vacancies on the Board that need to be filled. As a result, we encourage you to discuss and promote SSTAC among your peers to seek additional interest.

A motion was made by Matthew Gillian and seconded by Yanos Paulos to approve the re-appointment of Moses Stites to serve another two-year term on the SSTAC. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. **Fresno County Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Contract Approval (Jeff Long) [DISCUSSION]**

Jeff Long reported on this item. Last month, the COG Board approved a contract with Moore and Associates (M&A) to produce the Fresno County Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan. This plan examined transit funding, equipment, and operational resources, and how those resources can effectively address current and future public transportation needs and gaps, as well as to identify improvement strategies, or public-driven transportation projects and enhancements that may be implemented over time. The plan replaced the previous CPT-HSTP, which was completed in 2008 and updated in 2015.

Federal transit law requires that projects selected for funding under the Enhanced Mobility for Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program be "included in a locally developed, Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan," and that the plan be "developed and approved through a process that included participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public" using transportation services.

M&A was a full-service consultancy that regularly provided service evaluation and planning, market research/data collection, marketing and outreach, and performance audits. M&A had been a consultant on previous Fresno County projects, including the most recent Fresno COG Triennial Performance Audit and the City of Fresno, Department of Transportation/FAX Title VI Plan.

In March, M&A conducted a series of public outreach events to solicit input on the plan. These events had be in the form of stakeholder focus groups, Community workshops and pop-up events. Events were scheduled in the Cities of Fresno and Clovis, representing the urban areas as well as multiple locations throughout the rural areas.

SSTAC members served as the advisory committee for the development of the plan and the group as a whole were briefed throughout the development of the plan.

Any questions can be submitted to Senior Regional Planner, Jeff Long at jeff.long@fresno.gov or by phone at 621-1436.

This was an informational item.

V. **FY2023/24 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Update (Todd Sobrado) - [DISCUSSION]**

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. The FY2023 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) assessment was currently underway with first public outreach meeting starting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in Mendota. Marketing and outreach for the UTN started in mid-January with the release of the online survey in English and Spanish. To date, we had received several comments. The comment period for the online survey was scheduled to close on March 24, 2023.

Katherine Martindale, Deputy Director of Fresno County Department of Social Services (DSS) attended the meeting on behalf of her agency. Todd Sobrado, and other members of the Committee spent several minutes talking about the transportation funding process as it applies to the Unmet Transit Needs requirements and State of California Transit Assistance Funds (TDA) comprised of Local Transportation and State Transit Assistance Funds.

Marketing activities promoting the UTN had been ongoing with flyers being sent to agencies and interested stakeholders the last week of January. The UTN was also being publicized in newsletters from both FAX, and Fresno COG. Additionally, UTN meetings are being publicized through social media channels for FAX, Fresno COG, and Clovis.

Scheduled meeting times, and locations, including the Public Hearing were as followed:

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting #1 – City of Mendota
Mendota City Hall, Council Chambers
643 Quince Street, Mendota, CA 93640

Thursday, February 15, 2023, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting #2 – City of Fresno, Pinedale
Pinedale Community Center
7170 N. San Pablo Ave., Pinedale, CA 93650

Thursday, February 16, 2023, from 10:00 – 11:00 am

Virtual Meeting #1 – ZOOM Webinar

[Register here to attend the Zoom webinar](#) or watch it streamed live on [Fresno COG's Facebook page](#)

Thursday, February 16, 2023, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

In-person Meeting #3 – City of Clovis
Clovis Senior Center
850 4th St., Clovis, CA 93612

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Virtual Meeting #2 – ZOOM Webinar

[Register to attend the Zoom webinar](#) or watch it streamed live on [Fresno COG's YouTube Channel](#)

Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 9:00 – 10:00 am

In-Person Meeting #4 – *City of Fresno*
Offices of Fresno COG
2035 Tulare, Ste. 200, Fresno, CA 93721

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting #6 – City of Huron
Public Safety Building, Sky Room
17051 12th Street, Huron, CA 93234

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting #7 – City of Sanger
1700 7th. Street, Sanger, CA 93657

2023 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Public Hearing

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm
Fresno COG Offices, Sequoia Room
2035 Tulare Street, Ste. 200, Fresno, CA 93721

For those agencies, transit riders, and stakeholders interested in providing feedback about unmet transit needs, but unable to attend any of the meetings, there is the online survey in English and Spanish, found at:

FY2023 UTN Survey in English: <https://publicinput.com/utn2023>

FY2023 UTN Survey in Spanish: <https://publicinput.com/spanishutn2023>

This was an informational item.

VI. **Other Member Items**

Yonas Paulos thanked everyone for getting the help of transportation to the Veterans.

Carolina Ilic thanked Yonas for getting the information to the veterans.

Todd Sobrado informed the committee that there will be a meeting March 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Sobrado
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