

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes**

Date: January 16, 2024
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
Katherine Martindale, DSS
Tomas Dulin, Fresno County

Darleen Christensen, Fresno County –
Via Phone- in
Chenier Derrick, Fresno County – Via
Phone-In

Others Attending – Via Zoom:

Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG
Brenda Veenendaal, FCOG
Bethony Berube, City of Clovis

Janelle Del Compo, FCRTA
Jeff Long, FAX/COG

Amy Hance 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 November 14, 2023 Meeting

A motion was made by Yonas Paulos and seconded by Katherine Martindale to approve the November 14, 2023 meeting minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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

Since SSTAC last convened, Matthew Gilliam's membership had lapsed. As a result, he was up for re-appointment, as follows:

Representatives of the General Public (<i>minimum of 2</i>)			
Appointment	Resident of/Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Matthew Gilliam, General Public	Fresno/Fresno County	10-2023	African American

We encouraged everyone to discuss SSTAC and the possibility of serving with your qualified friends and acquaintances. Additionally, please let Todd Sobrado know if you have someone he can reach out to.

A motion was made by Katherine Martindale and seconded by Yonas Paulos to approve the re-appointment of Matthew Gilliam for another 2-year term. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. **FY2024/25 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment kick-off (Todd Sobrado) - [Information]**

In the New Year comes another cycle of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Assessment. January's SSTAC meeting served to officially kick-off this important process.

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

Public outreach activities were being scheduled (as of this writing) for the second and third week of February. It was expected that in-person and virtual events were similar to last year's outreach. Once it was finalized, additional information was provided at Tuesday's SSTAC meeting.

An increasingly important component of the public outreach process was the online survey. Available in English and Spanish, the survey would be available online through Friday, March 22, 2024.

The final public outreach event for the current cycle of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment was the public hearing tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting.

This was an informational item.

V. **Other Member Items**

*Yonas Paulos informed the committee that a coalition had started for the homeless Veterans.

*Amy Hance informed the committee that the new Transit Building will have a ribbon cutting ceremony. Also, all bus rides to the warming centers are free.

*Carolina Ilic informed the committee that there will be 14 new handy rid cutaways' starting in the next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:12

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Sobrado
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