

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Executive Minutes**

**Date:** February 20, 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

Darleen Christensen, Fresno County –  
Via Phone- in

**Others Attending – Via Zoom:**

Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG  
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG  
Brenda Veenendaal, FCOG  
Michael Mendez Jr. RICV

Rebecca – Via Phone- in  
Janelle Del Compo, FCRTA  
Jeff Long, FAX/COG  
Drew Wilson 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

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 January 16, 2024, Meeting**

A motion was made by Darleen Christensen and seconded by Yonas Paulo to approve the January 16, 2024, minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. **Fiscal Year 2024-25 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Update (Sobrado)**  
**[DISCUSSION]**

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. The public outreach process for the FY2024-25 Unmet Transit Needs had started. It consisted of an online survey, six in-person events, two virtual events, and a public hearing.

Public outreach was an essential component of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment. This year, the public outreach component consisted of an online survey, six in-person events, a single virtual event, and a public hearing. The online survey was available in English and Spanish until Friday, March 29, 2024, at:

English – <https://publicinput.com/2024utn>

Spanish – <https://publicinput.com/2024spanishutn>

The dates, times, and locations of each public outreach meeting was as followed:

**Meeting #1: Rural Westside Fresno County**

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February. 27  
Granada Commons Apartments  
14570 West California Ave.,  
Kerman, CA 93630

**Meeting #2: City of Fresno**

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February, 28  
Mosqueda Community Center  
4670 E. Butler Ave.,  
Fresno, CA 93702

**Meeting #3: City of Fresno**

10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2  
Maxie L. Parks Community Center  
1802 E. California Ave.,  
Fresno CA 93706

**Meeting #4 – Online**

1:30 p.m. Monday, March 4

Register in advance at:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_EkE-RiT7QlOdJRyomUOfEg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EkE-RiT7QlOdJRyomUOfEg)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Meeting #5: City of Fresno**

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5  
Pinedale Community Center

7170 N. San Pablo Ave.,  
Pinedale, CA 93650

**Meeting #6: City of Clovis**

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6  
Armstrong Transit Center-at Landmark Square Transit Training Room  
785 Third Street  
Clovis, CA 93612

**Meeting # 7: Rural Eastside Fresno County**

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12  
Paseo 55  
1764 12<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Reedley, CA 93654

Public outreach events for the FY 2024-25 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment concludes with a public hearing at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

Transit riders and stakeholders submitted comments via email that were aggregated with the survey, in English or Spanish, at [2024utn@publicinput.com](mailto:2024utn@publicinput.com). They were also able to submit comments via voicemail (855) 925-2801, entering project code: "1470", when prompted or text "unmet needs" to 73224. The attached flyers were available for all details.

Marketing activities for the FY 2024-25 Unmet Transit Needs assessment included flyers to the FAX unmet transit needs mailing list, articles published in the Fresno COG and FAX newsletters, flyers and postcards distributed to Fresno County Department of Social Services offices and social media posts through Fresno COG and FAX social media channels. A community hub is also available at <https://publicinput.com/unmet.transit.needs>

More information about the FY 2024-25 unmet transit needs process -- including outreach activities, meeting times, addresses, and call-in information for the virtual events -- can be found at [www.fresnocog.org/unmet-transit-needs-ssessment/](http://www.fresnocog.org/unmet-transit-needs-ssessment/) and the Public Input Community Hub at <https://publicinput.com/unmet.transit.needs>.

This was an information item.

IV. **FY2023 Transit Productivity Evaluation (Jeff Long) [ACTION]**

Jeff Long reported on this item. A productivity evaluation was conducted annually to assess transit operators that receive State Transportation Development Act funds and to recommend potential productivity improvements. The California Public Utilities Code 99244 requires 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.

The FY 2023 productivity evaluation assesses the following transit agencies:

1. Fresno Area Express and Handy Ride – Jeff Long reported on the FAX and Handy Ride services.
2. Clovis Stageline and Roundup – Amy Hance reported on the Clovis Stageline and Roundup services.
3. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency – Janell Del Campo reported on the FCRTA.
4. Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies for the metropolitan and rural areas. – Jeff Long reported on the CTSA for the Metropolitan and Rural areas.

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Katherine Martindale to approve that the TTC/PAC accept the FY 2023 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report and forward it to the COG Policy Board for approval. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. **Other Member Items**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd Sobrado  
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