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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes

Date: May 21, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: COG Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present

Amy Hance, Clovis Transit
Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate
Katherine Martindale, DSS

Bethany Berube, Clovis Transit
Chenier Derrick, Fresno Co. Via-Phone in
Darlene Christensen, FAX Via-Phone in

Others Attending

Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG
Janelle Del Compo, FCRTA
Brenda Thomas, FCOG

Jeff Long, FAX/COG
Drew Wilson, Fax
Jerry Moreno, Fresno EOC

Amy Hance called the meeting to order at 1:35 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

Yonas Paulos informed the committee that he had connected the Veterans Affairs of Fresno with the Independent Living Association so veterans can get housing.

II. Executive Minutes of April 23, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Yonas Paulos to approve the April 23, 2024 Minutes with corrections. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Draft FY2024-25 Unmet Transit Needs Report (Sobrado) [DISCUSSION]

Tod Sobrado reported on this item. On Monday, May 6, 2024, the draft FY2024-25 Fresno COG (FCOG) Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Report was released for public review and comment on the Fresno COG website and is available on the following web page:
<https://www.fresnocog.org/unmet-transit-needs-assessment/>

The Public Hearing for the FY2024-25 FCOG Unmet Transit Needs was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting. A comment was received from Leadership Counsel as a follow-up to their letter received earlier in the day. Leadership Counsel's letter along with Fresno COG's response can be found on pages 76 and 78, respectively, of the draft UTN report.

Public outreach was an essential part of the Unmet Transit Needs process. This year, public outreach consisted of six in-person public meetings: four in the urban area, two in rural areas (Reedley and Kerman), and one virtual event. One of the meetings held within the City of Fresno took place on a Saturday to provide more options for transit riders to participate.

In addition to the activities above, public outreach included flyers sent to the UTN mailing list, an online survey, and social media posts. The survey ran for most of February and all of March and was how most comments were received. This year, 38 comments were received, 5 were determined to be unmet transit needs, none of which were found to be reasonable to meet. A summary of comments received includes:

- Feedback about service between outlying rural communities and the Fresno metropolitan area
- Feedback about FAX, Clovis, and FCRTA routes and service
- Comments about transportation-related issues

The comments received, transit agency response, and the determination of unmet transit needs are included in the draft FY2024-25 FCOG Unmet Transit Needs Report located at the URL listed after the first paragraph, above.

The final report was brought back to SSTAC on June 18, 2024.

This was an information item.

IV. **Fresno COG Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies (CTSA) Operations, Program, and Budget (OPB), FY2024-2025**

A. **Clovis CTSA OPB, FY2024-25 (Amy Hance) [ACTION]**

Amy Hance reported on this item. The Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB) for FY2024-25 for the Clovis Urban area provided an overview of the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency had provided service over the next fiscal year. The proposed adoption was scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting.

Amy Hance gave a report on the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency OPB, FY2024-25.

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Katherine Martindale to approve and forward the City of Clovis CTSA OPB for fiscal year 2024-25 to the Fresno COG Transportation Technical and Policy Advisory Committees, in addition to the Fresno COG Policy Board. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. FAX and FCRTA Urban and Rural CTSA OPB, FY2024-25 (Janelle Del Campo) [ACTION]

Janelle Del Campo reported on this item. The Consolidated Services Agencies' (CTSA) Operations, Program and Budget (OPB) for fiscal year 2024-2025 provided an overview of how the CTSA provided service with FEOC as the operator for these services in both the urban and rural areas over the next fiscal year. The Proposed adoption was scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting.

Janelle Del Campo gave a report on the FAX and FCRTA Urban and Rural CTSA OPB for FY2024-25.

A motion was made by Yonas Paulos and seconded by Katherine Martindale to approve and forward the Fresno County Urban and Rural CTSA OPB for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Fresno COG Transportation Technical and Policy Advisory Committees, in addition to the Fresno COG Policy Board. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. FCRTA Fiscal Year 2024-25 Draft Budget [INITIATION]

Janelle Del Campo reported on this item. The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's draft budget had been prepared to reflect Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the rural Fresno County area, 2024-2028. The document recommends continuing existing services and capital improvements. This year's draft budget had been developed to include continued review, comment and action during its 30-day public review period that will culminate on June 27, 2024 with the scheduled FCRTA Board meeting. The budget, which may require periodic amendments during the 2024-2025 fiscal year, was available on FCRTA's website www.ruraltransit.org

A Motion was made by Katherine Martindale and seconded by Yonas Paoulos to recommend initiation of the 30-day review with a proposed adoption of June 27, 2024 at the FCRTA Board Meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. Fresno COG Environmental Justice Subcommittee Members (Jennifer Rodriguez) [INFORMATION]

Jennifer Rodriguez reported on this item. The Fresno Council of Governments had released applications for its Environmental Justice (EJ) Subcommittee. The EJ Subcommittee serves Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) by assisting staff in setting environmental justice population thresholds for the Regional Transportation Plan's (RTP) Environmental Justice Report. The EJ Subcommittee was also appointed one member to sit on the RTP Roundtable during the RTP update. There were 13 positions on the EJ Subcommittee that had to be filled, which included four seats from urban, rural, and the County member agencies, and nine seats for representatives from a diverse group of designated EJ populations. The first EJ Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for July 10 at 2 pm.

More information on EJ Subcommittee positions can be found in the attached application. Applications are due to Fresno COG by June 12 as indicated on the attached form.

Information on the subcommittee can also be found on the following web page:

[Environmental Justice - Fresno Council of Governments \(fresnocog.org\)](http://fresnocog.org)

This was an information item.

VII. Other Member Items

Brenda Thomas informed the committee of the Transportation Guides and distributed them.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Sobrado
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