

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Executive Minutes**

**Date:** February 19, 2019  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Place:** COG Conference Room, Second Floor  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93721

**Members Present:**

Judy Nishi, FAX  
Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate  
Moses Stites, FCRTA  
Amy Hance, City of Clovis  
Brian Spaunhurst, Fresno County  
Monty Cox, Fresno EOC

Sonia DeLaRosa, County of Fresno  
Michel Mendez, RICV-Fresno  
Vidal Medina, RICV  
Robert Mesel, Fresno City  
Hector Medina, Fresno County

**Others Attending:**

Jeff Long, FAX/FCOG  
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG  
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG  
Sarin Wakimian  
Carolina Ilic, FAX

Janelle Del Compo, FCRTA

Judy Nishi called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**I. Public Presentations**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the SSTAC on the items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

None.

**II. Executive Minutes of January 15, 2019**

A motion was made by Moses Stites and Seconded by Robert Mesel to approve the January 15, 2019 Executive Minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

### **III. Unmet Needs Planning Process [INFORMATION]**

#### A) Scheduled Meetings

Jeff Long explained to the committee that the flyer had a missing number on addresses of the Central Valley Regional Center where the comments are to be mailed to, the correct address is 7615. Mr. Long informed the committee that the flyer on the website was already corrected. Mr. Long also commented that the meetings will start tonight February 19, 2019.

Mr. Long went over the meeting schedule with the committee and also informed them that the report will go to the TTC/PAC in June and all comments can be taken up till June. All meetings will be completed by March 16, 2019.

Mr. Long said that he will bring the resolution that defined the Unmet Needs and reasonable to meet clause so that the committee can review it.

### **IV. Transit Operator Reports [INFORMATION]**

#### a.) Fresno Area Express

Todd Sobrado reported on these items:

1. Handy Ride guide to ride, updated
2. Internet route changes
3. February 19 was the one year anniversary for the Q

#### b.) FCRTA

Moses Stites reported on this item:

1. FCRTA is looking into changing the Del Rey service hours with Saturday service. FCRTA will also increase the fare starting April 1, 2019 for a three month demo to see how it works out.
2. The Fowler site is opening up a clinic, FCRTA will provide service to there. Solar lighting was installed so that the Visalia V line can stop there also. KART will also stop their busses at the clinic.
3. 10 Bolts were recently purchased and will eventually purchase another 15 coming from the Measure C program. FCRTA would like to open a fleet of 50 to 100 in the rural areas to address the gaps that are in those boundaries.

Janell De Compo explained the funding for a planning study that would include two projects, one of them is an expansion of the Rural Transit

Services for people living outside the sphere. The Regional Rural Transportation will be kicking off soon.

c.) Clovis Transit

Amy Hance reported on this item:

1. Three new low floor busses will be going into service on the Roundup side.
2. Five champion busses were ordered for the fix route service.
3. Ms. Hance also informed the committee that three busses will be for sale if anyone was interested in purchasing them.
4. The Clovis Transit will be hosting the State Bus Roadeo on Saturday and Sunday and are looking for volunteers to help.
5. Clovis Transit is preparing to kick off the Route Re-Design project for fixed routes.

**V. Other Member Items [INFORMATION]**

Vidal Medina explained that the Resources for Independent Central Valley provides services for people with disabilities and provides travel training. Mr. Medina expressed his concerns on the announcements that are on the fixed route buses. He explained that the lighting, announcements on the outside of the bus, the route indicator on the dash in front of the bus and the announcement bar inside the bus are not working properly. Mr. Medina also explained that he has had quite a bit of complaints about the indicators not working. Mr. Medina asked if it was a compliance issue and who he needed to contact to resolve the issue. Mr. Medina also talked about some of the stops on Shields where it is not easy for a person in a wheelchair to get on the bus. A handout was distributed with the location of the stop. Jeff Long said that he would look into these issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Long

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