

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes

Date: October 15, 2019
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: COG Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present:

Bill Hyatt, CVRE
Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate
Hector Medina, Fresno County
Brain Spaunhurst, Fresno County

Monty Cox, Fresno/CTSA
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Amy Hance, City of Clovis

Others Attending:

Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG
Bethany Beruba, City of Clovis
Kristopher Grey, FAX – Capital Projects

Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA
Carolina Ilic, FAX
Matthew Gillian, Inspiration
Transportation

Bill Hyatt called the meeting to order at 1:28 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 is reserved for persons wishing to address the SSTAC on the items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

II. Executive Minutes of June 25, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Hector Medina and seconded by Moses Stites to approve the June 25, 2019 minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried with one correction.

III. Nomination of a new member to SSTAC

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. A nomination was made a vote taken to add Mr. Matthew Gillian of Inspiration Transportation as a member of SSTAC.

Moses Stites nominated Matthew Gillian to be a member of the SSTAC member. Mr. Gillian gave a brief explanation on what he does.

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Amy Hance to approve the nomination of Matthew Gillian as a member of the SSTAC.

IV. Update on the upcoming FY2020-21 Unmet Transit Needs process

Todd Sobrado reported that Robert Mesel will be leaving the SSTAC as a member. This vacancy will need to be filled.

Carolina Illic informed the committee that the position for Handy Rides is currently open and are recruiting to fill it and once the position is fill they will bring that person to the SSTAC consideration to fill the particular position and take it to the COG Board.

Todd Sobrado went over the Unmet Transit Needs process.

V. Guest Speaker - Kristopher Grey, Projects Administrator, FAX

Fresno Area Express (FAX) received a \$2.2 million grant from federal, state, and local funds to upgrade 19 bus stops throughout the FAX fixed-route system. The funding was provided as an accessible location to wait for the bus and an accessible pathway for passengers to get to and from the sidewalk to a median bus island bus stop. Improvements included: adding or enlarging concrete bus stop landings, construction curb cuts, and adding new bus stop amenities such as shelters, benches and trash receptacles.

Kristopher Grey, Projects Administrator for Fresno Area Express was present to give a presentation about the projects, the locations selected for upgrades and to address any questions from members of the Committee and guests.

VI. UPDATES FROM TRANSIT AGENCIES

1. FAX

Todd Sobrado reported on behalf of FAX.

Carolina Illic informed the committee about the Saturday service along the five routes that currently have night service. Evening service will run six days a week

with the same hours Monday through Saturday starting November 12 and November 16 will be the first Saturday. Miss. Illic also said that Handy Ride will be extending Saturday services on 1, 9, 28, 32, and 38 six days a week.

2. FCRTA

Janell Del Campo gave a Powerpoint presentation buses that were purchased and bus stop that were added. Moses Stites also gave a report on the FCRTA.

3. Clovis Transit

Amy Hance reported that Clovis Transit is getting ready to launch a pilot project for an electric bus and are experimenting with cut-away buses.

Amy also informed the committee about the free rides in August and expanded into October which resulted in a 38% increase in ridership.

4. FEOC

Monty Cox reported EOC has had several transitions this year. One was that the Bolt to college project ended. This was a one-year demonstration project.

In terms of their Social Service operations most if not all the social service contracts have been increasing in numbers. The student transportation, disabled transportation and the Senior Transportation service that they provide appears to have all been experiencing an increase in demand. In closing, Monty added that EOC will also, eventually be transitioning to electric buses.

EOC also stated the Veterans Home Shuttle with 30-minute service.

VII. Other Member Items

Yonas Paulos informed the committee with a community announcement and thanked everyone for the transportation.

Please call Todd Sobrado at (559) 621-1532 or by email at harold.sobrado@fresno.gov for more information or to RSVP.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sobrado
\sm