

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Executive Minutes**

**Date:** April 14, 2022  
**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  
Darleen Christensen

Tomas Dulin, Fresno County  
Matthew Gilliam, Fresno County  
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**Others Attending – Via Zoom:**

Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG  
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG  
Brenda Veenendaal, FCOG  
Robert Phipps, FCOG

Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA  
Carolina Ilic, FAX  
Gloria Hensley

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

Moses Stites called the meeting to order at 1:30 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. Minutes from the March 15, 2022 Meeting**

A motion was made by Yonas Paulos and seconded by Mathew Gilliam to approve the March 15, 2022, minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

## **III. Review and Approval of the FY 2022-2023 Draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report (Todd Sobrado) [ACTION]**

Todd Sobrado reported on this item. Fresno COG made progress towards completing the current cycle of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment process. The main product of this important process was the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report attached herein for your review and approval.

An essential element of the Unmet Transit Needs process was public outreach. This year, Fresno COG took a hybrid approach to outreach combining the best of both virtual and in-person meetings.

Regarding virtual outreach, three online meetings were held on ZOOM on Thursday, February 17, 2022, with the evening meeting broadcast on Facebook. Around 10 members of the public joined the Facebook broadcast.

Regarding in-person meetings, six public meetings took place: four in the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area, and two in rural incorporated cities, specifically Kerman and Fowler. The final in-person public meeting took place on Saturday, February 27, 2022, at the offices of Fresno COG. This meeting was held to accommodate the schedules of those stakeholders and transit riders who were not able to participate in events held on weekdays.

Also carried over from last year's UTN cycle was an online survey asking transit riders and stakeholders about their unmet transit needs. Available online in early February through late March, the survey was publicized in email newsletter articles, social media, websites, and Fresno COG and UTN email lists. All comments received this year was through the online survey.

Twelve comments had been received to date. The comments received, transit operator response, whether the comment was an unmet need, reasonable to meet, and if it was a previously recorded start on page 14 of the attached draft UTN Report. Three of the 12 comments received satisfied the definition of an unmet transit needs, with two determined to be "not reasonable to meet."

A summary of the comments received includes:

- Several requests for transit service to Clovis, including Clovis Community College.
- Feedback about FAX routes.
- Comments about service between outlying rural communities and the Fresno metropolitan area.

The Draft FY 2022-2023 Unmet Transit Needs Report was attached. SSTAC members are requested to review the draft report before the UTN meeting on April 14, 2022, in preparation to vote on the report.

This item was changed from an Information Item to an Action Item to have it approved.

A motion was made by Matthew Gilliam and seconded by Amy Hance to approve and forward the draft Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Report for FY 2022-23 to the Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee, and Policy Board. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. **Other Member Items**

- Carolina Ilic shared a Measure C outreach flyer for the upcoming community meetings in the City of Clovis, Kerman and Reedley.
- Moses Stites welcomed Tomas Dulin to Fresno E.O.C.
- Moses Stites also informed the Committee that the FCRTA and FAX are reviewing the Inspiration Park project for services.
- Carolina Ilic also informed the committee that the mask mandate for FAX was extended till May 2022. Also, all Veterans and children under the age of 12 years ride free and the fare for the FAX bus is now one dollar.  
Todd Sobrado informed the committee that on the May agenda Sonia De La Rosa and Sarin Wakimian will need to be discussed as they will need to be replaced on the SSTAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sobrado  
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