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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes

Date: January 21, 2025

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

Darlene Christiansen, FAX via Phone in
Rebecca Donabed, RICV via Phone-in

Others Attending

Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG
Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA
Brenda Thomas, FCOG
Nick Chin, Clovis Transit

David Huff, Caltrans
Jeff Long, FAX/COG
Drew Wilson, Fax

Amy Hance called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 from the June 18, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Yonas Paulos to approve the June 18, 2024, SSTAC meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. FY2025 Fresno COG Unmet Transit Needs Assessment kick-off

Tod Sobrado reported on this item. With the New Year came another cycle of the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Assessment. January's SSTAC meeting served to officially kick off the current cycle of this important process.

Public outreach was an essential and required component of the UTN. This year, the public outreach component of the UTN consisted of virtual and in-person events, an online public survey, and culminating in a public hearing.

Public outreach activities had been scheduled for the second week of February through the first week of March. Tentative details for in-person public outreach in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area satisfying the Urban component of the UTN included:

- Monday, February 24, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Pinedale Community Center in Fresno
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Mosqueda community center in Fresno
- Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Clovis Transit Center in Clovis
- Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Maxie L. Parks Community Center in Fresno

For the Rural in-person component, meetings were being scheduled at Housing Authority properties in Reedley and Kerman. The proposed dates were Tuesday and Thursday on February 18 and 20, 2025, or March 4 and March 6, 2025, at 5:30 PM. Two online virtual events were scheduled for the alternative week to the in-person rural public outreach meetings.

The most popular component of the public outreach process has been the online survey. This year's survey will reuse last year's survey in its entirety and be available in several languages. The online survey remain online through Friday, April 4, 2025.

Public outreach of the Unmet Transit Needs process concludes with a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting.

An essential component of the public outreach process is the stakeholder mailing list. The most recent stakeholder list was shared with the committee on December 10, 2024, with feedback received before the Holidays.

This was an information item.

IV. FY2024 Fresno COG Annual Transit Productivity Evaluation

Under California Public Utilities Code 99244, Fresno COG annually conducted a productivity evaluation to assess transit operators in the region that receive State Transportation Development Act funds and to recommend potential productivity improvements. The evaluation identifies, analyzes, and recommended potential productivity improvements that could lower transit providers' operational costs. If Fresno COG determined that an 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 2024 productivity evaluation assesses the following transit agencies:

1. Fresno Area Express and Handy Ride
2. Clovis Stageline and Roundup
3. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
4. Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies for the metropolitan and rural areas.
 - Jeff Long gave an update on the Productivity Report for 2024 and for FAX and Handy Ride.
 - Bethony Berube gave a report on the Clovis Stageline and Roundup
 - Janelle Del Campo gave a report on FCRTA
 - Thomas Dulin gave a report on EOC

A motion was made by Matthew Gilliam and seconded by Thomas Dulin to accept the FY 2024 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. Membership

With a new cycle of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment comes reappointments. Three appointments expired in June 2024, and one is up next month. The current Chair, Amy Hance, representing Clovis Transit, stepped down at this meeting and appointed Bethany Berube, as her replacement. As a result, the Committee needed to nominate a new Chair. Appointments requiring action included:

Appointment	Resident of / Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Bethany Berube, Clovis Transit	Clovis / Fresno County	1-2027	Caucasian
Chenier Derrick	Fresno / Fresno County	6-2024	African American
Moses Stites, FCRTA	Fresno / Fresno County	2-2025	Hispanic
Yonas Paulos	Fresno / Fresno County	6-2024	Caucasian

There were a few vacancies on the SSTAC. As a result, we encouraged the Committee to discuss SSTAC and the possibility of serving with their qualified friends and acquaintances.

Fresno COG TTC and PAC approve the re-appointments of interested SSTAC members for a 2-year term.

VI. Other Member Items

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32

Respectfully submitted,
 Todd Sobrado
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