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# SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Executive Minutes

**Date:** March 18, 2025

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

Place: COG Conference Room, Second Floor

2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201

Fresno, CA 93721

#### **Members Present**

Moses Stites, FCRTA
Susanna Herrera, City of Clovis
Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate
Thomas Dulin, Fresno EOC Via-Phone in
Matthew Gilliam, Fresno CO.
Rebecca Donabe, RICV Via-Phone in
Lorrena Medibles, Caltrans Via- Phone in
Michael Mendez, RICV
Chenier Derrick, Fresno Co. Via-Phone in

# **Others Attending**

Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG Brenda Thomas, FCOG
Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA Jeff Long, FAX/COG
Stephanie Maxwell

Moses Stites called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

## I. <u>Public Presentations</u>

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 From the March 18, 2025 Meeting

A motion was made by Yonas Paulos and seconded by Matthew Gilliam to approve the March 18, 2025 minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

# III. FY2025 Fresno COG Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Public Update

Tod Sobrado reported on this item. On March 6, 2025, the final in-person public outreach event, with the exception of the public hearing for the FY25 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment (UTN) took place at Fowler Magnolia apartments in Fowler. The in-person public events that were completed to date included:

# Meeting No. 1: Rural Westside Fresno County

5:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 20 Granada Commons Apartments 14570 West California Ave., Kerman, CA 93630

# Meeting No. 2: City of Fresno, No. 1

5:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 24 Pinedale Community Center Computer Lab 7170 N. San Pablo Ave., Pinedale, CA 93650

# Meeting No. 3: City of Fresno, No. 2

5:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 25 Mosqueda Comm. Center Conf. Rm. No. 1 4670 E. Butler Ave., Fresno CA 93702

# Meeting No. 4 - City of Clovis, No. 1

5:30 p.m. Wed., Feb. 26 Clovis Transit Center 785 3rd St., Clovis, CA 93612

#### Meeting No. 5: City of Fresno, No. 3

11 a.m. Sat., March 1 Maxie L. Parks Comm. Center 1802 Cesar Chavez Blvd, Fresno, CA 93706

# Meeting No. 6: Virtual Meeting, No. 1

11 a.m. Tues., March 4

# Meeting No. 7: Rural Eastside Fresno County

5:30 p.m. Thurs., March 6 Fowler Magnolia Apartments 325 E. Vine St., Fowler, CA 93625 The final in-person public outreach event for the current cycle was the public hearing, scheduled for 5:30 PM on **Thursday**, **April 24**, **2025**, at the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting in the Sequoia Room at 2035 Tulare Street, Ste. 201, Fresno, CA 93721.

While in-person public events had largely taken place, transit riders, stakeholders, and members of the public continued to submit their comments and feedback several different ways.

## To Submit Comments Via the UTN Survey

Available online through April 4, stakeholders could complete the survey at:

# https://www.publicinput.com/utn2025

Non-English speaking transit riders could submit their comments in their primary language using the translation widget in the top, right side of the website.

# Other Ways to Complete the Survey

Transit riders could also submit comments via email, text, or voicemail, in English or Spanish. To email staff, use utn2025@publicinput.com.

To submit comments in English, text: Utn25 to 73224. For Spanish, text: Utn25s to 73224.

To leave a voicemail message, call (855) 925-2801, and enter project code '11041', when prompted.

#### Results to date

There were 619 views of the Unmet Transit Needs Survey, leading to 63 participants, and 47 commenters, providing 253 responses, and 110 comments. Several commenters left more than one comment. Last week, transit agencies were provided with an initial list of 34 legitimate comments to review. They were provided with additional relevant comments to review as they became available.

A community outreach hub was also available at <a href="https://publicinput.com/unmet.transit.needs">https://publicinput.com/unmet.transit.needs</a>.

This was an information item.

# IV. Measure C Progress Update

Brenda Thomas gave a report on this item. This was a standing item on the SSTAC agenda, FCOG staff provided the Committee with an update on developments pertaining to Measure C.

This was an information item.

# VI. Other Member Items

None

Metting was adjourned at 2:00

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Sobrado \sm