

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

Final Minutes of the Thursday, January 11, 2007 Meeting

TAMC Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

VOTING MEMBERS	Apr 06	Jun 06	Sep 06	Oct 06	Nov 06	Dec 06	Jan 07
Margarita Zarraga, Chair Community Action Partnership <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	E	P	P	E	C	P	P
Carol Lieberman, Community Action Commission <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Elvia Perez, Visiting Nurse Association's Adult Day Care Services Center <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	-	P	-	E	N	E	-
Denika Dallimore, Vice Chair Central Coast Center for Independent Living <i>Persons with Disabilities</i>	P	P	P	P	C	P	E
Jean Wang, Monterey County Area Agency on Aging-Potential Transit User 60 Years or Older	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Brandy Abend, Salinas Dialysis Center <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	P	P	P	P	L	P	-
Angel Rodriguez, Hope Services <i>Local Social Service Providers for Disabled Persons</i>	-	P	P	-	L	P(A)	P
Bill Morris, Monterey-Salinas Transit <i>Consolidated Transportation Service Agency</i>	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Mary Archer, Monterey-Salinas Transit <i>Consolidated Transportation Service Agency</i>	P	P	-	P	D	P	P
Lance Atencio, MV Transportation <i>Social Service Transportation Provider</i>	P	P	P	P		P	P(A)
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF							
Elouise Rodriguez	P	E	P	P		P	P
Debbie Hale	-			-		E	E
Mike Zeller		P	P	P		P	P
Don Bachman							P
Others Present: Louis Doll, MV Maria Lopez, Hope Services Christina Watson, Transportation Agency Staff							

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Margarita Zarraga, called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS & QUORUM CONFIRMATION

Introductions were made and a quorum was confirmed. Angel Rodriguez, Hope Services, introduced Maria Lopez, Hope Services, as his alternate to the Council.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

3. **BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Lieberman/Wang/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting of December 14, 2006.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

M/S/C Lieberman/Archer/unanimous

The Council appointed Denika Dallimore as the Chair and Jean Wang as Vice Chair for 2007, which would serve a one-year term upon election and discussed committee membership and recruitment efforts. Denika was not present to accept the Chair nomination, but stated earlier that she would have to get authorization from her supervisor before accepting the nomination.

5. **COMMITTEE PHOTO**

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

6. **DRAFT 2007 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Council received a report and provided the following comments on the draft 2007 Legislative Program:

- Add to legislative priority 12S: "Support efforts by the Taxi Authority and/or the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency to provide accessible taxi service".
- Add to legislative priority 2S: "Encourage state to preserve transit funds".

Christina Watson reported that the purpose of the legislative program is to set general principles to guide staff and Board responses to proposed state and federal legislative or budgetary issues. The program also notifies state and federal representatives of the Transportation Agency's position on issues of key importance to the agency.

7. **FY 2006/07 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**

The Council discussed the unmet transit needs process; and reviewed public comments on unmet transit needs. The Council requested more information on the criteria for “Accessible taxi service”

Mike Zeller reported \$3,329,886 is available in Local Transportation Funds for FY 2006-07, pending determination of the findings on unmet transit needs. On February 8, 2006, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council is scheduled to make a recommendation on unmet transit needs to the Transportation Agency Board, according to the nine criteria in the adopted Unmet Transit Needs Definition. Staff is scheduled to present the Board with a recommended finding on Unmet Transit Needs for the FY 2006/07 LTF cycle on March 28, 2006.

8. **MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT RIDES PROGRAM**

The Council received the following report from Bill Morris, Monterey-Salinas Transit, on Monterey-Salinas Transit-RIDES Program:

- Starting on January 27, 2007 Monterey-Salinas Transit will make changes to the peninsula route to provide more direct service and operations efficiency.
- Monterey-Salinas Transit line 16 has extended the hours of transportation from Fort Ord to the to California State University Monterey Bay campus.

9. **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING RELATED ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Margarita Zarraga announced the relocation of the Salinas Social Security Administration office from Alvin Drive to Blanco Circle, and asked if Monterey-Salinas Transit provided bus service to the Blanco Circle location, Bill Morris replied that Line 43 stops in front, outside of the circle.

Carol Lieberman commented on the need for benches at the Fort Ord (12th Street past Imjin at Reservation Road) bus stop.

Jean Wang announced that the Governor proposes taking \$1.1 billion normally dedicated to public transit and spending it on school bus service, transportation for the developmentally disabled and paying down the debt on the \$20 billion in transportation infrastructure bonds approved by voters last fall.

Mary Archer stated that on January 24, 2007 Monterey County Homeless Coalition would be implementing a census on the homeless in Monterey County.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair, Margarita Zarraga announced that the next Social Service Transportation Advisory Council meeting will be held on February 8, 2007, and adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.