

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

Final Minutes of the Thursday, November 8, 2007 Meeting

TAMC Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

VOTING MEMBERS	Jan 07	Feb 07	Apr 07	Jun 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07
Margarita Zarraga, Community Action Partnership <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	P	E	C	P	P	E	P
Carol Lieberman, Community Action Commission <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Elvia Perez, Visiting Nurse Association's Adult Day Care Services Center <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	-	-	N	-	P	E	-
Denika Dallimore, Vice Chair Central Coast Center for Independent Living <i>Persons with Disabilities</i>	E	P	C	P	P	P	P
Jean Wang, Chair Monterey County Area Agency on Aging- <i>Potential Transit User 60 Years or Older</i>	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Brandy Abend, Salinas Dialysis Center <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	-	P	L	P	E	P	E
Angel Rodriguez, Hope Services <i>Local Social Service Providers for Disabled Persons</i>	P	P	L	-	E	-	-
Bill Morris, Monterey-Salinas Transit <i>Consolidated Transportation Service Agency</i>	P	P	E	P	E	P	P
Tom Hicks, Monterey-Salinas Transit <i>Consolidated Transportation Service Agency</i>	P	P	D	-	E	P	P
Lance Atencio, MV Transportation <i>Social Service Transportation Provider</i>		P(A)	P		P	P	P
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF							
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E	E	E	P	E
Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P	-	P	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	-	-	-	P	P	P	P
Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner	-	-	-	P	P	P	P
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	-	P	P	-	P

Others Present:

Katie Axt, AMBAG

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Jean Wang, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was confirmed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/C Zarraga/Lieberman/unanimous

3.1 Approved minutes of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting of October 11, 2007 with the following amendments:

Denika Dallimore proposed a change under item 4 of the October minutes: The City of Soledad should extend hours of operation of Monterey-Salinas Transit, Line 23.

Carole Lieberman proposed a change under item 6 of the October minutes: Remove Widen line 21 (no access for on coming buses can go through) from the comment list.

3.2 Received schedule of meetings for the 2008 calendar year.

3.3 Received information on the sixth annual Transportation Agency Excellence awards to honor individuals, businesses, groups or projects for their efforts to improve the transportation system in Monterey County.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Wang opened the public hearing at 2:49 p.m., and the following public comments were received as follows:

Denika Dallimore asked Andy Cook the status on extending the hours of operation of Monterey-Salinas Transit Line 23. Mr. Cook replied the hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Carol Lieberman commented that Monterey-Salinas Transit Line 21, on Highway 68, from Salinas to the Peninsula is very congested and this issue needs to be looked at.

Denika Dallimore reported that she has circulated the Unmet Transit Needs survey and the agency's Unmet Needs Hearing schedule to the Central Coast Alliance for Health.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 3:54 p.m.

5. **2006-07 SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

M/S/C Lieberman/Morris/unanimous

The Council approved 2006-07 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Annual Report

Andy Cook explained the process of the annual report and discussed the activities, accomplishments and member attendance records of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. He noted that the report gives the Council an opportunity to review its actions over the past year and to develop a plan for its activities in the upcoming year. The Council's activities for Fiscal Year 2006-07 were focused on advising the agency in the unmet transit needs process for the South Monterey County cities and unincorporated Monterey County, and adopting a finding on unmet transit needs for the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Transportation Development Act funding cycle. The Council will continue to be involved with these areas of interest in fiscal year 2007-08, and will also assist the Transportation Agency with the following:

- Unmet Transit Needs
- Reviewing the Agency's program projects and sales tax plan
- Reviewing and approving projects for Federal Transit Administration Section 5210
- Providing input of the Agency's Monterey County Regional Taxi Feasibility Study

Denika Dallimore mentioned that she has asked Teresa Sullivan of Central Coast Alliance for Health, to contact Andy Cook regarding a staff person interested in serving on the Council.

Margarita Zarraga mentioned that Sylvia Ballentine of Adult Services, would also be interested in serving on the Council.

Mike Zeller replied that a standard membership letter from the Agency has to be requested, filled out and returned to the Agency. The Agency will recommend the appointment of the person to the TAMC Board for approval.

In conclusion, Mr. Cook noted that he would bring back the recruitment process and bylaws at a future meeting.

Bill Morris announced that the 5310 program has been postponed. He noted that six of twenty-three Monterey-Salinas Transit Rides vehicles have reached their useful life. New vehicles will not be available until mid 2009.

Katie Axt reported that AMBAG is gathering information from each Regional Transportation Agency for the Coordinated Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The document will be distributed to the Agencies for review and comment. Ms.Axt noted the need for continuous collaboration between Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties to help provide transportation solutions for people with mobility needs.

6. RECEIVED REPORTS ON MST RIDES ADVISORY PROGRAM

The Council received a report from Bill Morris, Monterey-Salinas Transit, on Monterey-Salinas Transit-RIDES Program. Mr. Morris announced the Monterey-Salinas Transit Rides Advisory Committee has increased membership from five to seven members, but is looking for a couple more members to serve on the committee. Mr. Morris mentioned that at the last MST Rides Advisory meeting the biggest action was to agree and endorse the free fixed route fare. This will help customers traveling locally by calling a toll-free number and scheduling a ride. He also noted that the free fixed route fare would be taken to the MST Board of Directors meeting on November 19, 2007 for approval. If approved the Rides clients will be notified by mail.

Tom Hicks announced that MST would be opening a Mobility Management Center in downtown Monterey. He noted that they have had several delays but hope to open in the first quarter of the 2008-year. In conclusion, Mr. Hicks mentioned MST is working on bringing 511-telephone service to the Monterey County, but it is a multi county effort between Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties.

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

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair, Jean Wang announced that the next Social Service Transportation Advisory Council meeting will be held on January 10, 2008 and adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.