

Others Present:

Katie Axt, AMBAG

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Denika Dallimore, called the meeting to order at 3:10 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 February 14, 2008 with the following clarification of the unmet transit needs finding language in item 5: ***“Extended hours for transit service operated by the City of Soledad to coordinate with the MST Line 23 schedule”***.

3.2 Received report on recommended unmet transit needs finding for Fiscal Year 2008-09 to the Transportation Agency Board of Directors with language change noted in item 3.1 above.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **COORDINATED TRANSIT-HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Council reviewed and commented on the Draft Monterey Bay Area Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the latest Federal Transportation funding legislation requires transportation planning agencies to prepare a Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan to address planning of social services or special needs transportation and coordination of services.

The Council requested that language in the Draft Coordinated Plan be reviewed for use of correct terminology, and specifically that references to handicapped or disabled individuals be deleted and replaced with the term “persons with disabilities.”

Mr. Cook noted that comments on the plan will be accepted by AMBAG until April 28, 2008.

5. “2-1-1”TELEPHONE INFORMATION PROGRAM

Tom Hicks reported that Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) is working with United Way Monterey County to develop and implement a “2-1-1 telephone information program to improve access to social services. The program is designed to improve access to a broad range of social services including but not limited to, rest assistance, food banks, affordable housing, health resources, childcare, financial literacy, job training programs, and transportation.

Bill Morris asked if the 2-1-1 telephone information would be giving a number or transferring the calls.

Denika Dallimore asked if there would be Text Telephone (TTY) service available. Tom Hicks replied that it is one of the components and also having a multi language line.

M/S/C Lieberman/ Zarraga /unanimous

The Council recommended that the Board of Directors approve a letter of support to the United Way of Monterey County for implementation of a 2-1-1 call service in Monterey County that includes information on available social services transportation providers, like the MST-RIDES program.

6. MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TAXI FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Council received a verbal report on Monterey County Regional Taxi Feasibility Study.

Andy Cook reported that the Agency is in the process of preparing the Draft Regional Taxi Study in concert with participating jurisdictions and that the draft study would be presented to the Council at its next meeting.

Mr. Morris announced that he reported that MST has provided some MST Rides clients with free fair identification cards that must be presented at the time they board fixed-route vehicles.

Lance Atencio announced that starting in May 2008 only those who are eligible through the Central Coast Alliance would be able to use medical reimbursed medical patients who need priority transportation operated by MV Transportation.

7. MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT RIDES ADVISORY PROGRAM AND COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGENCY ACTIVITIES

Bill Morris, MST Contract Transportation Manager, reported that MST has provided MST RIDES clients with identification cards that must be presented at the time they board vehicles.

Lance Atencio, MV Transportation, announced that starting in May 2008 only those who are eligible through the Central Coast Alliance would be allowed to use MST RIDES service operated by MV Transportation. He noted that fuel costs are increasing.

Tom Hicks, Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, reported that the Monterey-Salinas Transit would be looking for better ways to schedule rides, possibly based on zip codes.

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

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair, Denika Dallimore announced that the next Social Service Transportation Advisory Council meeting will be held on June 12, 2008 and adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

