

**TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

*Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)*

Final Minutes of the Thursday, January 10, 2008 Meeting

TAMC Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Apr 07</b>	<b>Jun 07</b>	<b>Sep 07</b>	<b>Oct 07</b>	<b>Nov 07</b>	<b>Jan 08</b>
Margarita Zarraga, Community Action Partnership <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	E	<b>C</b>	P	P	E	P	E
Carol Lieberman, Community Action Commission <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	P	<b>A</b>	P	P	P	P	P
Elvia Perez, Visiting Nurse Association's Adult Day Care Services Center <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	-	<b>N</b>	-	P	E	-	E
Denika Dallimore, Vice Chair Central Coast Center for Independent Living <i>Persons with Disabilities</i>	P	<b>C</b>	P	P	P	P	P
Jean Wang, Chair Monterey County Area Agency on Aging- <i>Potential Transit User 60 Years or Older</i>	P	<b>E</b>	P	P	P	P	P
Brandy Abend, Salinas Dialysis Center <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	P	<b>L</b>	P	E	P	E	-
Angel Rodriguez, Hope Services <i>Local Social Service Providers for Disabled Persons</i>	P	<b>L</b>	-	E	-	-	-
Bill Morris, Monterey-Salinas Transit <i>Consolidated Transportation Service Agency</i>	P	<b>E</b>	P	E	P	P	P
Tom Hicks, Monterey-Salinas Transit <i>Consolidated Transportation Service Agency</i>	P	<b>D</b>	-	E	P	P	P
Lance Atencio, MV Transportation <i>Social Service Transportation Provider</i>	P(A)			P	P	P	P
E – Excused                      VC – Video Conference A – Alternate                    TC – Teleconference							
<b>TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF</b>							
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E		E	E	P	E	E
Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner	P		P	P	P	P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	-		P	P	P	P	P
Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner	-		P	P	P	P	P
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P		P	P	E	P	P

**Others Present:**

Katie Axt, AMBAG

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Jean Wang, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was confirmed.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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**3. BEGINNING OF CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S/C Lieberman /Dallimore/unanimous

**3.1** Approved minutes of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting of November 8, 2007 with the following amendments:

Jean Wang proposed a change under item 5 of the November minutes: Teresa Sullivan of Alliance on Aging, to contact Andy Cook regarding a staff person interested in serving on the Council.

Bill Morris proposed a change under item 6 of the November minutes: Mr. Morris Announced the Monterey-Salinas Transit Rider Advisory Committee has increased **allowable**-membership from five to seven members. Also, remove **This will help customers traveling locally by calling a toll free number and scheduling a ride.**

**3.2** Received final 2008 Legislative Program.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**4. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 FUNDING**

The Council discussed the unmet transit needs process; and reviewed public comments on unmet transit needs.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported California state law requires the Transportation Agency to make a finding on Unmet Transit Needs prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds. The current unmet needs process has identified several potential transit improvements that are possibly "Reasonable to Meet" with several other identified needs either already planned or being studied for possible future service. On February 14, 2008, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council is scheduled to make a finding and recommendation on unmet transit needs to the Transportation Agency Board, according to the nine criteria in the adopted Unmet Transit Needs Definition.

With respect to comments received regarding accessible taxi service, Carol Lieberman commented that all taxi companies should charge the same fees for taxi service.

Ms. Dallimore noted that there is a need for transportation services in Aromas. She also noted

that if the services are developed, they should be advertised and published in North Monterey County.

Carole Lieberman mentioned it would be helpful if MST would post bus route and fare information at the bus stops because some people do not have access to phone and internet services.

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

The Council reviewed and commented on the draft Monterey Bay Area Coordinated 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 Human Services Transportation Plan to address planning of social services or special needs transportation and coordination of services. The coordinated plan for Monterey County has been prepared in coordination with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG). AMBAG must adopt a plan before Federal Transit Grant funding can be allocated to transit operators. Mr. Cook advised that the draft plan will be distributed in February and provided to the committee at the next SSTAC meeting for the Council's review.

Denika Dallimore noted that a "door-to-door" paratransit service would be helpful to persons with disabilities.

**6. MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT RIDES ADVISORY PROGRAM**

The Council received a report on MST-RIDES Advisory Program and Coordinated Transportation Services Agency activities.

Bill Morris reported that that there was no meeting in December due to lack of a quorum. He noted that MST has been receiving good grades from the RIDES passengers. Mr. Morris also noted that the fixed route services are posted on all the RIDES vehicles. In conclusion, he noted that all of the drivers now carry identification cards.

Tom Hicks mentioned that MST is working with Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) for funding and feasibility for the 511 one-stop services. Mr. Hicks also added that the Social Services are working on a 211 service, which will help those finding housing, after-school programs and childcare.

**7. COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The election of Council Chair and Vice-Chair for 2008, and discussion of committee membership and recruitment efforts was postponed to the Council's February meeting.

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

Jean Wang announced her resignation to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council. She also noted that she had also resigned from the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Council. Ms. Wang mentioned that the AAA is looking at recruiting new members to serve.

Denika Dallimore announced that she had received a Transportation Excellence Award letter recognizing Lance Atencio for his outstanding contribution on improving transportation in Monterey County. The award ceremony will take place on January 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. during the regularly scheduled Transportation Agency for Monterey County Board Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Salinas Community Center in the Santa Lucia Room at 940 North Main Street in Salinas.

**9. TAKE COUCIL GROUP PHOTO FOR 2008**

The photo will be taken at a future date.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair, Jean Wang announced that the next Social Service Transportation Advisory Council meeting will be held on February 14, 2008 and adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.