

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

Final Minutes of the Thursday, April 2, 2009 Meeting

TAMC Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

VOTING MEMBERS	Jun 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09
Margarita Zarraga, Community Action Partnership <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	P	P	P	P	C	P	P
Carol Lieberman, Vice Chair Community Action Commission <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Teresa Sullivan, Alliance on Aging (Tim English) <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	E	E	P(A)	P	N	P	P(A)
Denika Boardman, Central Coast Center for Independent Living <i>Persons with Disabilities</i>	P	P	P	E	C	P	P
Marcie Castro, Area Agency on Aging <i>Potential Transit User 60 Years or Older</i>	-	-	-	-	E	P	P
Brandy Abend, Salinas Dialysis Center <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	P	P	E	-	L	-	E
Michael Gallant, Monterey-Salinas Transit <i>Consolidated Transportation Service Agency</i>					L		
Tom Hicks, Monterey-Salinas Transit, Chair <i>Consolidated Transportation Service Agency</i>	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Lance Atencio, MV Transportation (Brent Boardman) <i>Social Service Transportation Provider</i>	P	P(A)	P	P	D	P	P(A)
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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF							
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	P	E	E	E		E	E
Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner	P	E	P	E		P	P
Maria Montiel, Administrative Assistant	P	P	P	P		P	P
Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner	P	P	P	P		P	P
Don Bachman, Deputy Executive Director	P	P	P	P		P	P

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Gallant, Monterey-Salinas Transit

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Tom Hicks, called the meeting to order at 3:07 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 March 5, 2009.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FINDING

M/S/C Boardman/Lieberman/unanimous

Abstained: Hicks - *Conflict of interest.*

The Council recommended that the Board of Directors adopt an unmet transit need finding that increased service, up to hourly weekday service on Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Line 23 is reasonable to meet.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported California state law requires the Transportation Agency make a finding on Unmet Transit Needs prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds to any jurisdiction for streets and roads projects or other eligible purposes.

Agency staff is recommending that additional weekday service on Monterey-Salinas Transit Line 23 between King City and Salinas up to hourly service on weekdays is reasonable to meet. Hourly weekday service on MST's line 23 addresses ridership growth and demand on this route, as well as safety issues due to overcrowding on the existing Line 23 trips, even during non-peak hours. He noted the additional service would not be established until the beginning of 2010. No additional funding for streets and roads projects will likely be available to the South County cities in the 2010-11 Fiscal Year and thereafter. The County would continue to have a funding balance for streets and roads projects based on its apportionment. In conclusion, Mr. Cook noted that MST will closely monitor ridership data to fine-tune for the schedule and costs for the service.

5. **ANNUAL TRANSIT PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008**

M/S/C Lieberman/Castro/unanimous

The Council recommended that Board of Directors approve the 2008 Annual Transit Performance Report for presentation to the Board of Directors and distribution to the transit operators in Monterey County.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Agency is responsible for monitoring the performance of the local transit operators. The Agency prepares the Annual Transit Performance Report in response to a recommendation of the 2005 Triennial Performance Audit and state requirements to monitor and assist local transit operators with transit system performance. He noted that the report provides the Agency with another means to monitor transit systems performance and compliance with state law in the years between the state mandated triennial performance audits. The Annual Transit Performance Report provides the most recent financial and operating data from the transit operators, as well as a report on progress made towards responding to the recommendations in the most recent triennial performance audit.

In conclusion, Mr. Cook reported that the Agency and the transit operators have all taken actions to address the audit findings, although King City Transit's fare box recovery ratio continues to be below the minimum threshold required by state law. A recommendation made in the 2008 Triennial Performance Audit was for the transit operators to consider consolidating their services with MST to improve performance and efficiency.

6. **CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS**

The Council approved the call for projects for Federal Transit Administration grant programs.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant program is available to private nonprofit corporations or public agencies to obtain grants for vehicles or other capital purchases that will be used to provide services to meet the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities. He noted that the process is competitive, requiring that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) score and prioritize eligible regional projects prior to statewide review by a Caltrans committee

In conclusion, Andy Cook announced that applications are due to the Agency on June 5, 2009. The Agency is responsible for reviewing and preliminary scoring of the grant applications for Monterey County and would need Council member volunteers to help score the applications.

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

Tom Hicks of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency announced a Mobility Management Workshop will be held on April 20 – 21, 150 Del Monte Avenue, Monterey. If you need more information please contact Tom Hicks or visit the calact.org website.

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

Marcie Castro announced that they had a public hearing in Prunedale on “The Area Plan”. Ms. Castro noted the following comments the Council discussed from the Prunedale residents: two residents called MST Rides to schedule a ride one from Dolan Road and another from Moss Landing and the calls were outside of MST service area.

Mike Gallant replied that the individual needs to be certified to use the RIDES program and can contact the eligibility specialist at MST for more information on the qualifications.

Carol Lieberman asked if the need for taxis would ever be an unmet transit need. Andy Cook replied that no LTF funding would apply to this unmet need, but that the Agency was working with MST and the county jurisdictions to address this need by establishing a regional taxi authority, purchasing accessible taxis, and requiring that these vehicles be put into service.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Tom Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.