

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

Draft Minutes of the Thursday, June 4, 2009 Meeting

TAMC Conference Room

55-B Plaza Circle, Salinas

VOTING MEMBERS	Sep 08	Oct 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	Jun 09
Margarita Zarraga, Community Action Partnership <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	P	P	P	C	P	P	E
Carol Lieberman, Vice Chair Community Action Commission <i>Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means</i>	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Teresa Sullivan, Alliance on Aging (Tim English) <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	E	P(A)	P	N	P	P(A)	P
Denika Boardman, Central Coast Center for Independent Living <i>Persons with Disabilities</i>	P	P	E	C	P	P	E
Marcie Castro, Area Agency on Aging <i>Potential Transit User 60 Years or Older</i>	-	-	-	E	P	P	P
Brandy Abend, Salinas Dialysis Center <i>Local Social Service Providers for Seniors</i>	P	E	-	L	-	E	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>	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Lance Atencio, MV Transportation (Brent Boardman) <i>Social Service Transportation Provider</i>	P(A)	P	P	D	P	P(A)	P
E – Excused VC – Video Conference A – Alternate TC – Teleconference							
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY STAFF							
Debbie Hale, Executive Director	E	E	E		E	E	E
Mike Zeller, Associate Transportation Planner	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
Hank Myers, Associate Transportation Planning Engineer	-	-	-		-	-	P

OTHERS PRESENT

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Tom Hicks, 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 Castro/Lieberman/unanimous

Council member Carol Lieberman pulled item 3.2 for discussion.

- 3.1 Approved minutes of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting of March 5, 2009 with the following clarifications of the receive reports from Council members regarding related items not on the agenda item 8: Marcie Castro announced that they had a public hearing in Prundale on **“The Area Plan”**. Ms. Castro noted the following comments the Council discussed from the Prundale 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 the MST service area.**

- 3.2 Council member Carol Lieberman pulled this item.
Received report on Assembly Bill 644 (Caballero): Monterey-Salinas Transit District Act.

M/S/C Castro/Sullivan/unanimous

Abstain: Hicks

AB 644 (Caballero) would allow Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to become a transit district, which would enable them to seek bond funding for projects or raise local tax revenues, subject to voter approval, for operations and other purposes. The South Monterey County cities have requested membership on the MST Board as a condition of their support for the Bill, which was modified to include this provision. The effect of the bill as revised will most likely result in the South County cities allocating all of their Local Transportation Funding to MST for public transit, leaving the County of Monterey as the only jurisdiction still subject to the unmet transit needs process.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. **FISCAL YEAR 2009–10 UNMET TRANSIT NEED FINDING**

The Council received a report on Fiscal Year 2009 - 10 unmet transit needs finding.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that Agency staff recommended to the Board that 90-min service on Line 23 be implemented in September, 2009 to address safety issues and the need for more trips as soon as possible while a South Monterey County Transit Integration Study is prepared to make recommendations on transit improvements in 2010-11. MST agreed to submit an Air District grant application to fund the study. The Agency agreed to reserve Local Transportation Funds for the study unless other funds are secured for this cost. The committee adopted its recommendation for Line 23 service in April, which supported additional service up to hourly service on weekdays pending agreement between the Agency,

MST and the jurisdictions on the level of service to be provided. Consensus was reached between the Agency and the jurisdictions on the need for additional service. The jurisdictions, however, requested that the Agency work with MST to provide more data on ridership to document the need for the additional service, and consider a phase-approach to adding service. In conclusion Andy Cook reported that the South County cities, MST and Agency agreed to allocate funding to prepare a comprehensive operational analysis of South Monterey County transit services in 2009-2010 to evaluate Line 23 ridership and integrate/consolidate the South County dial-a-ride services to better coordinate with Line 23 and maximize ridership.

5. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 PROGRAM

The Council received an update on Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 application cycle; and considered appointing a subcommittee to assist staff in scoring applications.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that Caltrans has issued its annual call for projects for the Federal Transit Administration grant programs, including the Section 5310 program for transportation serving the elderly and persons with disabilities. This program allows private nonprofit corporations or public agencies to obtain grants for vehicles or other capital purchases that will be used to provide services to these groups. He also announced that Agency is moving the application deadline to June 12, 2009 to allow more time for application to be completed. The total funding estimated to be available through the Section 5310 program statewide is \$12.6 million. This amount is slightly more than what was allocated last year. Although more funding is available, the grant program is likely to be more competitive this year given a higher number of applicants that are expected to apply statewide. In conclusion Andy Cook noted that the applications must be submitted to Caltrans or postmarked by Friday, September 4, 2009 to consider for funding through this program.

Committee member Marcie Castro and Carol Lieberman volunteered to serve on the regional evaluation committee to assist Agency staff in scoring applications if needed by staff.

6. 2010 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Council reviewed and commented on goals and objectives for incorporation into the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan.

Andy Cook, Associate Transportation Planner, reported that Agency staff is preparing a minor update to Regional Transportation Plan that brings it in line with the latest project development and funding assumptions. Federal regulations require the Regional Transportation Plans for the Monterey Bay region be updated by June 2010. A more substantial update will be necessary in 2012 to reflect the actual greenhouse gas targets set by the Air Resources Board as required in SB 375. Agency staff is requesting council input on the policy language pertaining to public transit and accessibility included in the plan.

Agency staff recommended that additional language be added to the plan based on the

strategies and projects identified in the Monterey Bay Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan prepared by AMBAG. A new policy would articulate the Agency's continued support for a Regional Taxi Authority and efforts to implement accessible taxis and expanded taxi scrip programs, implementation of shuttles for residents of senior communities and dialysis patients, expansion of Monterey County's 2-1-1 social services telephone directory service, and expansion of Monterey County's agricultural workforce.

In conclusion Andy Cook mentioned if anyone has comments on the Regional Transportation Plan please send them in writing or via-email. The Draft 2010 Regional Transportation Plan will be provided to the committee for review. The final plan must be adopted by the Agency by May of 2010.

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

Tom Hicks, Monterey-Salinas Transit Rides Advisory Program and Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Activities reported that MST is proposing to form a new CTSA Advisory Committee (to be named the Mobility Advisory Committee) and reconstitute the RIDES Advisory Committee as a subcommittee. MST is seeking approval from the MST Board. Mr. Hicks also announced that MST received several grants and are waiting for final approval from the Federal Transit Administration.

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

Carol Lieberman asked for a status on the Federal Stimulus funding. Hank Myers, Associate Transportation Planning Engineer noted that staff sent out a memo for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's call for federal infrastructure stimulus package projects to the City Managers. The Agency announced that in order to meet the short timeline requirements the projects need to be ready to construct. If you need more information please visit the Transportation Agency website at tamcmonterey.org

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Tom Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.