

Social Service Transportation Advisory Council

MINUTES

DATE

Thursday, November 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council held Thursday, November 17, 2022 via Zoom and was called to order by Chair, Frank Simonis, at 9:03 am.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Simonis, Chair, Potential Transit User Who Is Disabled
Rosalind Esqueda, Representative of a Transit Provider
Ellen Moy, Representative of a Transit Provider, Madera County
Bertha Vega, Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
Vincent Parker, Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Disabled
Michelle Hernandez, Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Seniors
Olga Olivia Saucedo-Garcia, Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Seniors

STAFF PRESENT:

Nicholas Dybas, Madera County Transportation Commission
Evelyn Espinosa, Madera County Transportation Commission
Jeff Findley, Madera County Transportation Commission
Troy McNeil, Madera County Transportation Commission

VISITORS PRESENT:

Monty Cox, County of Madera
Rebecca Donabed, Resources for Independence Central Valley

I: Call to Order

Meeting started at 9:03 AM.

II: Public Comment

No public comment received.

III: Approve Minutes of the May 16, 2022 SSTAC Meeting

Approved 7-0.

IV: Approve Minutes of the August 2, 2022 SSTAC Meeting

Approved 7-0.

V. Unmet Transit Needs Comment Analysis

There were no actions taken during this meeting. The SSTAC identified which comments were UTN from the full list included with the agenda. Four comments were found to be UTN. These will be forwarded to

the relevant transit agencies for internal analysis. The agencies will then provide that information to the SSTAC to make a determination according to the “Reasonable to Meet” criteria. The recommendation will be shared with the MCTC Board along with any future comments after the analysis. Transit-related comments will be forwarded to the proper Agency.

VI. UTN Outreach at Pomegranate Festival

MCTC tabled alongside Madera Metro at the Pomegranate, Fruit, and Nut Festival held at the Madera Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 5. MCTC intends to have more outreach events in the future. Frank suggested the Oakhurst Fall Festival in October. Collaborations between agencies and MCTC were also considered.

VII. Discuss Future Meetings

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 9:00 am was tentatively selected as the time for the next meeting. As the emergency declaration under AB 361 is ending, future meetings cannot be virtual per the Brown Act. Reasonable accommodation is being considered for those who experience difficulty in attending in person. The election of Chair and Vice Chair will occur at the next meeting. The Unmet Transit Needs process will begin at the next meeting.

VIII. Miscellaneous

Bertha Vega has become the newest member of the SSTAC, replacing Anabel Miranda for Madera County Workforce. Rebecca Donabed has submitted an application to the SSTAC. There are no applicable positions currently available, but her application will be kept on file.

IX: Adjournment

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:12 AM