



ITEM 3

SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council was held Tuesday, September 9, 2025, and was called to order by Chair Frank Simonis, at 12:03 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Simonis, Chair, Potential Transit User Who Has a Disability – appeared via Zoom
Bertha Vega, Vice Chair, Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
Lynda Schafhauser, Potential Transit User Who is 60 Years of Age or Older
Monty Cox, Social Service Transportation Provider for Older Adults
Raeanne Jain, Social Service Provider for Persons with Disabilities
Cynthia Ortegon, Potential Transit User Who Has a Disability
Franklina Bogan, Potential Transit User Who is 60 Years of Age or Older
Mattie Mendez, Social Service Provider for Older Adults
Olga Garcia, Social Service Provider for Older Adults

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

MCTC STAFF PRESENT:

Evelyn Espinosa, Senior Regional Planner
Jeff Findley, Principal Regional Planner
Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner

VISITORS PRESENT:

Andrea Uribe, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Policy Advocate

*appeared after roll call

1. Roll Call

At 12:03 pm, Chair Frank Simonis called the meeting to order and instructed that roll call for attendance be taken. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approve Minutes of April 29, 2025, Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Meeting

Bertha Vega moved to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2025, Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Meeting.

Seconded by Frank Simonis.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Frank Simonis, Raeanne Jain, Lynda Schafhauser, Monty Cox, Mattie Mendez, Cynthia Ortegon, Franklina Bogan, Bertha Vega, Olga Garcia

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Election of Officers

Mattie Mendez nominated the current Chair, Frank Simonis, and the current Vice Chair, Bertha Vega, to continue serving in their respective offices for FY 2025–2026.

Seconded by Cynthia Ortegon.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Frank Simonis, Raeanne Jain, Lynda Schafhauser, Monty Cox, Mattie Mendez, Cynthia Ortegon, Bertha Vega, Franklina Bogan, Olga Garcia

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Unmet Transit Needs FY 2026-2027

Senior Regional Planner, Evelyn Espinosa reported that MCTC is initiating the FY 2026–27 Unmet Transit Needs process, since MCTC Policy Board gave staff approval to move the process from the spring to the fall. As the TDA administrator, MCTC will solicit public comments beginning in August and will hold the required public hearing on October 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Staff will also attend several community events in August through October to gather input. Multiple avenues for submitting comments are available, including phone, mail, email, and an online survey.

6. Announcements

SSTAC member, Cynthia Ortegon announced that Madera Metro will be releasing an app during the month of September for riders to access route and bus location information.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Frank Simonis at 12:23 PM.