

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

2022



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OVERVIEW

- The unmet transit needs process is an annual review of transit needs of individuals or groups.
- Public hearings are held on an annual basis to determine unmet needs and receive comments from the public.
- Unmet transit needs comments are also received and analyzed throughout the year.

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) FUNDS

- As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Madera County, MCTC is responsible for the administration of the TDA funds.
- TDA funds, which are funded through 1/4 percent of the statewide sales tax, are the primary funding source for most transit systems.
- The Unmet Transit Needs assessment is developed to ensure that all unmet transit needs that are “reasonable to meet” are met before funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

- MCTC holds one public hearing annually during its regularly scheduled Board Meeting in April.
- The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) submits an annual unmet needs finding to the MCTC Board at the May Board Meeting.
- Notice of the hearing, including the date, place, and specific purpose of the hearing is given at least 30 days in advance through publication in a newspaper of general circulation.
- Spanish interpretation is provided at the public hearings.

SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL - ROLE

- To forward a recommendation to the MCTC Policy Board regarding transit need and issues

SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL - RESPONSIBILITIES

- Annually participate in the identification of transit needs in Madera County, including unmet transit needs that may exist within Madera County and that may be reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation or specialized transportation services or by expanding existing services.
- Annually review and recommend action by MCTC Policy Board for the area within Madera County which finds by resolution, that (A) there are no unmet transit needs, (B) there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, or (C) there are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.
- Advise the MCTC on any other major transit issues, including the coordination and consolidation of specialized transportation services.

DEFINITION OF AN UNMET NEED

- Requests for transit service must meet the adopted definition of an unmet need.
- The Madera County Transportation Commission has determined that its definition of the term “unmet transit needs” includes all essential trip requests by transit-dependent persons for which there is no other convenient means of transportation.
- Examples of an unmet transit need include:
 - Evening service and weekend service on CATX
 - Extend service to Saturday and Sunday on Metro
 - Metro service on Sunday’s for church goers.

DETERMINING IF AN UNMET NEED IS REASONABLE TO MEET

- A transit need must pass the “reasonable to meet” definition.
- The Commission has determined that its definition of the term “reasonable to meet” shall apply to all related public or specialized transportation services that:
 1. Are feasible;
 2. Have community acceptance;
 3. Serve a significant number of the population;
 4. Are economical; and
 5. Can demonstrate cost effectiveness by having a ratio of fare revenues to operating costs at least equal to 10 percent.

SSTAC RECOMMENDED NEW UTM DEFINITION

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS: The term “unmet transit needs” includes all essential trip requests by transit-dependent persons for which there are no other convenient means of transportation.

REASONABLE TO MEET: The term “reasonable to meet” shall apply to public or specialized transportation services that meet the following minimum criteria:

Feasibility

The proposed service can be provided with available Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding and/or other funding sources (per State law, the lack of available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet).

Sufficient ridership potential exists for new, expanded, or revised transit services.

The proposed transit service will be safe and comply with local, State and federal law.

Community Acceptance

The proposed transit service has community support from the general public, community groups, and/or community leaders.

Benefit to Population

The proposed transit service serves a significant number of residents where it is needed and would benefit the general public and/or senior and disabled persons as a whole.

Cost-Effective

The proposed transit service will not affect the ability of the overall system of the implementing agency or agencies to meet the applicable transit system performance objectives or the State farebox ratio requirement after any exemption(s) period(s) if the service is eligible for an exemption(s).

Consistent with Intent of Existing Transit Service(s)

Once established, the proposed transit service will not abuse or obscure the intent of existing transit service(s).

PROPOSED CHANGES COMPARISON CHART

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

SSTAC Recommended Definition

The Madera County Transportation Commission adopted the following definitions for its Unmet Transit Needs process:

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS: The term “unmet transit needs” includes all essential trip requests by transit-dependent persons for which there are no other convenient means of transportation.

Updated Proposed Definition

The Madera County Transportation Commission adopted the following definitions for its Unmet Transit Needs process:

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS: An unmet transit need is an expressed or identified need that is not currently being met through existing public transportation services. An unmet transit need also is a need required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

PROPOSED CHANGES COMPARISON CHART

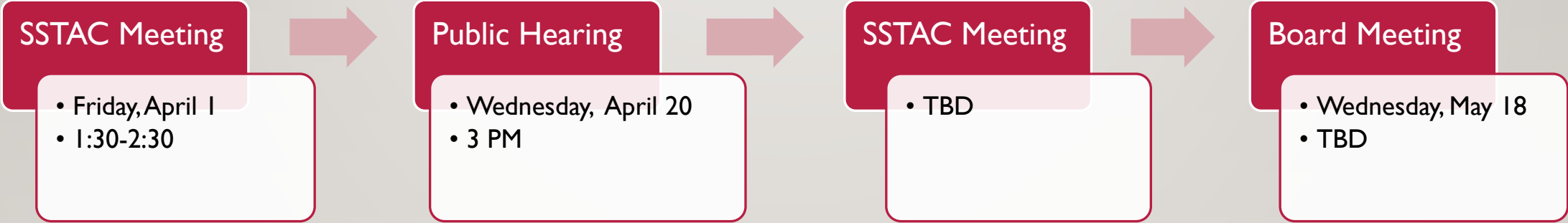
COST-EFFECTIVE

SSTAC Recommended Definition	Updated Proposed Definition
<p>The proposed transit service will not affect the ability of the overall system of the implementing agency or agencies to meet the applicable transit system performance objectives or the State farebox ratio requirement after any exemption(s) period(s) if the service is eligible for an exemption(s).</p>	<p>The proposed transit service will not affect the ability of the overall system of the implementing agency or agencies to meet applicable transit system performance objectives or the State farebox ratio requirement after any exemption(s) period(s) if the service is eligible for an exemption(s).</p>
	<p>The proposed transit service, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator to incur expenditures in excess of the maximum amount of LTF, STA, FTA funds, and fare revenues and local support.</p>

PROPOSED CHANGES COMPARISON CHART CONSISTENT WITH INTENT OF EXISTING TRANSIT SERVICE (S) AND PLANS

SSTAC Recommended Definition	Updated Proposed Definition
Once established, the proposed transit service will not abuse or obscure the intent of existing transit service(s).	Once established, the proposed transit service will not abuse or obscure the intent of existing transit service(s).
	The proposed transit need should be in conformance with the goals included in the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, and consistent with the intent of the goals of the adopted Short Range Transit Plan.

TIMELINE



COMMENT CARDS

2022 Unmet Transit Needs Comment Form



Name*: _____
Email: _____
City*: _____ Phone Number: _____

1. Which transit system(s) are you requesting improvements to?*
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Madera Area Express (MAX) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dial-A-Ride (DAR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Madera County Connection (MCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chowchilla Area Transit Express (CATX) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Madera County Senior Bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Madera County Escort Service |
- Other (please specify)
2. Describe the transit improvement(s) you are requesting. To effectively evaluate your comment, please provide the nearest cross street (or area of town where you live), your destination, day of the week, and approximate time of day that you are interest in making your trip.*

*Response Required

Your comments will be compiled in a report on Unmet Transit Needs. If you would like to be contacted regarding your comment please provide your name, phone number and/or email address. Please return form to Evelyn Espinosa via email at evelyn@maderactc.org or mail 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637.

2022 Necesidades Insatisfechas de Transporte Público Formulario para Comentarios



Nombre*: _____
Correo electrónico: _____
Ciudad*: _____ Número de Teléfono: _____

1. ¿A qué sistema de transporte está solicitando mejoras?*
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Madera Area Express (MAX) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dial-A-Ride (DAR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Madera County Connection (MCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chowchilla Area Transit Express (CATX) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Madera County Senior Bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Madera County Escort Service |
- Otro (por favor especifique)
2. Describa las mejoras de transporte público que necesita. Para poder evaluar su comentario efectivamente, por favor provea el cruce de calle más cercano (o el área de la ciudad donde vive), a donde se dirige, día de la semana, y aproximadamente a que hora desea hacer su viaje.*

*Respuesta es requerida

Sus comentarios serán presentados en un informe de Necesidades Insatisfechas de Transporte Público. Si desea ser contactado acerca de su comentario por favor de su nombre, número de teléfono y/o correo electrónico. Por favor devuelva este formulario a: evelyn@maderactc.org o por correo a: 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201, Madera, CA 93637.

SSTAC APPLICATION



MADERA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Application for Appointment as member of
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
(SSTAC)

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
Street City Zip Code

WORK ADDRESS: _____
Street City Zip Code

PHONE: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

EMAIL: _____

Request to Represent:

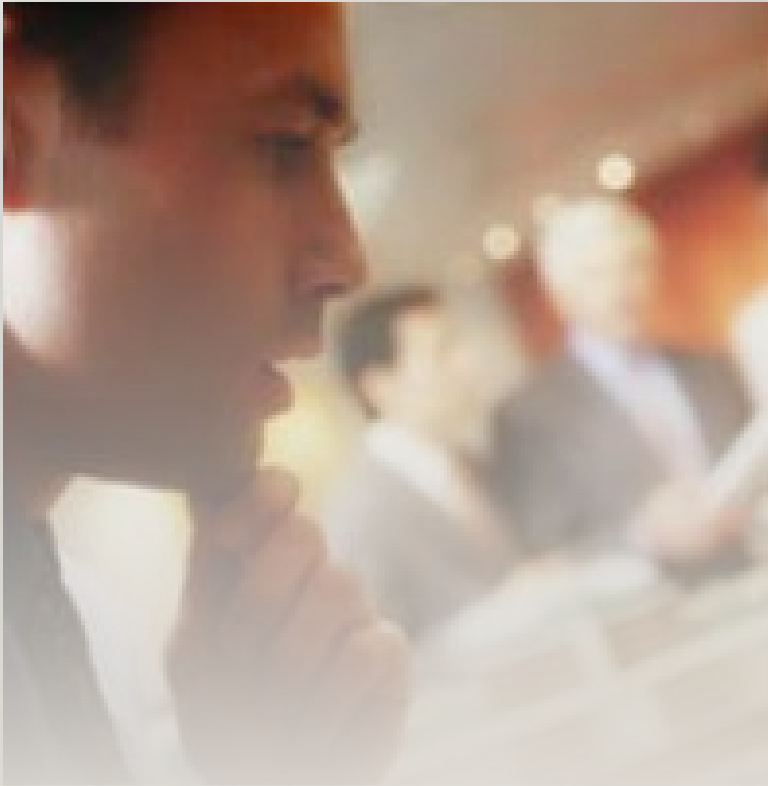
- Potential Transit User 60 Years or Older
- Local Social Service Provider for Seniors
- Potential Transit User Who Is Disabled
- Representative of the Local Service Provider for Disabled
- Representative of a Local Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
- Representative from the Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency

Describe why you wish to serve as a member on the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council.
(Use additional space if needed)

Provide any additional information you believe will be helpful during the applicant review process.
(Use additional space if needed)

Signature: _____

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS



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