

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
SSTAC

July 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Chairman Bill Tracy.

Also in attendance were:

Doreen Schmidt with Area 12; Betty Kibble with Caltrans District 10; John Schulz with Storer Transit Systems; Mike Pierce with DRAIL; Martha Golay with ATCAA; Tyler Summersett; Sr. Transportation Planner, Alex Padilla; Transportation Planner and Denise Bergamaschi; Administrative Technician.

2. Approval of the Approval of the January 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Doreen Schmidt moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Bill Tracy seconded the motion.

Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

3. Vacancies and/or terms expiring of the following positions:

- **Notice of 1 Vacancy of a Representative for Social services Provider for Persons of Limited Means**
- **Possible vacancy for an At Large Member to replace Duane Lillie (See attached e-mail)**

It was decided amongst Council Members and staff that the vacancies would be posted on the web site and that Council Members would ask co-workers if they know of anyone interested in the position(s) available. Alex Padilla also stated that he would mention the vacancies at the next Sr. Network meeting.

4. Approval of the following applications:

- **Cathy Salsedo and John Schulz for the positions of representative of a Local Consolidate Transportation Service Agency. Terms to expire on 7/21/19 and 7/21/20, respectively.**

Doreen Schmidt moved to approve the applications of John Schulz and Cathy Salsedo as representative of a Local Consolidate Transportation Service Agency with terms to expire on 7/21/2019 and 7/21/2020.

*Bill Tracy seconded the motion.
Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.*

At this time, Michael Pierce noted that we had not gone around the table for introductions. So, introductions were done. ☺

5. Discussion of items currently being worked on (Ongoing agenda item).

- **Transit Center Update**
- **Revised Transit Schedules**

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett, provided an update on the Transit Facility informing Council Members that it is getting close and that he is anticipating completion by mid – late September with November as an actual date for use. He also added that there is currently a bid out for furniture. Also, Mr. Summersett informed Council Members that there is plenty of shade, seating and restrooms for the transit riders. He also stated that the schedules have been re-created to accommodate the new facility. He also added that the new facility is not far from Wal Mart and that all of this information has been posted on the web-site – excited that this is going to be a reality soon!

Discussion ensued.

There was no action required as this item was for informational purposes.

6. Agency Reports

John Schulz reported that he left at 2 pm yesterday to assist with evacuations in Coulterville.

Michael Pierce reported that the 2 biggest requests he receives from his clientele are travel and housing. He added that he did not receive a lot of calls regarding the fire.

Alex Padilla and Tyler Summersett provided information regarding the passing of SBI, which is the new gas tax that was recently passed. They informed Council Members that it would provide a lot of needed funding for roads, road maintenance, transit and Active Transportation Programs. It was also added that there would be additional dollars for TCT – not sure how much or how the program would work for transit.

Alex Padilla also reported that the Zero Emissions Grant was received and that he is looking at locations for charging stations and at zero emissions buses as well. He stated that he is eager to see what is available for our urban terrain.

Discussion ensued.

Doreen Schmidt thanked Tyler and John for providing free service to the Motherlode Fair. She also added that she is doing a lot with the fire and evacuees. She added that her clients are safe, however 2 of her co-workers were evacuated. She then informed Council Members that San Joaquin uses Uber to get people to bus stops to use transit and that Tuolumne County should consider looking into that. Especially those living in areas like Ponderosa Hills.

Tyler Summersett mentioned that while that sounds like a great idea – Uber is unable to accommodate people with mobile devices, such as wheel chairs.

Discussion ensued.

Denise Bergamaschi reported that the Transit Agency recently received a grant to pay for service to Pinecrest. She informed Council Members that being that it is so late into the season; the service will start next year. This will also allow time for marketing and advertising of the service.

Betty Kibble with Caltrans reported that Caltrans is doing a lot of hiring right now and that if anyone knows of anyone looking for work to contact Caltrans. She also reported that there are Sustainable Grants coming up and encouraged staff to apply.

Martha Golay reported that she is currently working for a hospice and that they have not had any evacuees due to the fire. However, they have had a couple of issues with oxygen for patients. She also had a patient experience trauma due to losing a previous home in a fire related incident.

Tyler Summersett also mentioned that the grant for vans to get people out of town was denied but that he is going to re-submit. He added that the language was kind of confusing.

A council member asked if county vehicles could be accessed to transport people out of town for emergencies?

Mike Pierce stated that some of his patients need a “lift” to be transported – he asked if county vehicles could be used for this purpose?

Mr. Summersett posed the question to Doreen Schmidt: She stated that the vehicle would not be allowed out of county,. She added that Logisticare has the ability but not always the time, availability or the driver to do this. She stated that perhaps they could be paid privately...

Martha Golay stated that she has a list of private parties that will perform this service and will pass it on to anyone that is interested.

Doreen Schnidt added that Common Ground provides this service as well.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Bergamaschi, Administrative Technician