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AGENDA

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
 1255 East Street, Suite 202
 Redding, CA 96001
 Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

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Item	Topic	Time Allotted	Presenter
1	Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions	1:30 PM	Chair Geagan
2	Public Comment Period (Limit 3 minutes per speaker)	1:30 -1:35 PM	Chair Geagan
<p><i>No action or discussion shall be made on any item not appearing on the noticed agenda. Members and staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions proposed by persons exercising their public testimony. (Government Code 54954.2 (2)). The council may direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. The council or staff may ask a question for clarification.</i></p>			
3	Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of 2020 Chair and Vice-Chair 	1:35 – 1:40 PM	Chair Geagan

4	Updates/Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ShastaConnect Sunday Transit Service • Intercity Service (Salmon Runner) • Long-Range Transit Plan • Beach Bus • 07-21-2020 North State Bus Expo 	1:40 – 1:55 PM	SRTA
5	Discussion and Action: 2020/21 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Transit Needs Assessment • February 25, 2020, Public Hearing Summary and Input Received through 03-04-2020 • SSTAC UTN Recommendation to SRTA Board of Directors for 04-28-2020 Meeting 	1:55 – 2:55 PM	SRTA
6	Member/Agency Updates	2:55 – 2:59 PM	All
7	Items for Next Regularly Scheduled SSTAC Meeting: 09-16-2020	2:59 – 3:00 PM	SRTA
8	Adjourn	3:00 PM	Chair Geagan

Membership:

Sharon Gatt	-	Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older
Patrick Geagan	-	Citizen, Disabled Transit User
Hallie Fonseca	-	Social Service Provider for Seniors (Transportation)
Larry Olmstead	-	Social Service Provider for Seniors (Non-Transportation)
Sou Saechao	-	Social Service Provider for the Disabled (Transportation)
Del Lockwood	-	Social Service Provider for the Disabled (Non-Transportation)
Vacant	-	Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
Shannon Krikorian	-	Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (Administrator)
Elizabeth Duarte	-	Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (Operator)
Steve Smith	-	Additional Member
Robert Hale	-	Additional Member
Holly Leaf	-	Additional Member
Anne Thomas	-	Additional Member
Susan Morris Wilson	-	Additional Member
Christina Prospero	-	Additional Member
Theresa McCausland	-	Additional Member

Transit Technical Support Staff:

Melissa Estrada	-	Redding Area Bus Authority
John Abshier	-	Redding Area Bus Authority
Shawn Ankeny	-	Shasta County Public Works
John Heath	-	Shasta County Public Works

Transportation Acronym Cheat Sheet

Acronym	Term
SRTA	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
RABA	Redding Area Bus Authority
CTSA	Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
DHCL	Dignity Health Connected Living (CTSA)
TDA	Transportation Development Act
UTN	Unmet Transit Needs
TNA	Transit Needs Assessment
STA	State Transit Assistance (source of TDA funding)
LTF	Local Transportation Fund (source of TDA funding)

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA)

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES**

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency, Salmon Room
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
1:30 PM

(NOTE: These notes are not intended to serve as a transcript or verbatim record of the proceedings of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, but rather as a record of the meeting time, place, attendance, and the order and general nature of the Advisory Council discussion, deliberations, and actions taken, if any.)

Members/Alternates Present:

Patrick Geagan	-	Disabled Transit User
Sharon Gatt	-	Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older
Theresa McCausland	-	Local Social Service Provider for Seniors (Non-Transp)
Hallie Fonseca	-	Local Social Service Provider for Seniors (Transportation)
Sou Saechao	-	Local Social Service Provider for the Disabled (Transportation)
Del Lockwood	-	Local Social Service Provider for the Disabled (Non-Transp)
Fred Clough	-	Local CTSA Representative (Administrator)
Cindy Dodds	-	Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
Anne Thomas	-	Shasta Living Streets
Susan Morris Wilson	-	Citizen
Christina Prosperi	-	Citizen

Members/Alternates Absent:

Larry Olmstead	-	Local Social Service Provider for Seniors (Non-Transp)
Elizabeth Duarte	-	Local CTSA Representative (Transportation)
Steve Smith	-	Help, Inc.
Robert Hale	-	Citizen

Members of the Public:

John Hoeflich

Staff Support:

John Abshier	-	Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA)/City of Redding
Melissa Estrada	-	RABA
Shawn Ankeny	-	Shasta County Public Works
John Heath	-	Shasta County Public Works
Kathy Grah	-	Caltrans, District 2
Mike Battles	-	Caltrans, District 2
Kathy Urlic	-	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA)
Julie McFall	-	SRTA
Michael Kuker	-	SRTA

Jenn Pollom - SRTA
Sean Tiedgen - SRTA
Dan Wayne - SRTA

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

2019 Chair Patrick Geagan called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM. Introductions were made. Chair Geagan welcomed new SSTAC statutory member Sou Saechao who has replaced Kao Saechao, as well as new additional representative Theresa McCausland who was proxying for statutory member Larry Olmstead today.

2. Public Comment Period (Limit Three Minutes per Speaker):

Citizen John Hoeflich recommended that SRTA not abandon the Salmon Runner. He further discussed the Amtrak Capitol Corridor bus service and potential opportunity for SRTA to operate it.

3. Update/Feedback:

• **ShastaConnect Sunday On-Demand Transit Service**

Senior Transportation Planner Sean Tiedgen highlighted the upcoming two-year on-demand ridesharing Sunday Transit pilot service, now anticipated to begin October 13, 2019. He mentioned the: 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM operating hours; the 35 square mile service area in the city of Redding; free fares funded with Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding; bike racks on the shuttles; vehicle wraps done by Signarama; and operations performed by Dignity Health Connected Living. Sean extended an offer for SSTAC members to beta test the service in advance of the launch, and also asked for outreach assistance. Marketing outreach will ramp up after launch of the service. Sean responded to various questions from the SSTAC.

• **Salmon Runner Intercity Service**

Senior Transportation Planner Jenn Pollom described the proposed service vision linking the North State to Downtown Sacramento, including connections to Red Bluff, Colusa, Glenn County, and the Sacramento Municipal Airport. SRTA received a \$8.6 million grant for Zero Emission Bus vehicles, went to bid for the vehicles, and will need to rebid as respondents did not demonstrate being able to achieve the requisite range between charges. SRTA staff, in consultation with the State, is considering hydrogen fuel cell vehicles instead of electric to meet the required service range, however there are not hydrogen fueling facilities presently available.

Jenn continued by mentioning Senate Bill 742 which would allow non-rail passengers to use Amtrak service. SRTA is in discussion with the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, the operator of the Amtrak thruway buses, and Caltrans about SRTA potentially providing this service. There are four buses coming through the State Route 99 corridor through Chico, but current plans are to cancel two of the buses running north of Chico.

• **SRTA Long-Range Transit Plan**

Senior Transportation Planner Dan Wayne discussed developing a transit vision for the region, including investigating transportation service delivery alternatives. He wants to ensure that the SSTAC is part of this process. He relayed that SRTA is currently procuring consultant assistance, and he expects to begin the study in December.

• **SRTA Trunk Line Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridors for Potential Active Transportation Program Funding**

SRTA Senior Transportation Planner Keith Williams indicated that SRTA would like to focus future investments on key corridors, connecting transit and bike/ped. In identifying the corridors for investment, Keith asked for SSTAC assistance in promoting outreach that is beginning now. The goal is to identify ten projects for the upcoming 2020 Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant funding cycle. Meetings are currently scheduled for Anderson and Cottonwood; Keith can send known meeting dates to the SSTAC members, if interested.

4. **Recap: SSTAC Orientation and Transit Finance Workshop (July 17, 2019):**

SRTA Senior Planner Kathy Urlie indicated that this special workshop was in response to a March 19, 2019 SSTAC request. In addition to transit financing, the workshop included background on the inception of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), responsibilities given to agencies like SRTA under TDA, and the law's priorities. Overall, the workshop seemed well received. Kathy distributed all workshop materials to the SSTAC, including those unable to attend.

5. **Overview: Ralph M. Brown Act:**

SSTAC Vice Chair Susan Morris Wilson presented an overview of the Brown Act for the SSTAC, emphasizing that the advisory council has a responsibility to act publicly. Some key take-aways included:

- postings must be ADA-compliant and searchable;
- if a teleconference is offered, then the public must be able to attend/participate from a remote location;
- ensuring that packets of materials are available to attendees/public members;
- the vote of each individual member must be recorded; and
- a member of the public must be recognized at "public comment" and at each agenda item prior to decision making.

6. **Information/Feedback:**

• **SSTAC 2020-21 Unmet Transit Needs Process**

Kathy noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the SSTAC would not be until March 2020. At that meeting, the Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Process for 2020-21 will be primarily complete—with the SSTAC making a recommendation of UTN to the SRTA Board of Directors. She introduced SRTA Senior Planner Dan Wayne as the project manager for this year's UTN Process. Kathy reviewed the timeline for the UTN Process. Sharon Gatt asked about presenting ideas and was encouraged to do so. Anne Thomas wants to gather input related to the Downtown Express and can perform outreach and recommend Shasta Living Streets needs to the UTN process. Del Lockwood asked whether the council understood the scope of the process. Chair Geagan suggested adding more specific survey/outreach questions to help people—that the handheld survey, in particular, needs work. Examples of UTN were suggested so that people know for what type of input SRTA is requesting. Anne indicated uncertainty regarding the process. The concept and meaning of "transit dependent" was touched on.

7. **Action:**

• **Set UTN Special SSTAC Meeting or Workshop**

Kathy Urlie indicated that this item was on the agenda for scheduling a special meeting of the SSTAC to review the UTN process in more detail, as needed, since so many of the SSTAC members are new to the council. Additionally, based on discussion related to item #6 above, she thought it would be useful. She recommended the workshop occur within the next 60 days, sooner than later (if possible), and suggested keeping it to a Wednesday at 1:30 PM. On motion of Vice Chair Morris Wilson, seconded by Chair Geagan, the SSTAC approved a special meeting on the UTN process. Member Hallie Fonseca voted no, while member

Sharon Gatt abstained. Kathy will check available dates and forward a meeting invitation.

8. Transit Operator Other Updates:

- RABA – Melissa Estrada announced RABA receiving its zero-emission vehicle with three wheelchair spots. She indicated that it would be rotated throughout RABA routes. She went on to say that testing of real-time passenger information will begin in the next two months. Third, she announced that the RABA Salutes Veterans is coming up, and it will be advertised on Facebook and the radio.
- Dignity Health Connected Living (DHCL) – No update.

9. Items for Next Regularly-Scheduled SSTAC Meeting (3-18-2020):

- Unmet Transit Needs 2020-21 Recommendation
- Sunday Transit Service Update
- Salmon Runner Intercity Service
- Long-Range Transit Plan Update

10. Adjourn:

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Geagan dismissed the meeting at 3:12 PM.