



AGENDA

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL of the BUTTE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**Monday – March 18, 2014
1:00 p.m.**

Butte County Association of Governments – Conference Room
2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100, Chico, CA

1. INTRODUCTIONS

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ITEMS FOR ACTION AND INFORMATION

STAFF

3. SSTAC Minutes –September 17, 2013

Jim Peplow

4. Unmet Transit Needs Assessment and Findings for FY 2014/15

Jim Peplow

5. Other Items



ITEM # 3

**Butte County Association of Governments
Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
Draft Summary Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 1:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dorothy Churchill	Citizen-Chico
Cindy Jones	Butte County Public Works
Cameron Wise	Work Training Center
Jeannie Lee Schroeder	Mains'l Services Inc
Mary Neumann	Passages Adult Resource Ctr.
Forest Harlan	Independent Living Services of Nor Cal
Debra Connors	Citizen-Chico

MEMBERS ABSENT

Shawn O'Brien	Butte County Public Works
William A. Moline	Butte County DESS – CALWORKS
Joyce Macomber	Citizen-Oroville

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Peplow	Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

None

The following minutes are a summary of the SSTAC meeting.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) was held at the BCAG office on September 17, 2013, located at 2580 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, Suite 100 in Chico, California.

Item #1 – Introductions

The meeting started off with each person present stating their name and agency, if any, they are affiliated with.

Item #2 – Oral Communication

The council discussed various transit issues, no action was taken.

Item #3 – SSTAC Minutes – January 8, 2013 Minutes

No comments were received. On motion by Councilmember Jones seconded by Councilmember Neumann, the Minutes were approved with Councilmember Harlan abstaining because he was not present at the January meeting.

Item #4 – Unmet Transit Needs and Proposed Fare Increase Public Workshop Schedule

Staff explained the Unmet Transit Needs annual process and stated that public comments are taken throughout the year. Staff will bring the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment for FY 14/15 back to the SSTAC for approval early in 2014.

The public workshops for the UTN process and the Proposed Fare increase will be combined meetings and will be held in October. Comments made at the workshops do not carry more weight than any other comments.

Staff explained that fares are looked at every three years and the last increase took place in 2009. A small increase percentage to fares now will avoid a larger percentage increase in the future. The council agreed that it would be better to do a small increase now.

Councilmember Neumann suggested staff bullet point the reasons why an increase in fares is needed so that riders may be able to understand better. Councilmember Jones suggested a pie chart of how and where the transit money goes showing only 10% of the service is paid for by fares. Councilmember Harlan stated that there has not been an increase in SSI benefits for years.

Councilmember Connors brought up same day service requests. Same day ride requests were discussed and there was confusion over whether there is same day service or not. The fare increase chart indicates a larger increase in fares should same day service be available.

Item #5 – Other Items

Staff informed the Council the B-Line Tracker is available and the texting system will be able to tell riders what time the bus will come to the bus stop. Councilmember Harlan suggested the text ID be accessible to blind users on the website. Councilmember Connors stated she uses Zoomtext and can magnify or be read in pdf.

No other items were presented.



BCAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee

Item #4 Action

March 18, 2014

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND FINDINGS FOR FY 2014/15

PREPARED BY: Jim Peplow, Senior Planner

ISSUE: BCAG is required to prepare the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment each year as the administrator of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for Butte County.

DISCUSSION: Each year, BCAG must identify any unmet public transit needs that may exist in Butte County in order to receive state funding. If unmet transit needs are found, a further determination must be made as to whether those needs are reasonable to meet. All unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet must be met before TDA funds are expended for non-transit uses, such as streets and roads.

Testimony has been collected through a series of public meetings that were held during December and compiled into an analysis report. Attached is the Draft *Unmet Transit Needs Assessment - 2014/2015*. The Assessment examines transit dependent groups, adequacy of existing transit services, a detailed summary of the public testimony received during this year's outreach process, and staff's analysis of whether the testimony meets the definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet.

If the Board determines there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, the affected jurisdiction must satisfy those needs before any TDA funds may be expended for non-transit purposes.

Based on the testimony and analysis with the adopted definitions of unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet, the BCAG Board of Directors is **required** to make one of three findings:

1. There are no unmet transit needs,
2. There are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet,
3. There are unmet transit needs, including needs that are reasonable to meet.

