

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

MEETING AGENDA

August 10, 2021

Tulare County Association of Governments

ZOOM/ CALL-IN

Meeting ID: 585 064 9981

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Join by Phone: 833 548 0282

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. Unscheduled comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Note: Prior to action by the Council on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item.

ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION:

I. Welcome & Introductions.

II. Action: Approval of Minutes

- a. May 11-18, 2021 (Pages 4-5)

III. Discussion : Unmet Transit Needs Follow-up

IV. Discussion : FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty grant application

V. Tulare County Regional Transportation Agency (TCRTA) Update

VI. Transit Provider Updates

- a. Visalia Transit
- b. Dinuba Area Regional Transit (DART)
- c. Tulare Intermodal Express (TIME)

- d. Porterville Transit
- e. Tulare County Area Transit (TCaT)

VII. Social Service Provider Updates

- a. Optional updates from those in attendance

VIII. Other Items/Future Agenda Item Requests

- IX. Adjourn.** The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2021, at the Tulare County Association of Governments Office, 210 N. Church St., Suite B, Visalia, CA, 93291, and via teleconference, at 10:00 a.m.

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Members
of the
Tulare County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (TCAG)

Dan Fox ¹ - Chair	Representative of Potential Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older
Rebecca Donabed ² – Vice Chair	Representative of Potential Transit User who is Disabled
Michael Esquibel ²	Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Seniors/Social Service Transit Provider
John Mauro ¹	Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Seniors/Social Service Transit Provider
Mark Michaelian ³	Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for the Disabled/Social Service Transit Provider
Norma Verduzco ³	Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for the Disabled/Social Service Transit Provider
Albert Cendejas ³	Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
Teresa Ortega ²	Transit Operator Representative
Angelina Soper ¹	Transit Operator Representative
Carlos Garza ¹	Representative of Potential Transit Users from Local Youth

¹ indicates term ending June 30, 2022.

² indicates term ending June 30, 2023.

³ indicates term ending June 30, 2024.

SSTAC Chair – term ending June 30, 2022.

SSTAC Vice Chair – term ending June 30, 2022.

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ATTENDANCE LIST

Representative of potential transit user 60 years of age or over	Dan Fox - Chair (P)
Representative of potential transit user who is disabled	Rebecca Donabed (P)
Representative of local social service provider for seniors/social service transportation provider	Michael Esquibel (P)
Representative of local social service provider for seniors/social service transportation provider	John Mauro (P)
Representative of local social service provider for the disabled/social service transportation provider	Mark Michaelian (P)
Representative of local social service provider for the disabled/social service transportation provider	Norma Verduzco (P)
Representative of local social service provider for persons of limited means	Albert Cendejas (P)
Transit Operator Representative	Teresa Ortega (P)
Transit Operator Representative	Angelina Soper (P)
Representative of potential transit users from local youth	Carlos Garza (P)

Others Present: Manny Correa, City of Tulare; Richard Tree, City of Porterville/TCRTA; Caleb Bowman, City of Visalia; Darlene Thompson, City of Tulare; Albert Barragan; County of Tulare

TCAG Staff: Elizabeth Forte, Giancarlo Bruno, Sheela Bhongir

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

Public Comments

No public comments were received.

I. Welcome & Introductions

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) was called to order by Chair Fox at 10:00 a.m. on May 11, 2021. Persons in attendance noted presence over Zoom teleconference.

II. Action: Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 9, 2021 were unanimously approved upon a motion from Vice Chair Donabed and a second by Member Cendejas.

III. Action: Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2021-22

The proposed 2021/22 meeting schedule was approved unanimously.

IV. Action: Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021-22

Upon a motion by Member Verduzco and a second by Member Cendejas, the Council selected Member Fox as Chair and Member Donabed as Vice Chair for 2021-22.

V. Action: Unmet Transit Needs Review and Recommendations

Chair Fox provided background information on local transit operations. The Council then proceeded to review unmet transit needs comments.

A recess was called at 12:15 pm on May 11th. Meeting business was resumed at 10:00 am on May 18, 2021.

Six (6) requests were determined to constitute unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet. The requests deemed reasonable to meet are as follows:

1. Placement of two (2) bus shelters along Road 160 in Ivanhoe, at Heather Ave and Ave 328, and placement of another new bus shelter in front of Visalia Adult School on E. Houston Ave.
2. Addition of existing Visalia Transit Stop at Vine Ave and Dinuba Blvd to TCaT Route 10.
3. Transfers issued by TIME and accepted by Visalia Transit for all 11X ticketholders.
4. Addition of fixed route transit service on N. Hillman St. between Prosperity and Cartmill avenues in the City of Tulare.
5. All bus stops, route numbers, and headways be announced by a driver or enunciator.
6. A regional day pass issued and accepted by all county transit agencies

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.