

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Meeting

SSTAC

January 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and introductions

The Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairperson Doreen Schmidt.

Also in attendance were:

Doreen Schmidt with Area 12 Agency on Aging; Michael Casas with Caltrans; Lloyd Clark with Caltrans; John Schulz with Common Ground Senior Services; Sandra Sturzenacker with ATCAA; Elizabeth Thompson with Common Ground Senior Services; Jennifer Grabowski with DRAIL; Becky Day with Storer Transit Systems; Syd Robenseifner with Southside Community Connection; Tyler Summersett, Sr. Transportation Planner; Denise Bergamaschi, Assistant to the Executive Director.

2. Approval of the May 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

John Schulz with Common Ground moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2020 as presented.

Sandra Sturzenacker with ATCAA seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

3. Discuss vacancies/term expirations/recommendations for the following positions:

- **Potential Transit User 60 years of age or older – term expired 1/20/20 (Vacant)**
- **Potential Transit user with a Disability – expires 1/22/21 (Vacant)**
- **At Large Member – Expires 10/20/22 (Vacant)**

It was mentioned that applications for the above-mentioned vacancies are welcome if members of the Council know of anyone fitting the criteria. Denise Bergamaschi said to e-mail her, and she will send an application to interested parties.

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

- Update on Transit Services in relation to COVID-19 guidelines
- Coordinated Human Services-Public Transit Plan (CPTP)

Sr. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett discussed an attached document detailing the guidelines set forth in accordance with the COVID-19 pandemic. He also informed Members that Fixed Routes have been cancelled and are now running as a general Dial-a-Ride type service and that everyone is eligible to ride for free until further notice. He also pointed out that there are extra safety precautions in place such as sanitizing after each ride, limited passengers on board, drivers and passengers wearing masks and an acrylic barrier between the driver and passengers.

Discussion ensued.

Chairperson, Doreen Schmidt, stated that a lot of people in attendance at the meeting today participated in putting together the Coordinated Human Services-Public Transit Plan (CPTP) and added that it is a great plan.

Mr. Summersett stated that this is the Draft form and that he would love to receive any feedback from council members as to what their agencies would like to see in the document. He added that there was a lot of good information in there from all who participated.

Ms. Schmidt added that it is a great document and covered a lot of material. Jennifer Grabowski stated that she has not yet read the document in its entirety but is impressed with what she has read.

Michael Casas with Caltrans added that he has read the document and is waiting for comments from his department.

Chairperson Schmidt reminded everyone to get their comments to Mr. Summersett as soon as possible.

There was no action required for these items as they were for informational purposes.

5. Agency Reports

Doreen Schmidt reported that the Senior Center has partnered with several local restaurants and are providing drive-thru meal service. She also added that the transit service assisting with delivering groceries has been a huge asset.

John Schulz reported that he has been back to work for only about a week and that Common Ground is providing medical trips and taking clients shopping.

Elizabeth Thompson reports that she has been providing prescription pick-ups, grocery shopping and medical appointments for clients.

Jennifer Grabowski reported that DRAIL is in its first phase of re-opening and that employees are starting to come back to work adding that she is currently the only person in the office with others dividing hours. She added that they are doing off-site visits and that they are open to the public with only 2 people allowed in the office at a time.

Syd Robenseifner with Southside Community Connection reported that of the 3 programs in Groveland only Wheels is providing services to medical appointments, grocery shopping, post office and for prescriptions.

Sandra Sturzenacker with ATCAA reported that all employees are currently working form home but are still providing services to clients by appointment only.

Michael Casas with Caltrans reported that all staff has been working form home. He also provided an update on the Mobility Manger and Southside grants that were awarded.

6. Adjourn

There being no further items to discuss, Cathie Peacock adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise Bergamaschi
Assistant to the Executive Director*