



**CITIZEN'S TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE/
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (CTAC/SSTAC)**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012 -- 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

County Government Center – Hall of Justice Pacific Meeting Room
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF 11/8/11 AND 12/6/11 MEETING SUMMARIES** **Page 2**
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- 5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**
- 6. UPDATE ON MOORPARK TRANSIT OPERATIONS**
RESPONSIBLE STAFF: Shaun Kroes, City of Moorpark
- 7. UPDATE ON SIMI VALLEY TRANSIT OPERATIONS**
RESPONSIBLE STAFF: Chuck Perkins, City of Simi Valley Transit
- 8. UPDATE ON THOUSAND OAKS TRANSIT OPERATIONS**
RESPONSIBLE STAFF: Michael Houser, City of Thousand Oaks
- 9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
- 10. STAFF REPORT**
- 11. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

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Item #4a

**CTAC/SSTAC MEETING SUMMARY
November 8, 2011**

Item # 1 CALL TO ORDER

Jim White, VCTC Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM, and welcomed everyone.

Item # 2 SELF INTRODUCTIONS

The committee members and staff introduced themselves..

Item # 3 PUBLIC COMMENTS (for items not on agenda)

There were no public comments.

Item # 4 REVIEW OF 10/11/11 MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting summary was approved; there were no changes.

Item # 5 APPROVAL OF FY 12/13 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING DEFINITIONS AND SCHEDULE

Mary Travis, VCTC staff, presented the FY 12/13 Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing schedule and evaluation criteria. The annual public hearing is required by the State Transportation Development Act (TDA) regulations to take testimony concerning possible unmet transit needs that might be reasonable to meet by the cities/County with TDA funds.

The hearing will be on Monday February 6th, 1:30 – 3:30 PM at Camarillo City Hall. Instead of the usual monthly CTAC/SSTAC meeting in February, members are encouraged to attend the public hearing. There will also be two public meetings to take comments – tentatively set on Wednesday January 17th, 6:30 -7:30 PM at Moorpark City Hall and on Thursday January 18th, 6:30 – 7:30 PM at the Oxnard Public Library. The public or interested agencies can also submit comments by mail to the Commission, by email or by telephoning VCTC's Transit Info Center. After all the comments are received, they will be analyzed by VCTC staff working with local transit providers, and recommendations developed for CTAAC/SSTAC and finally Commission approval.

The Committee discussed the draft schedule and evaluation criteria at length. It was noted that the unmet transit needs process has resulted in numerous improvements over the years. Although many times the findings declare there are no unmet transit needs, improvements are suggested as the result of the annual hearing process.

After discussion, the Committee approved the meeting schedule and evaluation criteria.

**Item # 6 REVIEW OF FY 12/13 SCHEDULE AND EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) ARTICLE 3 BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN
FUND APPLICATIONS**

Mary Travis, VCTC staff, reviewed the FY 12/13 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Bicycle/Pedestrian fund application schedule and evaluation criteria. After lengthy discussion, it was moved that the Safety component of the evaluation criteria be increased from 30 to 40 points; the motion failed. It was also discussed whether or not to make the 50% local match mandatory; it was ultimately agreed to leave the local contribution as "highly recommended". After discussion, the schedule and evaluation was approved for the Commission consideration in December with the application packets being mailed to the cities/County in mid-January.

Item # 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair White thanked the committee for attending and urged members to attend local and/or County meetings where transportation issues might be discussed. He also urged members attend the February unmet transit needs hearing in February.

Item # 8 STAFF REPORT

Mary Travis, VCTC staff, mentioned the December meeting will be the first not second Tuesday of the month or on December 6. She also noted that the updated County Bicycle Map will be available in December.

Item # 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Representative Bravo mentioned that the Santa Paula Bike Trail is nearing completion and will be opened officially soon although it is already being used.

Item # 10 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.



Item #4b

**CTAC/SSTAC MEETING SUMMARY
December 6, 2011**

Item # 1 CALL TO ORDER

Jim White, VCTC Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM, and welcomed everyone.

Item # 2 SELF INTRODUCTIONS

The committee members and staff introduced themselves..

Item # 3 PUBLIC COMMENTS (for items not on agenda)

There were no public comments.

Item # 4 REVIEW OF 11/8/11 MEETING SUMMARY

Because there wasn't a quorum, this item was carried over to the January meeting for approval. However, two corrections were noted: Under Item # 6, the Article 3 evaluation criteria was adjusted to increase safety from 25 to 30 points with a reduction in special considerations from 15 to 10 points. Also, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM not 3:45.

Item # 5 UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Steve DeGeorge, VCTC staff, presented the Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. This is the first long-range planning effort for transportation in the County including all modes from bicycles to buses to roads. The Plan has a thirty-year horizon that accounts for planned growth as well as needs expressed by local agencies, the cities/County, and citizens who attended several community outreach meetings held over the past year.

The biggest issue, not surprisingly, is a lack of funding to meet the needs unless a new source of revenue is found. Steve mentioned that there apparently isn't enough public support currently to achieve the necessary 2/3 vote to increase the local sales tax for transportation purposes but this option will have to be considered at some point in the future if the mobility needs of Ventura County are to be supported.

Item # 6 UPDATE ON GOLD COAST TRANSIT OPERATIONS

Margaret Heath, Gold Coast staff, reviewed the current operations of Gold Coast Transit (GCT), the largest bus operator in Ventura County with extensive intercity service in the west county area. GCT currently carries about 3.4 million passengers per year with

service costs funded by fares, federal, state and local funds contributed by the cities of Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, San Buenaventura and the County of Ventura. Margaret noted that GCT staff is continually looking at the routes and schedules to create the most cost-efficient and effective bus and ADA operations. She also discussed GCT's "Try Travel" training and mentioned that community relations and outreach to the riders and potential riders is an ongoing effort.

Item # 7 UPDATE ON VISTA TRANSIT OPERATIONS AND THE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN

Vic Kamhi, VCTC staff, presented an overview of the VISTA intercity/intercounty bus operations on the Hwy. 101, Hwy. 126, CSUCI, East County, Conejo Connection and Coastal VISTA routes, and also, the local VISTA dial-a-ride services in Santa Paula and Fillmore/Piru. Vic also mentioned the new bus transfer system whereby passengers can transfer free between VISTA and the local bus operations and/or between the local services.

Vic continued his presentation by reviewing the County Transit Plan currently being prepared by VCTC consultants. The Transit Plan is required to address a change in State regulations under SB716, that will eliminate Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds being spent on local streets and roads. Instead, in 204, all the TDA money must be spent on transit services. In order to accomplish this goal, VCTC staff is working with the cities/County to implement the changes needed while still providing the local and intercity services that best need all the transit needs. Vic responded to questions and will report back to CTAC/SSTAC when the Transit Plan is finalized.

Item # 8 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair White thanked the committee for attending and urged members to attend local and/or County meetings where transportation issues might be discussed. He also urged members remember the February 6th unmet transit needs hearing in Camarillo.

Item # 9 STAFF REPORT

Mary Travis, VCTC staff, wished everyone a Happy New Year! She also noted that the updated County Bicycle Map will be available in late December.

Item # 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Committee member reports.

Item # 11 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.