



AGENDA

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 -- 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
County Government Center – Hall of Justice Pacific Meeting Room
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF 10/11/16 MEETING SUMMARY – PG. 3**
- 5. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE - PG. 5**
- 5. REVIEW DRAFT COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN- PG. 11**
- 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
- 7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**
- 8. ADJOURN TO MARCH 14, 2017**

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Item #4

MEETING SUMMARY

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

County Government Center – Hall of Justice Pacific Meeting Room
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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Perrin at 1:30 p.m.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2016 MEETING SUMMARY

Mike Culver made a motion to approve the summary. The motion was seconded by Rob Corley and passed unanimously.

5. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FUNDING UPDATE

Peter De Haan updated the Committee on the pedestrian and bicycle project funding. He said that VCTC's Coordinated Transportation Plan (CTP) specifically recommended that the TDA Article 3 program be significantly reoriented to focus the funding on a relatively small number of larger projects (rather than on many smaller projects) in order to connect the county's non-motorized transportation networks. Staff recommends that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) take the lead on the project selection process.

The goal is to consolidate the call for projects and combine the Article 3 and CMAQ funds. He said that TDA funds are generally appropriated year-to-year, but by combining two years' of both Article 3 and CMAQ non-transit program funding into one biennial Call-for-Projects, approximately \$8 million would become available. He added that TDA funds can be used as matching funds for the CMAQ.

Discussion

Joseph Alexander asked if the CMAQ or Article 3 funds are use-it or lose-it funds. He said that he does not view the combining of funding sources as a loss but an opportunity to leverage funds.

Acting Chair Perrin asked about the role of the Committee. He asked who would be building the projects and whether or not the cities would be involved in building and bidding the projects, adding that projects can get large and cumbersome when individual cities are not involved.

Mike Culver said it's important to ensure that smaller cities are not at a disadvantage. He asked for clarification as to the core purpose of the Committee. He said that he would like the Committee to continue to be involved in the decision making process since TTAC has a different set of priorities.

A suggestion was made that some funds be set aside for small, local projects.

Rob Corley said that he is not comfortable pooling all of the funds because the member agencies have varying degrees of needs with regard to getting the public to and from transit systems.

Caleb Donner asked how the public works directors are going to ensure that each city has its needs met.

Peter De Haan responded that as long as projects are moving forward, the funds are available. Martin Erickson responded that there is an expectation that funds would be used within three years. He stated that individual cities would be involved through the TTAC meetings, which are also public meetings. He responded that the purpose of the TTAC is to follow the TDA process including the 3-year performance audit.

6. FY 17/18 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS SCHEDULE, PROCEDURES AND DEFINITIONS OF "UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS" AND "REASONABLE TO MEET"

Martin Erickson presented the unmet transit needs schedule and definitions. He reviewed this year's process and said that a workshop is being considered for the February 3, 2017 Commission meeting.

Mike Culver made a motion to approve the Unmet Transit Needs schedule and definitions as recommended by staff. The motion was second by Chaise Rasheed and passed unanimously.

7. BICYCLE WAYFINDING PRESENTATION

Richard Holzer presented the Bicycle Wayfinding Project, including the purpose, public outreach campaign, route selection, and signage. Peter De Haan recommended that the Committee receive the presentation in hard-copy to review and provide input to VCTC staff.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - None

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS - None

10. ADJOURN



Item # 5

February 14, 2017

MEMO TO: CTAC/SSTAC

FROM: ELLEN TALBO, TRANSIT PLANNING MANAGER

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) UNMET
TRANSIT NEEDS UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATION

- Receive and File

DISCUSSION

The California State Transportation Development Act (TDA), which was passed in 1971, provides a major source of funding for local transit, bicycle/pedestrian and street projects. The legislation, as amended, authorizes the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to administer the local TDA process and oversee regulatory and fiscal compliance.

Per TDA statute, VCTC is annually required to conduct a public hearing to take testimony on local and/or regional transit needs. The public hearing was held on Friday, February 3, 2017. Three citizens testified. Because specific outreach activities were not held in Santa Paula or Fillmore, a couple of Commissioners requested public hearing opportunities be extended in these cities and staff is working to arrange the best date for these outreach activities. As a result, this has extended the public comment period into March. Staff plans to bring draft findings and recommendations to the CTAC/SSTAC in April for review and approval.

Since December 2016, there have been sixty-seven survey responses online. Attached is a summary of the public comments received to date from emails, phone calls, rider comments, online surveys, and outreach forums.

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ATTACHMENT

FY 2017-18 Unmet Transit Needs - Public Comments (July 2017 – Present)			
Name	Date	City	Comment
Norma Magana	7/1/16	Fillmore	Wants public transportation from Fillmore to Moorpark for access to jobs, recreation, schools (both middle, high and Moorpark College), services and shopping.
Norma Magana	7/1/16	Fillmore	Wants public transportation from Fillmore to Santa Clarita for access to jobs (including to Magic Mountain), recreation, schools (both middle, high and College of the Canyons), services and shopping.
Andreana DeMoss	7/25/16	Fillmore	Wants transportation from Fillmore to Moorpark High School
Maria Villa	7/19/16	Piru	Wants public transportation from Fillmore to Moorpark for access to schools (including Moorpark College), jobs and access to the Metrolink Station. Specifically wants a bus to the Civic Center to facilitate transfers with Moorpark City Transit.
Erika Arana	7/11/16	Fillmore	Wants transportation from Fillmore to Moorpark schools
Desirae	7/18/16	Santa Paula	Wants a Valley Express bus stop added/route expanded to Pine Road in Santa Paula; the closest bus stop is on Wheeler Canyon Road a 15 minute walk from home.
Patricia Negrete	8/8/16	Fillmore	Wants transportation from Fillmore to Chaparral Middle School in Moorpark.
Karol Spaccaralli	8/18/2016	Bell Canyon/ Unincorp	Wants dial-a-ride transportation to/from Bell Canyon to Simi Valley
Nicholas Oatway	6/27/2016	Ojai	Wants Ojai service to serve east of Gridley Rd
Forum Attendee	8/29/2016	Simi Valley	Ventura County Human Service E. County Intake Center moved (previous located on Royal Ave in Simi, now located at Madera/101) and the bus stop isn't close enough to the intake center so people have to walk uphill making it impossible to get to on transit. Can they add a stop?
Forum Attendee	8/30/2016	Oxnard	Casa Merced/5 th – this area needs a shelter at the bus stop, there are a lot of people that wait for the bus and there's no shelter
Forum Attendee	8/30/2016	Oxnard	Westar Drive in front of Spatz Laboratory – needs a shelter and amenities, there are a lot of workers that take the bus there
Forum Attendee	8/30/2016	Oxnard	Mandalay Beach doesn't have any bus access (hard for workers to get in/out if they don't have a car)
Scott Sharp	12/6/2016	n/a	Wants bus service from Camarillo to Goleta
Scott Sharp	12/6/2016	n/a	Wants Online/app...bus schedule is difficult to read since have to scroll a lot to get from pickup location to dropoff location. Better might be to enter departure location / dropoff location and have it list the associated times
Rachel Rodriguez	12/1/2016	Camarillo	Wants a bus stop/route in front of the Camarillo Airport Business Park

FY 2017-18 Unmet Transit Needs - Public Comments (July 2017 – Present)			
Name	Date	City	Comment
Daisy Rodriguez	11/16/2016	n/a	I ride the 126 Eastbound Monday – Friday @ 5:34 pm. The bus stop is very dark, no lights at stop. I am a senior citizen and sometimes there are questionable characters in that area. Would it be possible to get some lighting at the stop?
Email user	10/9/2016	n/a	Planning a trip from Oxnard to Simi was a major ordeal since I had to manually mesh two different schedules. It would be helpful if you could offer a tool that allowed point-to-point planning across routes a la Metrolink or Amtrak.
Daniel Goldberg	6/16/2016	n/a	The Highway 101 route should go to Westlake Village
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Need transit to Santa Monica and Malibu
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	More service to Oxnard is needed
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Need better connections into Los Angeles County, including Valencia
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Need a stop at HWY 126 and Palm St.
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Fillmore needs a second stop in town. It could be near the church in the beginning of town - I have to walk at least 1.5 miles to where I'm going
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	There needs to be a stop at Main (in Ventura) for the trip back from Santa Barbara. It's a long walk to the Vons Parking lot
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	More bus stops along Gold Coast Route 16
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Public transportation in Ventura County has much to be desired, primarily, the buses drive in the bike lanes; at the transit centers there are many destinations, but once you get to the periphery, there aren't many options.
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	A bus stop is needed by the Vons in Ojai
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	A stop by Tico Road
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	A bus stop is needed at Central and Vineyard
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Need a VCTC stop on Thompson on the way to Santa Barbara. Riders have to come all the way downtown to get the bus
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Need more frequent service in Casitas Springs
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Need more frequency on Gold Coast Route 16. Route 6 is so crowded there is no place to sit. I would rather ride 16 but it needs to run more often
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Transit near Camino del Col on Route 17 should run more often.
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	VCTC Highway 101 should have more trips for students travelling to CSUCI. It stops running from Metrolink to Ventura at 6pm. That is way too early. There is a break between 12pm and 3pm. That's 3 hours of not getting Metrolink. Please improve frequency.

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Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	There should be a standard pass that is good for all VCTC transportation
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Some transfers expire in 90 minutes and some in 2 hours. They should be consistent
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Transfer policies are no consistent. VCTC and Gold Coast have different times allowed to transfer and use the same pass
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	The last VCTC bus on weekends from Ventura to Santa Paula is 5pm. It needs to run til at least 8pm
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Need later weekend service
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Service from Ventura to Santa Barbara should run later. Leave after 5:15 pm from Ventura
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	VCTC buses are very crowded on weekends because it doesn't run late enough
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	I get stranded on Wells Road because the VCTC bus stops running at 5pm and I have no way back home to Santa Paula
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Bus fare is very high, especially for those with no income
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Seniors should ride free
Survey Responder	Fall 2016	n/a	Low income riders need a reduce fare
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Metro. Route 161 and L.A. DOT Express // Route 422. They Start at 9:00 A.M. All People start School or Work at 08:00 A.M. We Need a bus that leaves at 6:00 A.M. or 7:00 A.M. There is No bus in Ventura County the leaves to the Valley (Los Angeles County) till 09:00 A.M. or 9:30 due to traffic and car accidents. There is a lot of people that car pool in Thousand Oaks and in the City of Ventura to the Valley for Work and School because of this.
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Metrolink trains are old and interiors are terrible. Seats are worn out. Interiors are dirty and are not cleaned regularly
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	It would be awesome to have a train go to TO. Moorpark and Simi are still too far to walk or bike from to TO from the train station. Would also LOVE better/more bike paths through the city and countryside. The Ventura-Ojai rails trai is awesome. Please build more bike paths
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Almost all of my transit needs are not being met. Ventura County is largely ineffective at providing transit services. Ventura County doesn't do well at pavement either.
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	I would like to go to Moorpark College but there is no bus route from Fillmore to Moorpark
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Wants Express service to Metrolink stations. Open up the path to taking mass transit to the airport in a relatively easy fashion - LAX, Burbank, and SB Airports
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Wants transit to Valencia
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Wants morning commute service from Woodland Hills to Downtown Oxnard

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Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Wants access to Simi Valley on a timely basis, also to Metrolink in Moorpark
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Wants schedules/ride guides attached to the stop and posted at the station. Wants Stop/station signs at the 22 line in Saticoy. "Image shift: Public Transportation is common sense - for the smart, not just for the poor or disabled"
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Wants timely access from one city to the next, particularly in Camarillo. Wants more affordable options
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Wants faster, more reliable service that competes with automotive travel both cost and time wise.
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Trips are not efficient from West Ventura County to East Ventyra County and further beyond into LA. They take too long
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Would use Metrolink more into LA if it ran more, over more extended hours, and if it could ever be extended into the City of Ventura
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	Wants round trip train service from Los Angeles and Ventura
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	I believe we need more Trolley service at night as I get off at 6pm and the Camarillo Trolley stops at 6:00pm. The VISTA bus service and CAT service is the best in the County
Online Survey	Winter 2016	n/a	<i>Translated:</i> I want to go to Camarillo on transit to go shopping
Letter	February 2016	Camarillo	Seniors and ADA riders request elimination of the Camarillo transfer point at Oxnard/Camarillo city boundary



Item #6

February 14, 2017

MEMO TO: CTAC/SSTAC

FROM: ELLEN TALBO, TRANSIT PLANNING MANAGER

SUBJECT: DRAFT COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive and File

DISCUSSION:

Since August 2016, staff has been leading the effort to update the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). This plan is prepared every five years in response to Federal statute in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) with the last update in 2012. Coordinated Plans outline a set of regional goals and strategies to improve mobility for specialized transit user populations, and in turn the regional goals and strategies are designed to position projects for federal 5310 program funding.

In addition to the existing transit operators, there are non-profit organizations and social service entities that provide mobility services to senior, disabled, and low income population. In many cases it can be challenging for the user of these specialized populations to decipher the difference among service options because:

- 1) Eligibility requirements to ride vary amongst providers (e.g. age eligibility vs. patient/client eligibility)
- 2) There are multiple transit operators with specific service area geographies
- 3) Social service agencies that provide mobility services are typically limited to serve their patient/clientele only.

Both public operators and social service entities recognize that coordinating the efforts to deliver and provide user-friendly mobility options between these providers is an issue for their riders that needs to be addressed. To address this, VCTC staff and its consultant hosted six public outreach activities to invite public feedback from Ventura County transit operators, social service entities, and the general public. The feedback was used to develop the update of the Coordinated Plan, and prioritize a group of strategies to address service gaps. The Draft Coordinated Plan is attached for review. Staff is preparing to present a Draft Final of the Coordinated Plan to the Commission in March, and return to the Commission for final adoption of the Plan in April.