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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Fresno COG Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
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I. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the SSTAC on the items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

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

Action Enclosure

II. Executive Minutes of February 16, 2010	Approve	Yes
III. Transit Planning Documents		
1. 2009-10 Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Operations Program & Budget	Initiate Review	No
2. 2009-10 Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Operations Program & Budget	Initiate Review	No
IV. Unmet Transit Needs Finding	Discussion	Yes
V. Update Membership List	Discussion	Yes
VI. Other Member Items		

If you cannot attend this meeting, please call Jeff Long at (559) 621-1436.

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Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County



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SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2010
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Sequoia Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
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Members Present:

Shonna Halterman, City of Clovis
Bill Hyatt, CVRC
Margo Lerwill, County of Fresno
Linda L. Descoteaux, Fresno/Madera Area Agency on Aging
Todd Sobrado, COG
Dottie Wright, Fresno Citizen

Bob Hand, RICV
Gary Joseph, FCEOC
Jeffrey D. Webster, FCRTA
Carlos Duarte, FAX/ADA
Judith Nishi, FAX

Others Attending:

Jeff Long, COG/FAX
Alison Lee, FAX

Amy Hance, City of Clovis

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Bill Hyatt (CVRC).

I. Public Presentations

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There were no public presentations.

II. Executive Minutes of January 19, 2010

A Motion was made by Linda L. Descoteaux (Fresno/Madera Area Agency on Aging) and seconded by Carlos Duarte (FAX/ADA), to approve the January 19, 2010 minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Unmet Needs Planning Process

- a) Notice of Public Meetings
- b) Unmet Needs Request letters

Jeff Long (FAX) said notices went out early last week. SSTAC members are welcome to attend as schedules allow. Jeff Long (FAX), Jeff Webster (FCRTA) and Gary Joseph (FCEOC) will be at all of them. The meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.
Westside of Fresno County
City of Kerman, Kerman Community/Teen Center

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

Thursday, February 18, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.

Eastside of Fresno County
City of Orange Cove

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.

Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area
City of Fresno
CalTrans, Manchester Center Office (Yosemite Room)

Per Jeff Webster (FCRTA), the Kerman meeting will occur at the same time as a Westside food distribution service where around 400 people are expected to show up. Those individuals will be invited over to the unmet needs meeting. In addition, the meeting is being advertised in the Kerman News and Westside Alliance. The Orange Cove meeting was intentionally scheduled at 2:00 pm to accommodate the large number of unemployed individuals in that area.

Bill Hyatt (CVRC) asked if meeting notices were posted on Handy Ride buses as discussed at January meeting. Jeff Long (COG/FAX) said they had not. Carlos Duarte (FAX/ADA) said he would arrange to have those posted.

IV. FY 2009 FTA Call for Projects

Sections: 5316 and 5317

Refer to Human Services Coordination Plan

Todd Sobrado (COG) distributed to each SSTAC attendee a handout of the 2010 COG Administered JARC/New Freedom Grants project grading results. Todd thanked those who helped with the scoring process which was Carlos Duarte (FAX/ADA), Bob Hand (RICV), Todd Sobrado (COG), and Amy Hance (City of Clovis). Instead of meeting last Friday as originally planned, these individuals graded projects electronically.

JARC (5316) Grant Program has \$1,048,998 available to award while the New Freedom (5317) Grant program has \$324,520. Of those amounts, projects requested for JARC come to \$305,600 in Federal dollars and New Freedom projects come to \$204,800 in Federal dollars.

Linda L. Descoteaux (Fresno/Madera Area Agency on Aging) asked for a brief description of each project which Todd and Jeff Long (COG/FAX) provided.

- Bike Racks – 3 position racks versus current 2 position racks on buses. Noted that these have been requested over the years and will definitely assist commuters with trip completion.
- Transportation needs Research Project – Jeff Long (COG/FAX) noted this is one of the most interesting projects. Purpose will be to learn in detail who riders are, deficiencies in transportation system and in depth analysis of unmet needs for population groups.
- Bus Stop Numbering in Braille – Expansion of current ARRA project to improve bus stop signs which are currently too small and 1 sided. This project will assist with the numbering of stops as part of the new trip planning software currently being negotiated and add Braille to those signs for the visually impaired.
- Bus Stop Concrete Improvements – Project will go above ADA standards creating better concrete pads for disabled passengers who require ramp deployment.
- Trip Efficiency Program – Project will assist with reducing Handy Ride trips by delivering passes and possibly prescriptions to customers thereby saving money.

Jeff Webster (FCRTA) motioned to approve all listed grant projects to be forwarded to COG Board for final approval/award and Gary Joseph (FCEOC) seconded. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

V. Other Member Items

None

Bill Hyatt (CVRC) adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeff Long, Transit Planner
Council of Fresno County Governments/Fresno Area Express

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Department of Social Services
Catherine A. Huerta, Director

March 3, 2010

Bill Hyatt, Chairperson
Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Mr. Hyatt,

This letter is in response to your Advisory Committee's request to identify unmet transit needs within Fresno County. While the Department of Social Services is not aware of any large scale transit needs, the following recommendations were made by Department staff in order to augment current rural transportation offered:

- It may be of benefit to offer a shuttle from the Selma/Reedley area to Metropolitan Fresno. Start times should arrive and depart Metropolitan Fresno in order for residents of Selma/Reedley to maintain employment.
- It may be of benefit to expand transportation hours between the Mendota, San Joaquin and Firebaugh areas to and from the Metropolitan Fresno area. It may be beneficial for the shuttle to leave the Westside areas earlier and leave the Metropolitan Fresno area later in order for Westside residents for maintain employment in the Metropolitan Fresno area.

The above recommendations will benefit all residents of these areas to achieve employment in the metropolitan areas. A recent survey showed that there are approximately 621 clients participating in Welfare to Work activities in the Selma/Reedley area and 245 clients in the Westside areas. In addition to benefitting Welfare to Work clients, expanded transportation services could also benefit employees of the Department of Social Services living in these areas.

If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, you may contact Nicole Argain, Staff Analyst at 453-4080.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Huerta, Director

Fresno Area Express
Attn. Planning Department
April 6, 2010

Customer Service & Planning Department:

I am writing on behalf of Jefferson Commons Student Apartments and its community. We are located at 335 E. Barstow Ave. between Blackstone Ave. and Fresno St. on the south side of the street (See Attachment 1). There are a number of apartments in our area with students who attend Fresno State. It is our desire to urge you to extend Route 10 Fresno State University/Northwest Clovis to accommodate these students. I have looked at all the routes listed on your website and have concluded that route 10 offers the best solution.

Route 10 (see attachment 4)

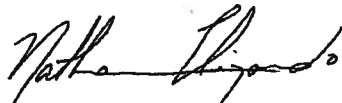
In order to make this change, the bus would not turn right onto Cedar from Shaw, but continue west on Shaw to Blackstone. The bus would then turn right onto Blackstone, followed by an eastbound turn onto Barstow Ave. It would pull into an existing turnout (see Attachment 2 & 3) and continue east on Barstow until it met up with its current route at Cedar. The turnout is 12' wide by 105' long. It is well lit at night and has a handicap easement from the sidewalk.

About Us

We are a 460 occupant student living apartment complex. We operate much like a dorm on campus. Many of our residents must walk or bike to school. Those that have cars, have to fight for parking space on campus. A few opt to take the FAX bus. They walk to the bus stop on Fresno St. on route 32 and take it to Shaw; transfer to bus route 9 and take it to campus.

I believe this change, although inconvenient at first for you, has many benefits for both of us. This added bus stop will add 400 – 750 additional riders daily during the week. Informal surveys we have conducted consistently show that if given a direct route to and from campus that is located in close proximity to our property, our residents would leave their cars parked in favor of taking the bus. Even if we were added to the route at select times like you currently do on the same route 10 at the Buchanan Education Complex (see attachment 4), I believe you would see a profitable outcome.

I would like to discuss this further with you at you earliest opportunity.



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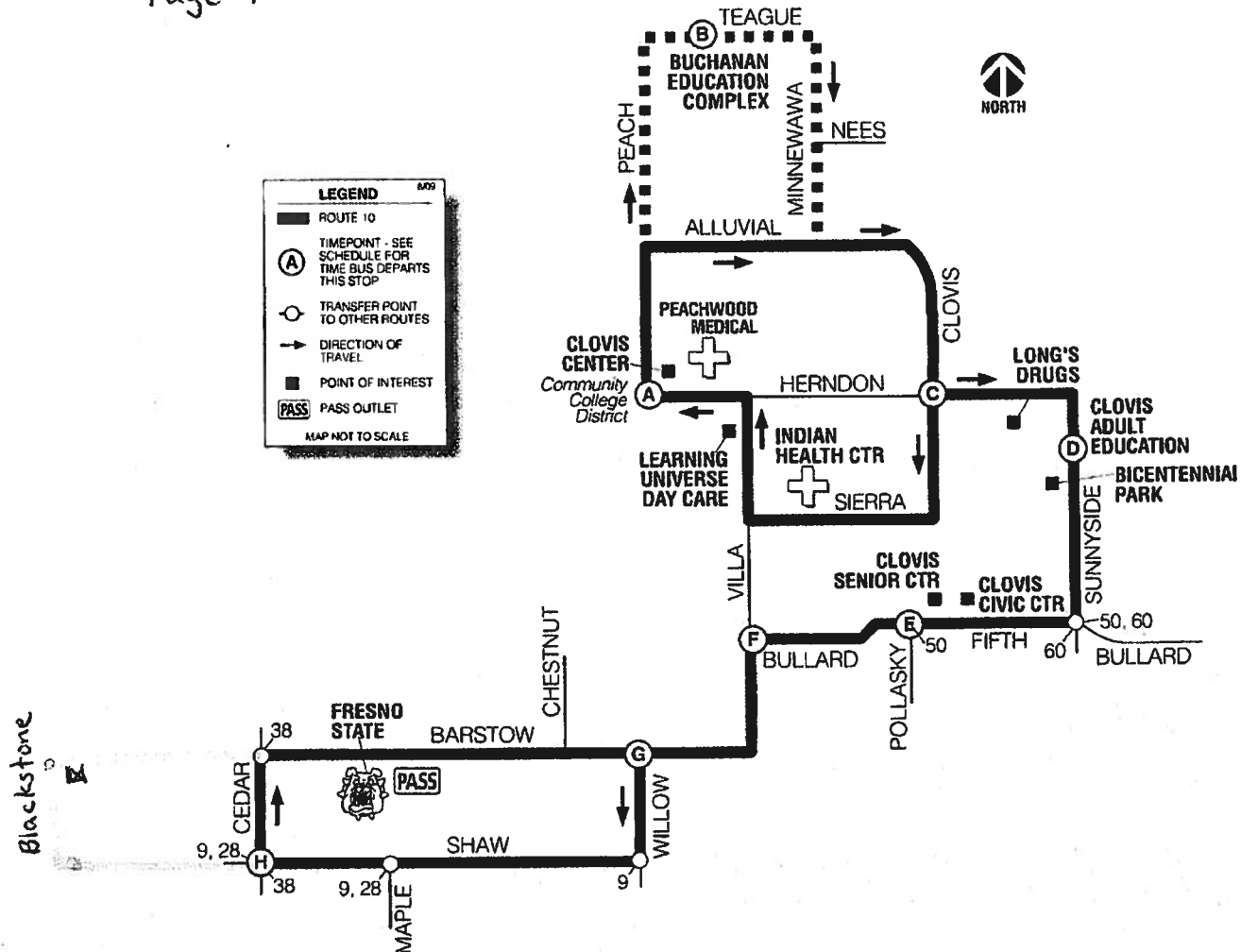
10 Fresno State University/Northwest Clovis

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LEGEND 809

- ROUTE 10
- (A) TIMEPOINT - SEE SCHEDULE FOR TIME BUS DEPARTS THIS STOP
- TRANSFER POINT TO OTHER ROUTES
- DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
- POINT OF INTEREST
- PASS PASS OUTLET

MAP NOT TO SCALE



Social Services Transportation Advisory Council
Membership List
Updated May 2009

Potential Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older (minimum of 1)			
Appointment	Resident/of Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Terri Staples	Fresno/Fresno County	5-2010	Caucasian
Phyllis Baltierra, Firebaugh Sr.Site Coordinator	Firebaugh /Fresno County	3-2012	Hispanic
Representatives of the Local Social Service Providers for Seniors (minimum of 2)			
Appointment	Resident Of/ Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Linda Descoteaux, FMAAA	Fresno/Fresno County	3-2012	Caucasian
Margo Lerwill, Fresno County Public Works	Fresno/Fresno County	2-2012	Caucasian
Nikki Vartikian, CCNF	Fresno/Fresno County	3-2012	Hispanic
Potential Transit User Who Is Disabled (minimum of 1)			
Appointment	Resident Of/ Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Carlos Duarte, FAX	Fresno/Fresno County	3-2012	Hispanic
Bill Sheen	Clovis/Fresno County	4-2010	Caucasian
Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Disabled (minimum of 2)			
Appointment	Resident Of/ Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Bob Hand, Ctr. for Independent Living	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2010	Caucasian
Bill Hyatt, CVRC	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2012	Caucasian

Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means (minimum of 1)

Appointment	Resident Of/ Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Dr. Connie Cha, Empowerment Institute	Fresno/Fresno County	3-2012	Asian American
David Moll, CSUF	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2012	Caucasian

Representatives from the Local Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (minimum of 2)

Appointment	Resident Of/ Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Shonna Halterman, Clovis Transit	Clovis/Fresno County	9-2012	Caucasian
Gary Joseph, FCEOC/CTSA	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2012	Caucasian
Jeffrey Webster, FCRTA	Fresno/Fresno County	6-2012	Caucasian
Judith Nishi, FAX	Sanger/Fresno County	6-2012	Asian American

Representatives of General Public

Appointment	Resident Of/ Geographic Representation	Term Expires	Ethnic Background
Dottie Wright	Fresno/Fresno County	2-2012	Caucasian