

APPROVED MEETING NOTES

Shasta County
Regional Transportation Planning Agency

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs
100 Mercy Oaks Drive
Redding, CA 96002
Wednesday, March 21, 2007
1:30 p.m.

(NOTE: These notes are not intended to serve as a transcript or verbatim record of the proceedings of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee, but rather as a record of the meeting time, place, attendance, and the order and general nature of the Advisory Council discussion, deliberations, and actions taken, if any.)

The following members were present:

Sharon Howard	-	Department of Social Services
Cindy Dodds	-	Tri-Counties Community Network
Ray Duryee	-	Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA)
Virginia Webster	-	Shasta Senior Nutrition Program (SSNP)
Sandra VanLarson	-	Independent Living Services
Janice Galloway	-	Shasta County Mental Health

The following members were absent:

Mike Evans	-	ACCA Faithworks
Debbie McClung	-	Shasta Senior Nutrition Program (SSNP)
Kay Hudelson	-	Golden Umbrella
Larry Scarborough	-	Far Northern Regional Center
Lisa White	-	Consolidated Transp. Service Agency (CTSA)
Jane Patterson	-	Shasta County Opportunity Center

The following nonmembers were present:

Sue Hanson	-	Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA)
Debbie Ginn	-	Caltrans District 2
Sue Crowe	-	Shasta County RTPA Staff
Janie Coffman	-	Shasta County RTPA Staff
John Strahan	-	Shasta County RTPA Staff
Norm Nelson	-	Opportunity Center
Gary Loomis	-	Citizen

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Sharon Howard called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m. Members, nonmembers, and RTPA staff made self-introductions.

2. Consider Approval of the January 17, 2007 SSTAC Minutes:

By motion made and seconded the minutes passed unanimously.

3. Accept Coordinated Human Transportation Plan:

Sue Crowe stated that the Coordinated Human Transportation Plan (CHTP) has been reviewed by Caltrans Headquarters and the FTA and they were very pleased with it. She explained that at this point it is ready to be accepted by the SSTAC and then it goes to the RTPA Board probably in June. After that the SSTAC and the CTSA take the recommendations and start the implementation process. Some of the recommendations are already being done, but are not documented.

By motion made and seconded (Webster/VanLarsen) the Plan was approved unanimously.

4. Update on RABA Short and Long-Range Transit Plan:

Ray Duryee noted that they are not as far along as they had hoped to be. The Consultant did a presentation at the last RABA Board meeting. He is trying to engage the Board and find out specifically what they would like so that he could do multiple variations. The Board however, did not want to make recommendations giving direction until they heard all the alternatives. Ray continued to note that the Consultant has returned to Southern California to develop more information on the three alternatives that he has suggested. They are hoping to have him back at the next Board meeting to further discussions. Ray explained that the Consultant made clear that each alternative stands on its own. One cannot pick something from alternative A and put it with alternative C. You pick an alternative and you implement the alternative in its entirety. Ray concluded in stating that the Consultant is frustrated because he is not getting the direction he was hoping for and he is 2/3 of the way through. Ray explained some of the changes the Consultant is recommending. Ray explained that they did not give the Consultant a lot of their thoughts, so there would be no bias and the Consultant could look at RABA with fresh eyes. The Consultant said the fixed routes do work here, so keep it. The Consultant also said that past plans the Board has accepted have never been implemented. Portions of them had been implemented in phases so the benefit of the whole package all at once was not realized.

Discussion was held concerning the February Unmet Needs Hearing and RABA.

5. Unmet Needs Recommendation:

Sharon Howard suggested they come up with something new.

Virginia Webster stated that they have to make a recommendation that at this time there are no unmet needs "however."

Discussion was held concerning what to put in the SSTAC recommendation to the RTPA Board for the April 17, 2007 RTPA meeting.

Virginia Webster moved that there are no unmet needs that are reasonable to meet at this time and that the SSTAC members recommend beginning implementation of the priorities in the Coordinated Human Transportation Plan. Cindy second, the recommendation passed unanimously.

Sharon Howard advised that SSTAC needed to nominate a chair and vice-chair.

Virginia Webster nominated Sharon Howard for Chair, Cindy Dodds second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Virginia Webster nominated Cindy Dodds for Vice-Chair, Sandra VanLarsen second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A date was set for May 16 at 10:00 a.m. for the next SSTAC meeting. This will be a field trip to ride the RABA bus.

Adjourn:

There being no further committee business, Sharon Howard adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Coffman
Recording Secretary