

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Consider Revision to the 2003/2004 Unmet Needs Findings Resolution 03-03	07/22/03	3-3

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency:

- 1) Consider the attached revision to the 2003/2004 Unmet Needs Findings Resolution 03-03.
- 2) Reword paragraph five of the Unmet Needs Findings to be consistent with the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Section 99401.5 (d).

SUMMARY

The Department of Transportation (DOT) requests that the fifth paragraph of the 2003/2004 Unmet Needs Findings resolution be reworded for consistency with TDA Section 99401.5 (d).

DISCUSSION

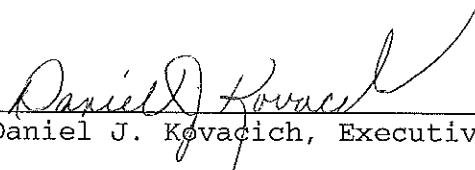
The DOT has found that the wording in the 2003/2004 Unmet Needs Finding resolution is not consistent with the requirements of Section 99401.6 (d). The word "new" must be removed from the resolution. Paragraph five of the resolution is reworded to read, "... there are no new unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet..."

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

This item was reviewed at the July 8, 2003 Technical Advisory meeting.

FINANCING

There is no impact on financing.



Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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Attachments: Resolution No. 03-03 Revised
Letter From Ric Morales, Caltrans

**RESOLUTION 03-03
REVISED**

**SHASTA COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
CONCERNING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS DETERMINED REASONABLE TO
MEET FOR CLAIMANT JURISDICTIONS IN SHASTA COUNTY FOR
FY 2003/04**

WHEREAS, Section 99230 of the California Public Utilities Code (PUC) requires that each transportation planning agency shall annually determine the amount of LTF funds to be allocated to each claimant, from an analysis and evaluation of the total amount anticipated to be available in the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and the relative needs of each claimant for the purposes for which the fund is intended, and consistent with the provisions of the law; and

WHEREAS, PUC Section 99231 and the California Code of Regulations, Section 6655 require that the transportation planning agency shall allocate to a claimant for a given area only such moneys as represent that area's apportionment; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of PUC Section 99401.5 further require that the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) annually review and make findings concerning "unmet transit needs" in each claimant jurisdiction and, prior to making any LTF allocations to claimants for street and road purposes, fund such unmet transit needs in each claimant jurisdiction as have been found "reasonable to meet"; and

WHEREAS, the 2003/04 transit needs review process in Shasta County has included all of the following actions:

- (1) Consultations with and recommendations from the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), and other interested organizations and individuals;
- (2) Identification of the transit needs for claimant jurisdictions in Shasta County as detailed in the 2003/04 Transit Needs Assessment, which includes the following:
 - (a) An assessment of the size and location of identifiable groups which are likely to be transit dependent or transit disadvantaged, including, but not limited to the elderly, the handicapped and persons of limited means;
 - (b) An analysis of the adequacy of existing public transportation services and specialized transportation services, including privately and publicly provided services in meeting the demand identified pursuant to the assessment referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above;
 - (c) An analysis of the potential alternative public transportation and specialized transportation services and service improvements;
- (3) A presentation by the RTPA staff on February 25, 2003, concerning recent study findings concerning unmet needs, and existing service ridership and feasibility;
- (4) A public hearing held on February 25, 2003, for the purpose of soliciting claimant agency and citizen comments on unmet transit needs that may exist within each claimant's jurisdiction that might be reasonable to meet using LTF funds; and

- (5) An analysis of, and response to, comments prepared for the April 22, 2003, RTPA meeting. Separate responses were prepared by the RTPA, and Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) for consideration; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this annual planning and review process, the RTPA has identified that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet for the claimant jurisdictions in Shasta County for 2003/04; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of identified transit needs for fiscal year 2003/04 for each affected jurisdiction, and consideration of their respective costs and revenues and other factors, has resulted in the determination that the existing level of transit service, as detailed in the 2003/04 Transit Needs Assessment, represents those transit needs that are reasonable to meet; and

WHEREAS, the findings required by PUC Section 99401.5, and related RTPA rules and policies, for each claimant jurisdiction are reflected in a single resolution for administrative convenience and as a reflection of the coordinated transit service that the individual claimants have separately elected to provide through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), despite their individual status as eligible TDA claimants; and

WHEREAS, the information developed pursuant to PUC Section 99401.5, subdivisions (a) through (c), inclusive, which provide the basis for the findings herein for FY 2003/04 include: (1) The 2003/04 Transit Needs Assessment and supplemental data and analysis provided; (2) the Transit Development Plan (TDP) as updated with 1995 Transit Needs Study Technical Memorandums No. 1 and No. 2; (3) SSTAC consultations; (4) public and claimant agency comments; (5) staff reports and presentations to the RTPA Board; (6) the Regional Transportation Plan; and (7) all correspondence, testimony and documents otherwise comprising the record of proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the PUC Section 99401.5 findings made herein, including determinations that existing transit services include all transit needs that are reasonable to meet, will require that the existing level of transit service shall continue to be funded for each claimant as specified before any allocation is made by the responsible claimant for streets and roads within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, proposed 2003/04 TDA allocations to the claimants, in the form of a 2003/04 TDA budget, have been prepared which include funding for the existing level of service determined reasonable to meet; and

WHEREAS, to ensure eligibility for STA funds, RABA shall submit calculations supporting its compliance with California Code of Regulations Section 99314.6; and

WHEREAS, the PUC Section 99401.5 findings made herein are consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, from the 2003/04 unmet transit needs evaluation process, the RTPA has determined a level of transit service for each claimant that is considered reasonable to meet under the criteria of Resolution 00-21 and the rules and regulations governing the implementation of the Transportation Development Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency:

- (1) Makes the above stated findings and determinations, including, but not limited to a finding that existing transit services fully and adequately address all unmet transit needs in each claimant jurisdiction in Shasta County, which are reasonable to meet; and
- (2) Determines that the existing level of transit service, as detailed in the 2003/04 Transit Needs Assessment, fully set forth herein by reference represents the highest level of transit service that can be reasonably funded; and
- (3) Determines that the 80% service hours/20% population-based cost sharing formula represents the cost sharing alternative which reflects the most equitable distribution of RABA service area costs to the claimant agencies in light of the transit system benefits each will realize from the RABA provided services; and
- (4) Determines that the farebox ratio for the RABA service area where services are jointly funded in the rural and urban areas for 2003/04 is 18.5%; and
- (5) Approves allocations for each claimant jurisdiction that are consistent with and reflected in the 2003/04 TDA Budget attached as Exhibit B; and
- (6) Directs that claimants for TDA funds be instructed by RTPA staff that they shall submit claims for transit funds in the amounts not exceeding those shown on Exhibit B for fiscal year 2003/04, and that these claims and the use of resulting funds shall be consistent with the TDP, as amended, before any LTF allocations shall be used for street and road purposes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2003, by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Pat Kight, Chairman
Shasta County Regional
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May 27, 2003

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Dear Mr. Kovacich:

We have reviewed the unmet transit needs finding documentation for Shasta County, FY 2003-2004, as required by Section 99401.6 of the Public Utilities Code. The finding in Resolution 03-03, "...the RTPA has identified no new unmet transit needs...", should be reworded to be consistent with the requirements of Section 99401.5 (d) of the same code. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Cosulich at (916) 654-9370.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ric Morales".

RIC MORALES
TDA Program Manager

bc: Debbie Pedersen, District 2