

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Recognize Virginia Webster for Contributions to Senior Transportation	12/14/10	6

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the board recognize Virginia Webster for her contributions in providing transportation to seniors over the past thirty-two years.

SUMMARY

Virginia Webster is retiring after twenty-eight years as the executive director for Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs, Inc. (SSNP). The RTPA is privileged to recognize Virginia for her leadership and advocacy to seniors throughout Shasta County and nationwide.

DISCUSSION

SSNP was formed in 1979 to assist senior citizens in preserving independence. SSNP provides meal assistance, social and educational activities, commodity distribution, and transportation services to seniors throughout Shasta County. Virginia was instrumental in the development of the Mercy Oaks campus where SSNP is located. Virginia received the 1999 Non-Profit Director of the Year award by the Association of Non-Profits, and was a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Virginia recently served on the California Department of Transportation's Mobility Action Plan advisory committee.

Under Virginia's administration, transit services such as County Lifeline and the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) are provided to seniors and persons with disabilities living outside of the Redding Area Bus Authority's (RABA) service area. Virginia has chaired and participated in numerous committees and councils; including the RTPA's Technical Advisory Committee, Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, and the CTSA. Virginia has assisted agency staff in development of the annual Unmet Transit Needs Assessment, the Coordinated Human Transportation Plan, regional transportation plans, and various special projects related to transportation.



It is impossible to fully portray Virginia's commitment, leadership, guidance, and dedication in improving the lives of senior citizens. Those who have had the opportunity to work with Virginia know her as a true role model. It is with honor and gratitude that the RTPA staff and board present Virginia Webster with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of her outstanding service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Attached are letters of appreciation from Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation, RABA, Shasta County Department of Public Works, and the Shasta County Opportunity Center. The Technical Advisory Committee concurs with the staff recommendation.


Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

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Attachments: Letters of Appreciation



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November 29, 2010

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Virginia Webster, Executive Director
Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs, Inc.
100 Mercy Oaks Drive
Redding, CA 96003

Subject: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Virginia:

Congratulations upon your pending retirement. Shasta County wishes to thank you for thirty-two years of exceptional commitment to improving the lives of seniors in Shasta County.

Under your administration, Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs, Inc. (SSNP) has assisted senior citizens in maintaining their independence. Transportation services, meal programs, social and education activities have made a difference in countless lives.

As the operator for County Lifeline Transit Service, SSNP has provided an exceptional and cost-effective transit service to seniors and persons with disabilities throughout Shasta County. Your coordination of services with other agencies and transportation providers has stretched limited resources to enhance transportation services throughout the County.

Your leadership is exemplary. It is an honor and privilege for this department to present this letter of recognition.

Very truly yours,



Patrick J. Minturn, Director

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December 1, 2010

Ms. Virginia Webster
Shasta Senior Nutrition
100 Mercy Oaks Drive
Redding, CA 96003

Dear Virginia:

Please accept my sincere congratulations in your retirement from Shasta Senior Nutrition. Throughout your years of service, you have played an integral part and a supportive role in providing much needed transportation services to the citizens in your community. You have also demonstrated great leadership and a unique style all your own.

Your willingness to actively lead the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) is a great example for all CTSA's in California. Your participation in statewide conferences, grant workshops, the 2-1-1 Mobility Management project, and the California Mobility Action Plan project advisory committee have made you a key partner to us in the Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation, as well as Caltrans District 2, Redding.

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and wholehearted support in the management of your FTA Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled program vehicles and equipment. We have come to rely on Shasta Senior Nutrition as the "Model 5310 Program Sub-recipient" around the state.

We wish you all the best in your new venture!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Gayle".

KIMBERLY A. GAYLE
Office Chief
Federal Transit Grants Programs



December 3, 2010

Virginia Webster, Executive Director
Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs
100 Mercy Oaks Drive
Redding, CA 96003

Dear Ms. Webster:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff at the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA), I would like to extend my congratulations on your upcoming retirement. Your nearly 30 years of leadership and dedication to bettering the lives of senior citizens in Shasta County is unparalleled and worthy of commendation.

Through your work as the Executive Director of SSNP, Chair of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, and member of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency, several important benefits to senior transportation have been achieved throughout the north state and beyond. Your efforts have also produced the development of the annual Unmet Transit Needs Assessments, the States first Coordinated Human Transportation Plan, and a multitude of other transit and transportation plans. In addition, you led the operation of RABA's Demand Response system in its infancy.

Again, I congratulate you on a very significant career and wish you the best in your retirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian F. Crane", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Brian F. Crane
Executive Officer

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c: Kurt Starman, City Manager
RABA Board Members

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We have had the pleasure of working with Virginia Webster the Executive Director of the Shasta Senior Nutrition Program for many years. Her dedication and enthusiasm for providing quality services for seniors and people with disabilities is readily evident in all she does. She has been a collaborative partner with the Shasta County Opportunity Center assisting in the procurement of wheel-chair accessible vehicles to benefit program participants. Her zealous advocacy for the citizens we serve has helped to ensure that all possible resources are maximized in our community. In a time of severe budget cuts Virginia has been able to maintain quality services and spread them as far as possible to benefit citizens throughout Shasta County. We wish her well in all her future endeavors knowing that she deserves accolades for all she has accomplished.

Sincerely,

Del Lockwood MPA
Staff Services Manager
Shasta County Opportunity Center