

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	June 30, 2022
SUBJECT:	Approve the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Appointments
AGENDA ITEM:	5-5
STAFF CONTACT:	Kathy Urlie, Senior Transportation Planner

SUMMARY:

Transportation Development Act (TDA) statute requires the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) have a Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) to inform and advocate for the needs of the elderly, disabled, and transit-dependent populations. The SSTAC serves in an advisory capacity to the SRTA Board of Directors. The terms for all SSTAC members expired December 31, 2021. Current members willing to continue service, and new members, must be appointed to new three-year terms. An SSTAC fact sheet is included as Attachment A.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors appoint thirteen representatives to the SSTAC for three-year terms, from January 2022 to December 2024 per Attachment B.

DISCUSSION:

As a recipient of TDA funds, SRTA is required to have an SSTAC. The SSTAC advises the board of directors on the annual Unmet Transit Needs Process, helps facilitate coordination and consolidation of specialized transit service providers in the region, provides input on non-motorized connections to transit, and participates in other related matters. SSTAC meetings are held at least twice per year and are open to the public.

Representation on the SSTAC requires approval by the board of directors. Per TDA statute and the SSTAC bylaws, the SSTAC has at least nine members representing six categories (shown in Attachment B) covering the interests of citizens who are most likely to depend on public transit. Up to nine additional members are optional and may include representatives of individuals walking and/or biking to transit. The purpose of the nine additional members includes:

- participating in the meetings and discussions to provide other perspectives;
- serving as alternates for those statutory members unable to attend a meeting, in order to achieve a quorum; and
- providing a candidate pool from which SSTAC statutory vacancies may be filled during the three-year term of appointments.

SRTA solicited for SSTAC volunteers on SRTA's website, in the newspaper, and through direct outreach to some agencies. This attracted thirteen volunteers interested in serving. The SSTAC provides valuable input and SRTA staff appreciates the SSTAC representatives' service, as well as the willingness of multiple existing representatives to continue to volunteer.

The thirteen candidates highlighted in Attachment B are recommended for appointment to three-year terms, from January 2022 to December 2024. To date, this includes eight voting members and five additional members who can be appointed as voting members by the executive director if vacancies arise in the TDA-mandated categories they are qualified to fill. This distinction is immaterial in terms of participation since the need to vote is infrequent and consensus votes are customary. The additional members are also able to substitute for missing statutory members when the need for a quorum arises. They are always welcomed and encouraged to provide information and feedback, and participate within meeting discussions.

Staff will continue to conduct outreach efforts to fill the one vacant statutory position, and the other additional members' positions. The executive director will appoint individuals to these positions, as qualified candidates become available, for the remainder of the three-year term.

ALTERNATIVES:

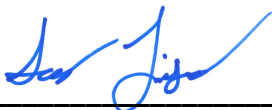
The board of directors may approve an SSTAC with a different number of members. However, a minimum of nine members should be maintained in the six TDA-mandated categories shown in Attachment B. The board of directors may also modify representation on the recommended appointment list.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Various social service organizations were provided the solicitation for SSTAC membership. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with this recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SRTA staff maintains the SSTAC through use of TDA funds under Work Element 708.03 Transportation Development Act of the Overall Work Program. SSTAC members are non-paid volunteers.



Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments: A - SSTAC Fact Sheet
 B - SSTAC Membership Appointment Recommendation



Attachment A

Fact Sheet: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)



Summary

The SSTAC meets at least twice per year to discuss, and advise, the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) on transit needs and major transit issues in the Shasta Region. The meetings consist of members from the public representing nine voting members and up to nine additional members appointed by SRTA. Anyone may participate at SSTAC meetings, and voting members primarily represent various groups of under-served transit users, as mandated by [Public Utilities Code §99238](#).

Mission

Review, recommend, and promote the development and use of accessible transportation services within the Shasta Region.

Overview of SSTAC Participation

1. Advise on needs of transit dependent and transit disadvantaged persons (see categories below)
2. Identify unmet transit needs
3. Review and recommend SRTA action on unmet transit needs
4. Advise on major transportation issues, including coordination and consolidation of transit

SSTAC composition and conduct are subject to the provisions of [Public Utilities Code §99238](#) and SRTA's [SSTAC Bylaws](#).

Voting Members

SRTA strives to attain geographic and minority representation among the SSTAC membership from a broad representation of providers and the public. Voting members serve three-year terms and may be reappointed. SSTAC representatives consist of the categories listed below.

Categories of SSTAC Voting Membership

- (1) One representative of existing transit users who is 60 years of age or older.
- (2) One representative of existing transit users who is disabled.
- (3) Two representatives of the local social service providers for seniors, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists.
- (4) Two representatives of local social service providers for the disabled, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists.
- (5) One representative of a local social service provider for persons of limited means.
- (6) Two representatives from the local consolidated transportation service agency, if one exists, including one representative from an operator, if one exists.
- (7) The transportation planning agency may appoint up to nine additional representatives, including representatives of residents walking and cycling to/from transit, to participate at SSTAC meetings and serve as an alternate for any of the nine statutory members, if needed.

Six Categories of TDA-Mandated Representation (9 Members)

Category 7 for Additional Representation

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	Category 6	Category 7
(1) Potential transit user who is 60 years of age or older	(1) Potential transit user who is disabled	(2) Representatives of local social service providers for seniors	(2) Representatives of local social service providers for the disabled	(1) Representative of social service provider for persons of limited means	(2) Representative from the local consolidated transportation service agency	Additional members (up to 9)
Sharon Gatt (Citizen)	Patrick Geagan (Citizen)	Transportation Provider	Transportation Provider	Kary Tuers (United Way)	Administrator	Robert Hale (Citizen)
		Hallie Fonseca (TransDev)	Cathy Tillman (FNRC)		Rudy Saenz (DHCL)	Sherry Epley (Shasta County Opportunity Center)
		Non-Transportation Provider	Non-Transportation Provider		Operator	Anne Thomas (Shasta Living Streets)
		Vacant	Jackie Rose (Shasta County Opportunity Center)		Jami Brinson (DHCL)	Christina Prosperi (Citizen)
KEY: Categories 1-6 represent statutory SSTAC membership Category 7 represents additional SSTAC membership who may step in for vacant statuory membership for SSTAC business						Carolyn Nava (Disability Action Center/Diversability Advocacy Network)
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