

Meeting Notes

SHASTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSTAC) MEETING

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Salmon Room

1255 East Street, Suite 202, Redding, California

*MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE VIA
TELECONFERENCE*

(Note: The following meeting notes are not intended to serve as a transcript or verbatim record of the proceedings of the SSTAC, but rather as a record of the meeting time, place, attendance, and actions taken, if any.)

Item #1 Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

SSTAC members Patrick Geagan, Brody Wilbourn, Hallie Fonseca, Dave Koentopf, John Andoh, Donald Kirk, and Kelly Babcock were present.

SRTA staff members Assistant Transportation Planner Laurent Beauregard, Associate Transportation Planner Moein Khloei, Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Pollom, Senior Transportation Planner Keith Williams, Senior Transportation Planner Michael Kuker, and Executive Assistant Amy Lindsey were present.

Item #2 Public Comment Period

No one wished to speak.

Item #3 Information Items

a. SRTA Railroad Crossing Study (Michael Kuker)

Senior Transportation Planner Michael Kuker gave a Railroad Crossing Study presentation to the SSTAC and answered committee questions. Mr. Kuker will come back to the committee with a project update in early 2027.

Item #4 Action Items

a. Set Dates and Times for Upcoming SSTAC Meetings

Chair Russell, on behalf of the committee, would like to hold off on setting 2027 dates until the July or October SSTAC meeting.

b. Approve January 14, 2026, SSTAC Meeting Minutes

No corrections/additions. SSTAC Vice Chair Geagan made a motion to approve the January 14, 2026, meeting minutes. By motion made, seconded (Geagan/Wilbourn) and unanimously carried, the motion passes.

- c. SSTAC's Recommendation of Unmet Transit Needs to SRTA Board of Directors
Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Pollom presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 annual transit needs assessment. Staff recommend that there are no new unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet for FY 2026/27.

The SSTAC reviewed the findings and concur with the staff recommendation. By motion made, seconded (Wilbourn/Geagan) and unanimously carried, the motion passes.

- d. Active Transportation Program Cycle 8 Project Letters of Support
Senior Transportation Planner Keith Williams presented an update on local agencies' Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 8 projects and answered committee questions. SRTA staff recommends the SRTA Board of Directors, at their April 30th meeting, reconfirm the agency's commitment to cover half the match for the ATP Cycle 8 applications if awarded funding.

Mr. Williams is seeking letters of support from the SSTAC for the following projects: 1) Redding – Victor North Project; and 2) Shasta Lake – Link Shasta Active Transportation Network. By motion made, seconded (Geagan/Wilbourn) and unanimously carried, the Chair will sign letters of support for both projects.

Item #5

Discussion Items

- a. Update on Aging Adult Program (Hallie Fonseca)
SSTAC member, RABA Mobility Manager, Hallie Fonseca gave an update on the Aging Adult Program and answered questions to the committee.
- b. Bus Stop Amenities Project and Placement Policy (RABA and SRTA)
SSTAC member, RABA Transit Operations Program Manager, Brody Wilbourn gave an update on the Bus Stop Amenities Project and Placement Policy and answered questions to the committee. New benches and solar lights have been installed in various locations. All Burney Express stops have been updated with new amenities.
- c. North State Intercity Bus Route Update (RABA)
SSTAC member, RABA Transit Manager, John Andoh gave an update on the Intercity Bus Route and answered questions to the committee. Mr. Andoh stated that the tentative start date is May 18, 2026.
- d. RABA Transit General Manager Update (John A. and Zach B.)
SSTAC member, RABA Transit Manager, John Andoh announced that he would be leaving his RABA position on April 20, 2026. Interim Transit Manager will be Zach Bonnin.
- e. Vacant SSTAC Position Recommendations
Assistant Transportation Planner Laurent Beauregard gave an update on the vacant SSTAC position (Social Services Provider for Persons of Limited Means). Mr. Beauregard asked the committee for any suggestions for new

membership. Possibilities may include Good News Rescue Mission, NVCSS, or Shasta Community Health Center.

f. Provide Potential Topics for Future Meetings (All)

1. SSTAC Member, Caltrans District 2 Transit Coordinator, Kelly Babcock, would like to have their Transit Plan consultant come and give a presentation to the committee in July.
2. Update from RABA on Intercity Bus.

g. Receive Updates from Transit Operators and SSTAC Members

At the request of Senior Transportation Planner Jennifer Pollom, DHCL Director Dave Koentopf gave an update on the complimentary care service.

RABA is rebranding service names with new colored brackets. A pilot project for free fares will be decided by the RABA board in June.

SSTAC Chair Russell reminded the committee of the May 11th Homeless Connect event at the Civic Center.

SSTAC Member, Caltrans District 2 Transit Coordinator, Kelly Babcock, gave an update on the Caltrans Transit Plan. The draft should be ready in October of 2027.

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Item #6 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,


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