

Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA)

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES**

Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs

100 Mercy Oaks Drive

Redding, CA 96002

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

1:30 PM

(NOTE: These notes are not intended to serve as a transcript or verbatim record of the proceedings of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, 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.)

Members Present:

Steve Smith	-	Help, Inc.
Kao Saechao	-	Far Northern Regional Center
Del Lockwood	-	Shasta County HHSA/Opportunity Center
Sue Wolf	-	Shasta County HHSA
Kay Hudelson	-	Golden Umbrella
Lisa White	-	Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA)
Sue Crowe	-	Shasta County Department of Public Works (DPW)
Chuck Aukland	-	Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA)

Members Absent:

Debbie McClung	-	Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs (SSNP)
Hallie Fonseca	-	Transdev Transportation
Cindy Dodds	-	Tri-Counties Community Network
Mike Harding	-	We Care A Lot/Far Northern Regional Center

Nonmembers Present:

Marcelino Gonzalez	-	Caltrans, District 2
Margie McAleer	-	Shasta Living Streets
Keith Williams	-	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency Staff
Kathy Urlie	-	Shasta Regional Transportation Agency Staff

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Vice Chair Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

2. Public Comment Period (Limit Three Minutes per Speaker):

There were no comments.

3. SRTA Update:

Keith Williams – SRTA Executive Assistant Janie Coffman will no longer be joining the SSTAC meetings, as she is needed in the SRTA office. SRTA staff will take meeting notes. Minutes not required per TDA statutes.

Keith Williams – The SRTA Board of Directors approved the SSTAC-recommended unmet, and reasonable to meet, needs findings of: a) a third roundtrip per day for the Burney Express; and b) express transit services to Cottonwood.

Keith Williams – The county received an FTA 5311(f) grant for intercity Burney Express service, which will free up FTA 5311 funding to be used for Cottonwood express transit services, which allows LCTOP funding to be focused on other RABA express routes such as Crosstown Express or additional Airport Express service.

Chuck Aukland – The original unmet need recommendation to expand express service to the airport (from eight to eleven trips/day, running ½ hourly service during 3 hrs. of the day) was not funded by REU.

Keith Williams – SRTA will be collaborating with RABA and Whiskeytown on an opportunity to potentially offer limited transit service to Whiskeytown.

4. Transit Operator and Other Member Updates:

Chuck Aukland (RABA): RABA is still working on the Route 9 Anderson, and is considering starting it 15 minutes earlier to be able to start it in Cottonwood and extend it at the end of the day in Cottonwood. For the RABA Triennial Review, the RABA Board of Directors has received the responses to findings. Next spring RABA will use Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding to provide a cross-town express from downtown to Canby on 30-40 minute headways. Additional service from the Hilltop area hotels to Turtle Bay is being considered. LCTOP funding (approximately \$62K) could also be used for more Cottonwood service. All of these service revisions, including Cottonwood Express, could be ready for implementation in spring 2016—although Cottonwood Express may be sooner than that. Routes 11 and 14 east-west adding additional service (half-hourly perhaps) is being reviewed, as well as Route 2 on the Westside. The RABA restrooms project is almost done. Finally, under the new route changes, ridership should go down; as transfers count as a rider now, reducing the need for transfers with the service re-design will lower RABA ridership numbers.

Lisa White (CTSA): SSNP's FTA New Freedom funding will expire July 31, 2015, but SSNP will use CTSA funding to continue the Shingletown run, albeit only two times per week vs. five. The runs will operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays as of August 1, 2015. SSNP will conduct outreach to advertise the extension of this service.

Del Lockwood (Opportunity Center): Health and Human Services' Opportunity Center recently acquired a new, used bus to replace a very old one now being used as a backup. It services the Lakehead area. In the future, he'd like to see RABA services extended to the county corporation yard, as the nearest stop is a mile away and inclement weather (example used was 114 degree F heat) dissuades clients using the bus.

Sue Crowe (Shasta County DPW): The county received a \$176,850 FTA 5311(f) award which will fully fund all three Burney Express daily roundtrips. However, in accepting intercity funding, all references to Burney Express "commuter" services will need to be changed to "intercity". Additionally, the county will have to eliminate a shuttle bus seat behind the driver for storing

luggage. The grant award frees up \$334K of FTA 5311 available funding for other services. August 17, 2015 will be the start date of the 3rd roundtrip Burney Express daily trip, leaving Redding at 2:25 PM. As a pilot program, it will not be subject to achieving the minimum-required farebox recovery ratio for a three-year period.

Marcelino Gonzalez (Caltrans): Caltrans will be issuing a call for projects for federal discretionary planning grant funding in August, with applications due in October.

Kay Hudelson (Golden Umbrella): After mentioning that the eligibility renewal process seems to be taking longer than usual, RABA's Chuck Aukland indicated that he would check into it. Concern was also expressed about having to now receive an MD signature vs. nurse practitioner.

5. Adjourn:

There being no further business, Steve Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:08 PM.