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AGENDA

SHASTA COUNTY REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Shasta Senior Nutrition Programs
Main Facility
100 Mercy Oaks Drive
Redding, CA 96003
Tuesday, November 15, 2005
1:30 p.m.

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APPROVED MEETING NOTES

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

The following members were present:

Mike Evans	-	ACCA Faithworks
Roy Torum	-	Shasta Senior Nutrition Program (SSNP)
Virginia Webster	-	Shasta Senior Nutrition Program (SSNP)
Debbie McClung	-	Shasta Senior Nutrition Program (SSNP)
Ray Duryee	-	Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA)
Sharon Howard	-	Department of Social Services
Sandra VanLarson	-	Independent Living Services

The following members were absent:

Larry Scarborough	-	Far Northern Regional Center
Kay Hudelson	-	Golden Umbrella
Cindy Dodds	-	Tri-Counties Community Network
Jeanette Myers	-	Disabled Citizen
Mary Onweiler	-	Additional Member
Hart Rumbolz	-	Additional Member
Janice Galloway	-	Shasta County Mental Health

The following nonmembers were present:

Sue Hanson	-	Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA)
Debbie Pedersen	-	Caltrans District 2
Sue Crowe	-	Shasta County RTPA Staff
Janie Coffman	-	Shasta County RTPA Staff

1. Call to Order:

Roy Torum called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Members, nonmembers, and RTPA staff made self-introductions.

2. Consider Approval of the March 23, 2005 SSTAC Minutes:

By motion made and seconded (Webster/Howard) the minutes passed unanimously.

3. Discuss Committee Membership Terms:

Sue Crowe explained that in 2006 most of the committee members terms come up for renewal, they could discontinue membership at that time or renew for three years. Hart Rumbolz and Janice Galloway are currently renewing for a three-year term, and Larry Scarborough and Kay Hudelson's terms are through 2007.

4. Welcome New Members:

There were no new members present.

5. Elect New Chair

Virginia Webster nominated Sharon Howard for Chairperson, Sandra VanLarsen second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Evans nominated Roy Torum for Vice-Chair, Sandra VanLarsen second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CalACT Update:

Sue Crowe gave an update on the CalACT conference that was held in Monterey this year. She explained that a lot of the focus this year was on Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies and their role. There is some new funding coming in for CTSA's to help with operations in the new Safety Lu. There were a lot of topics on mobility impaired. She continued to explain about Access Exchange International; an organization that helps with transportation needs in foreign countries.

Virginia Webster stated that she had received an email from the CalACT Director, Peter Spalding, concerning their collaborating with the Olmsted Act. The Olmsted Act has a section on transportation, and Peter Spalding has asked all the transit providers to vote on it. Virginia noted that the section on Access to Transportation is very important as it concerns Medi-Cal non-emergency medical transportation reimbursement.

7. Discuss RABA Temporary Farebox Reduction and Route Modifications:

Sue Crowe explained the RABA temporary farebox reduction. The RTPA lowered the farebox to 15% for fiscal year 05/06 so that farebox could be made. RABA also made some route modifications and raised their fares. Sue noted how the RABA board and RTPA board had a joint meeting in July and learned what the responsibilities of each board is. The upcoming Unmet Needs Hearing in February 2006 will be a joint RTPA/RABA meeting as well.

Mike Evans asked about the option of Demand Response being excluded in the overall calculation. Discussion was held concerning this option.

Sue Crowe explained that the RABA Short and Long-Range Transit Plan would be updated. It has been five years since the last update and will be done by a consultant. RABA will be doing a RFP for the consultant. Discussion was held concerning the update.

Ray Duryee explained the RABA route modifications. He noted that the first month of data showed a loss of 3% in ridership and an increase of 12% in revenue. Demand Response fares went from \$1.50 to \$2.50 and there is a 50-cent increase in fixed routes. Most comments received in the first month were primarily from riders in Anderson. A route that is just for Anderson is now using a smaller van instead of a large bus. The van does not have as many wheel chair stations, the aisles are not as wide, and the seats are closer, so people are negative to the smaller bus. Ray noted that there is going to be a public meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2005, to engage the public on what kinds of things they see after the first month of service. They are hoping to also get comments on the hours of operation on the Anderson Express - the bus that goes between Redding and Anderson. They have had no comments on the fare increase, some comments on where the stops are and a parent whose child went to Anderson Technology School who missed his connection.

8. Unmet Needs:

Sue Crowe noted that the Unmet Needs Hearing is February 28, 2006. The SSTAC will need to meet in January to prepare for this. She noted that no comments have been received this year and only one call has come in for a Weaverville connection. Signs will be posted in January for the hearing.

Debbie Pedersen will check on the separation of Demand Response from the farebox ratio. Debbie noted that every agency in California is struggling with Demand Response balancing against the farebox. She will also find out about the TDA Advisory Committee.

Sue Crowe will check with CalACT and see if any legislation has come through the TDA Advisory Committee.

Sue Hansen passed out updated RABA route maps.

The next SSTAC meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2006, at 1:30 p.m., at SSNP.

Adjourn:

There being no further committee business, Roy Torum adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Coffman
Recording Secretary