

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, August 10, 2015
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Glenn County Planning & Public Works Agency
Conference Room
777 North Colusa Street, Willows, CA 95988

(1) Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mardy Thomas at 2:08 p.m.

(2) Introductions

Members present: Salina Edwards, Gloria Ponciano, Keith Corum, Vicki Shively and Colleen Ellis

Staff present: Mardy Thomas, Di Aulabaugh and Matt Gomes

(3) Action Items:

- A. Recommendation on 2015/2016 Unmet Transit Needs comments based on four public hearings

Members reviewed the following:

In 1971, the California Legislature enacted the Transportation Development Act (TDA) to ensure “the efficient and orderly movement of people and goods in the urban areas of the state.” The TDA provides to funding sources: the Local Transportation fund (LTF) a ¼-cent general sales tax collected statewide and the State Transit Assistance fund (STA) which is now derived from an excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel.

TDA recognizes that rural counties have different transportation needs. Counties with a population under 500,000 as of the 1970 Census may use LTF funding for transit and local streets and roads provided that certain conditions are met first.

Prior to allocating the funds, the transportation planning agency, the Glenn County Transportation Commission (GCTC), is required to hold a minimum of one public hearing to receive comments on unmet transit needs that may exist and that might be reasonable to meet. Four public hearings were held before the City Councils of Orland and Willows, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, and the Glenn County Transportation Commission.

In March, the GCTC adopted the recommendation of the Social Services Technical Advisory Council defining “Unmet Transit Needs” and “Needs that are Reasonable to

Meet” according to local conditions by resolution. These definitions were used to set the context in which discussions were held regarding unmet transit needs in Glenn County.

During the public hearings, no comments were received; however, the following written comment was received after the comment deadline:

- A request for additional days for the Dial-A-Ride service in Willows.

Staff has analyzed these comments and has made the following findings:

The request for additional Dial-A-Ride service days in the Willows area was evaluated in the Short Range Transit Plan. The plan suggests that an additional day per week in the City of Willows would be reasonable given the system usage. The estimated costs would be approximately \$6,080 annually. Staff is of the opinion that this can be a viable service option; however, it would need to be on a day when dispatch service is already supplied by Paratransit Services. Consequently, staff has concluded that this need is reasonable to meet as it meets the adopted criteria for unmet needs and that further evaluation would be required prior to developing a service plan. Contractual considerations would need to be cleared through Caltrans as costs with the operations contract will increase with increased service.

Staff recommends that the SSTAC recommend to the Glenn County Transportation Commission that of the comments received from the public that there are unmet transit needs with the following findings:

1. That the request for an additional day of Dial-A-Ride service in Willows meets the criteria established to identify an unmet need and that further evaluation would be required to ensure that the service can be sustained.

Consensus to recommend to the Transportation Commission the findings recommended by staff.

(4) New Business

A. None

(5) Adjournment of Meeting-The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.