

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2014
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 2:07 p.m.

(2) Introductions

Members present: Gloria Ponciano, Bruce Roundy, Becky Hansen, Joanne Owen, and Colleen Ellis

Staff present: Mardy Thomas and Casey Murray

(3) Action Items:

A. Recommendation on definitions for Unmet Transit Needs for 2014/2015

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 two 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 have been held before the City Councils of Orland and Willows, the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, and the Glenn County Transportation Commission in the past three years.

Each year the definitions for what constitutes and “unmet need” and “needs that are reasonable to meet” must be reviewed to determine if there are changes required due to

changes in the region served by transit. The Social Services Technical Advisory Council is tasked with providing a recommendation to the Transportation Commission regarding these definitions.

It was the consensus of SSTAC to recommend the definitions of “Unmet Transit Needs” and “Needs that are Reasonable to Meet” for adoption by the Glenn County Transportation Commission.

(4) New Business

A. Short-Range Transit Plan

Members reviewed the following:

Last year, the Glenn County Transportation Commission (GCTC) authorized the application for a grant under the Federal Transit Administrations Section 5304 Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies program. GCTC staff submitted a successful application and was awarded funding in October 2012 in the amount of \$53,650 with a required match. The match funding will come from the Rural Planning Assistance fund through the Overall Work Program of the GCTC.

A Request For Proposals was issued and Glenn Transit Service (GTS) awarded a consultant contract to LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. (LSC). As of March 1, LSC has produced an administrative draft of the plan. This draft is posted on the Glenn County website under the Transit/Transportation section of Planning & Public Works page. Please review the draft and provide TCTC staff with any comments. A joint meeting of the Social Services Technical Advisory Council and the Regional Transit Committee will be scheduled within the next month.

Information only – no action.

(5) Adjournment of Meeting-The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.