

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, March 16, 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 Di Aulabaugh at 2:10 p.m.

(2) Introductions

Members present: Bruce Roundy, Joie Owen and Colleen Ellis

Staff present: Mardy Thomas, Di Aulabaugh and Jolene Swanson

(3) Action Items:

A. Recommendation on definitions for Unmet Transit Needs for 2015/2016

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 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 an “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.

Staff recommends that the SSTAC discuss the attached definitions and make a recommendation to the Transportation Commission for the definitions of “Unmet Transit Needs” and “Needs that are Reasonable to Meet”.

Consensus to recommend to the Transportation Commission the definitions of “Unmet Transit Needs” and “Needs that are Reasonable to Meet”.

(4) New Business

A. Short Range Transit Plan
(download at: http://gcppwa.net/documents/GlennSRTPFR_000.pdf)

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 to develop a Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). This project was completed by a consultant and adopted by the Regional Transit Committee on May 15, 2014.

The later sections of the SRTP, starting with Chapter 7, focus on alternative ways of delivering service, capital needs/improvements, and marketing strategies. Glenn Transit Service staff is considering these changes and their implementation. These items may be discussed at future meetings of the SSTAC to assist in assessing project feasibility.

Information only – no action

(5) Adjournment of Meeting-The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.