

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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 2:06 p.m.

(2) Introductions

Members present: Gloria Ponciano, Bruce Roundy, and Joyce Rupp

Staff present: John Linhart, Annette Chavez, Mardy Thomas, and Casey Murray

(3) Action Items:

A. Recommendation on definitions for Unmet Transit Needs for 2013/2014

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.

Currently, a Request For Proposals has been issued and GCTC staff are soliciting consultants to submit bids to develop a Short-Range Transit Plan for Glenn Transit Service (GTS). One of the primary objectives will be to develop more efficient routes and route timing to maintain or improve transit connections in the Chico area. Also, the plan will explore the possibility of expanding service locally to make it more frequent.

B. Regional Transportation Plan Update

Members reviewed the following:

Every five years, the Glenn County Transportation Commission (GCTC) is required to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP considers and plans for all transportation and transit projects in the region for the next 20 years.

There are several components of the RTP. The RTP should identify policies, strategies, and determine future projects. Regional land use, development, housing, employment, and transportation needs are all factors that are considered in developing the RTP. The RTP also considers the financial resources available to develop and constructing any projects identified during the development of the RTP.

Preliminary work for the RTP will begin during the summer with the expectation that a Request For Proposals soliciting assistance from a consultant will go out towards the end of the year. GCTC staff is making members of the Social Services Technical Advisory Council aware of it at this time to alert local groups and elected leaders to participate in this important planning process.

(5) **Adjournment of Meeting**-The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.