

# **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**DATE:** **Thursday, June 3, 2010**

**TIME:** **2:00 p.m.**

**PLACE:** **Glenn County Public Works Conference Room  
777 North Colusa Street, Willows, CA 95988**

### **(1) Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mardy Thomas at 2:10 p.m.

### **(2) Introductions**

Members present: Becky Hansen, Thomas Waggoner and Gloria Ponciano

Others present: Michelle Lange

Staff present: Mardy Thomas and Jennifer Cannizzaro

### **(3) Action Items:**

- A. Recommendation on 2010/2011 Unmet Transit Needs comments based on four public hearings.

Members reviewed the following:

The Transportation Development Act creates in each county a Local Transportation Fund. The revenue is collected from ¼ cent of the state 7.25 cent retail sales tax. The ¼ cent is returned to each county according to the amount of tax collected in that county. LTF is required to be expended on transit projects first and if there are funds remaining then they may be spent on streets and roads.

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) Section 99401.5(c) requires the Local Transportation Commission explicitly define the phrases “Unmet Transit Needs” and “Needs that are Reasonable to Meet” in terms of local conditions, and that these definitions be documented by resolution or minute order. The definitions are used to evaluate comments from the public on unmet transit needs and needs that are reasonable to meet during the Annual Unmet Transit Needs process.

Four public hearings were held: one before the Transportation Commission, one each before the respective City Councils of Orland and Willows and one before the Board of Supervisors.

The following were the comments received:

Need for more shelters

A general taxi service with no qualifications

Mr. Thomas reported that staff is looking at purchasing used shelters that can be refurbished from other jurisdictions. Discussion ensued on the various types of shelters and concerns regarding shelters containing plexus glass.

No further action.

B. Consideration of Recommendation on changes in fare structure:

1. Monthly Pass for regional route
2. ADA/Dial-A-Ride Standby

Glenn Ride has expanded its service to provide public transit services within the cities of Orland and Willows known as the Circulator Routes. There is an interest in the purchase of a fare that would allow unlimited rides on the regional and city circulator services.

Also, the need to charge for and account for transfers between the circulator service and the regional service has generated a need to clearly identify a fare structure for transfers and how they are handled.

The following is the current fare structure:

<i>City Circulator Service</i>	<i>\$ .75 for one-way trip</i>
<i>Discount fare*</i>	<i>\$ .50 for one-way trip</i>
<i>Regional Service in-county</i>	<i>\$ 1.25 per one-way trip</i>
<i>Regional Service out-of county</i>	<i>\$ 1.75 per one way trip</i>

*Transfers to regional*

<i>In-county</i>	<i>\$ .50 per trip</i>
<i>Out-of-county</i>	<i>\$ 1.00 per trip</i>

*Monthly Pass*

<i>City Circulator Service</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
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<b><i>City Circulator Discount</i></b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b><i>Regional Service</i></b>	<b>\$45.00</b>

***\*Discount would be identified for Seniors 60 years and older; Student 6-18 years; and Disabled.***

1. The monthly pass for the regional route is currently divided into an ‘In-County’ and ‘Out-of-County’ price structure. In discussions with Paratransit Services, it has been made known that it is nearly impossible to enforce the In-County pass as the driver will not be able to track those riders with In-

Count monthly passes versus those with Out-of-County passes. Consequently, staff is proposing one rate for the regional monthly pass at the current Out-of-County rate or a higher rate if warranted. Consideration may also be given to establish an overall monthly pass that would allow a person unlimited rides on both the Circulator routes and the regional route.

2. The ADA service is by appointment; however, same day service is available if requested. Under this arrangement there is significant down time for a driver. In order to make the service more efficient, the following are proposed:

- Increase the fee for same day service to discourage same day calls and/or
- Provide Dial-A-Ride service to non-ADA qualified persons during down time. This service would be secondary to the ADA service meaning that ADA persons would be the priority. This format has been tested on a trial basis with a charge of \$4 per ride. Staff is proposing that this fee be increased slightly to encourage use of the circulator routes. The Dial-A-Ride service in and of itself has not been able to meet the required 10% fare box return.

Discussion ensued regarding a universal pass and a regional pass and the length of the pass and endorsing passes so that they cannot be easily duplicated. Mrs. Ponciano asked that the discount and circulator passes be printed so that it is easy for drivers to differentiate them. Mrs. Hansen spoke about concerns that HRA has regarding passes as HRA has clients who need a daily or weekly pass rather than a monthly pass. Mrs. Hansen then noted that there appears to still be a need for a route that will allow passengers to get from Willows to Orland just before 8:00 a.m. as the current route arrives in Orland at 7:25 a.m. Discussion then ensued on options for providing the additional route. Mr. Thomas reported that he would review additional funding sources. Members agreed on that there should be a universal pass for \$60.00 allowing passengers to transfer from Glenn Ride to the circulator system. Members agreed that the fee for same day service should be \$4.00.

**(4) New Business**

Mr. Thomas reported that there appears to be many residents that are not ADA compliant and live outside the service radius. Members discussed modifying the service radius. Ms. Lange suggested having zones with different fees for the various zones. Mrs. Hansen agreed.

**(5) Adjournment of Meeting**-The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.