



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of May 19, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 4-H

PREPARED BY: Evelyn Espinosa, Associate Regional Planner

SUBJECT:

Unmet Transit Needs Update

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting, scheduled on April 26, 2021 had to be cancelled and re-scheduled to May 3, 2021. The SSTAC meeting packet has been included in this agenda packet. This SSTAC meeting had no quorum. The meeting proceeded with all agenda items; however, all prospective actions taken will have to be ratified when the SSTAC achieves quorum.

We received no public comments at the SSTAC meeting. Two new members joined the SSTAC and we proceeded to go over the new member orientation. A Vice-Chair was selected. Vacancies and the outreach to fill them was discussed with the SSTAC.

Discussion about the Unmet Transit Needs definition took place during Item 8 of the agenda. Staff suggested to work with the transit agencies via the Quarterly Transit Meetings to provide the data that would facilitate understanding about the “Reasonable to Meet” part of the conversation and present it to the SSTAC members. The Council agreed that this would be a reasonable approach.

A review of all comments received for Unmet Transit Needs took place and only one out of the 15 received was determined to be an unmet transit need. It was classified as not reasonable to meet due to cost-effectiveness.

The next SSTAC meeting will be scheduled, depending on member availability, during the month of June.

Vacancies

Staff will continue advertising the vacancies for SSTAC membership. The current vacancies are:

- Potential Transit User 60 years or older
- Representatives of the Local Social Service Provider for Seniors

- Representatives of the Local Social Service Provider for Disabled

The flier for these vacancies is also included in the packet. For more information, contact Evelyn Espinosa at evelyn@maderactc.org or (559) 675-0721.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.