



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of January 20, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5-J

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SUBJECT:

Vacancies for Public Committees: San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee, and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee

The purpose of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee (SJVRC) is to discuss and formulate suggestions and ideas for improvements to the Amtrak San Joaquin passenger train service. The SJVRC was established in 1987 and was managed by Caltrans until the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) took over management in 2015. The SJVRC is part of a larger grassroots effort by the SJPA to engage and inform citizens about the San Joaquin Rail Service.

The SJVRC is a citizen-based committee and meets 2-4 times a year. Travel reimbursement is provided when meetings are in person. Once we have appointments, we will need to submit a brief bio and letter of recommendation.

San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee: current member is Chris DaSilva of Madera. An application has been received from Terrence Flanagan of Oakhurst to serve as a member. An alternate member must be appointed.

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) serves as a citizen advisory committee to the MCTC Board on matters related to public participation needs of Madera County residents. The SSTAC holds regular quarterly meetings. The Council works with staff to develop recommendations for the MCTC Board towards finding that public transportation needs that are reasonable to be met are being met.

Members of the SSTAC shall be appointed by the transportation planning agency which shall recruit candidates for appointment from a broad representation of social service and transit

providers representing the elderly, the handicapped, and persons of limited means. In appointing council members, the transportation planning agency shall strive to attain geographic and minority representation among council members.

There are vacancies for the following two SSTAC positions:

1. Potential Transit User Who Is Disabled
2. Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Disabled

Those wishing to apply for one of the two vacant SSTAC positions can contact MCTC staff or access an application on the SSTAC Application webpage:

<https://www.maderactc.org/transportation/page/sstac-application>

FISCAL IMPACT:

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