



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of May 20, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 5-A

PREPARED BY: Amelia Davies, Associate Regional Planner

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2020-21 Unmet Transit Needs

Enclosure: No

Action: Receive public testimony, direction may be provided

SUMMARY:

Under the California Transportation Development Act (TDA), this hearing is held annually to take testimony on potential unmet transit needs within the region. Subsequent to the hearing, the Commission must determine which transit requests are unmet needs and if so, whether or not they are reasonable to meet. After all "reasonable" needs have been met through the expansion of existing services, or the creation of new transit systems, the Commission may release remaining TDA funds for street and road purposes (repair, reconstruction, etc.)

The public, interested agencies, and civic groups are encouraged to appear and indicate any transportation needs that they feel are not being met by existing transit services. Testimony should be as specific as possible with regard to those citizens not currently served by transit, the requested type and amount of transit service, the geographic area in which service is needed, and any other supporting evidence of information that will help in the evaluation of the "reasonableness" of the requested service.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) will meet on May 27, 2020 to review the testimony from this hearing and will make their recommendation along with MCTC staff at the Commission's next Board meeting on June 17, 2020. At that time the MCTC Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Madera County will be reasonably met in FY 2020-21 prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2019-20 Overall Work Program and Budget.