



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of April 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 4-J

PREPARED BY: Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner

SUBJECT:

Approve Social Services Transportation Advisory Council applicant for reappointment

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Approve the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council application for reappointment: Olga Garcia to represent a Local Social Service Provider for Older Adults

SUMMARY:

Staff are requesting the Policy Board's consideration and action on an application to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). Olga Garcia is seeking reappointment for another three-year term. The primary purpose of the SSTAC is to participate in the Unmet Transit Needs process. Appointments to the SSTAC require action by the Policy Board.

BACKGROUND:

California's Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) to establish a Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) to advise MCTC on any major transit issues in the Madera County region. This includes participating in the identification of transit needs in the jurisdiction, including unmet transit needs that may exist.

The SSTAC shall consist of the following members:

1. **One** representative of a potential transit user who is 60 years of age or older.
2. **One** representative of a potential transit user who is a person with a disability.
3. **Two** representatives of the local social service providers for older adults, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists.
4. **Two** representatives of local social service providers for persons with a disability, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists.
5. **One** representative of a local social service provider for persons of limited means.

6. **Two** representatives from the local transportation service agency, including one representative from an operator, if one exists.

7. **Any additional members** appointed from a broad representation of social service and transit providers representing older adults, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means in accordance with PUC Section 99238, subdivision B.

The term of appointment is for three years, which may be renewed for additional three-year terms.

Olga Garcia has served on the SSTAC for the past three years and works as the Community Program Coordinator for the City of Madera. She is familiar with the challenges faced by vulnerable populations and regularly advocates for the accessibility of reliable public transportation in Madera County, especially for older adults who often face barriers to mobility, healthcare, and social connection. She is deeply committed to making sure that all residents, regardless of age or ability, can access essential services and maintain their independence. Olga is applying to serve another three-year term on the SSTAC representing a Local Social Service Provider for Older Adults.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.