



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of May 21, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-F

**PREPARED BY:** Natalia Austin, Senior Regional Planner

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**SUBJECT:**

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Appointment

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Approve the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council application for appointment: Raeanne Jain, to represent a Local Social Service Provider for Persons With Disabilities

**SUMMARY:**

Staff are requesting the Policy Board's consideration and action on an application to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). Raeanne Jain is seeking an appointment for a 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.

**Raeanne Jain** brings valuable experience from her work with the Madera County Department of Social Services, where she has worked closely with vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities. She has been recommended to replace Nancy Ramirez as the representative from the Department of Social Services due to internal reassignments within the department. Her insight into how limited transportation affects access to essential services—including healthcare, employment, education, and social programs—positions her to contribute meaningfully to the Council. She is committed to collaborating with stakeholders to develop policies that enhance mobility and quality of life for those who depend on public transportation. Raeanne is applying to serve a three-year term on the SSTAC representing a Local Social Service Provider for Persons With Disabilities.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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