



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of October 25, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 4-H

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SUBJECT:

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Member Appointments

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Approve Social Services Transportation Advisory Council applications for appointment:

- a. Bertha Vega to represent a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
- b. Franklina Boden to represent a Potential Transit User who is 60 years of age or older
- c. Lynda Schafhauser to represent a Potential Transit User who is 60 years of age or older

SUMMARY:

MCTC Staff is seeking the Policy Board's consideration and action on three applications to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). One applicant, Bertha Vega, is seeking reappointment. Two applicants are seeking to be appointed for their first term: Franklina Boden and Lynda Schafhauser. The primary purpose of the SSTAC is to oversee 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 seniors, 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 the elderly, 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.

DISCUSSION:

Bertha Vega is a Program Manager at Madera County Workforce. The Madera County Workforce is a partnership of community agencies that specialize in providing job placement assistance to the transit dependent population, including persons with disabilities and persons with limited means. Bertha has completed a three-year term on the SSTAC representing a Local Social Service Provider for Persons with Limited Means. She is applying to serve another three-year term.

Franklina Boden is a senior citizen who lives in the city of Madera. She is active in various community organizations, and she hopes that by serving on the SSTAC, she could help to develop better access for transportation for Madera area residents. Franklina is applying to serve one three-year term on the SSTAC representing a Potential Transit User Who is 60 Years of Age or Older.

Lynda Schafhauser is a senior citizen who lives at the edge of the City of Madera, in the unincorporated county. She would like to advocate for transit users, particularly seniors, that are interested in removing mobility barriers. Lynda has always been a user of mass transit while living in New York City and in her travels. She is policy chair and a board member for various community organizations and is applying to serve one three-year term on the SSTAC representing a Potential Transit User Who is 60 Years of Age or Older.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2023-24 Overall Work Program and Budget.