



Meeting of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

LOCATION

Madera County Transportation Commission
Board Room
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, California 93637

SPECIAL NOTICE: Precautions to address COVID-19 (a.k.a the “Coronavirus”) will apply to this meeting. See below Special Notice for additional details.

DATE

February 4, 2022

TIME

1:30 PM

SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Frank Simonis, Chair	Potential Transit User Who Is Disabled
Fern Facchino	Potential Transit User 60 Years or Older
Rosalind Esqueda	Representative of a Transit Provider
Ellen Moy	Representative of a Transit Provider
Anabel Miranda	Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
Vacant	Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Disabled
Michelle Hernandez	Representative of the Local Social Service Providers for Seniors
Alycia Falley	Representative of the Local Social Service Providers for Disabled
Vacant	Representative of the Local Social Service Provider for Seniors

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AGENDA

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MEETING CONDUCT

If this meeting is willfully interrupted or disrupted by one or more persons rendering orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the Chair may order the removal of individuals who are willfully disrupting the meeting. Such individuals may be arrested. If order cannot be restored by such removal, the members of the Board may direct that the meeting room be cleared (except for representatives of the press or other news media not participating in the disturbance), and the session may continue.

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Agenda

Item	Description	Enclosure	Action
1.	Call to order		
2.	Public Comment		
3.	Approve the new Draft Unmet Transit Needs Definition, and recommend MCTC Policy Board approval New Draft Unmet Transit Needs Definition	Yes	Action
4.	Recommend use of new definition for the 2022-23 Unmet Transit Needs, following adoption by the MCTC Policy Board	No	Action
5.	Adjournment		

Unmet Transit Needs Definition Proposed Draft Definition

Current Definition

The Madera County Transportation Commission has determined that its definition of the term “unmet transit needs” includes all essential trip requests by transit-dependent persons for which there is no other convenient means of transportation, and the Commission has determined that its definition of the term “reasonable to meet” shall apply to all related public or specialized transportation services that:

- (1) are feasible;
- (2) have community acceptance;
- (3) serve a significant number of the population;
- (4) are economical; and
- (5) can demonstrate cost effectiveness

by having a ratio of fare revenues to operating cost at least equal to 10 percent, and the Commission has determined that its definition of the term “reasonable to meet” shall also apply to all service requests which do not abuse or obscure the intent of such transportation services once they are established.

Proposed

"The Madera County Transportation Commission has determined that its definition of the term “unmet transit needs” includes all essential trip requests by transit-dependent persons for which there is no other convenient means of transportation, and the Commission has determined that its definition of the term “reasonable to meet” shall apply to all related public or specialized transportation services that:

(1) are feasible:

- The proposed service can be provided with available TDA funding (per state law, the lack of available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet.)
- Sufficient ridership potential exists for the new, expanded, or revised transit service.
- The proposed service can be provided with the existing and/or expanded funding resources
- The proposed transit service (will be safe and comply with local, state and federal law) can be achieved safely and will not violate local, state, and federal law.

(2) have community acceptance:

- The proposed transit service has community support from the general public, community groups, and/or community leaders.

(3) serve a-number of the population where is needed and would benefit either the general public or the elderly and disabled population as a whole.

(4) are economical:

- The proposed transit service will not cause the transit operator to incur expenses greater than the maximum allocation of Transportation Development Act Local Transportation Funds.

(5) demonstrates cost effectiveness:

- The proposed new or additional transit service will not affect the ability of the overall system of the implementing agency or agencies to meet the applicable transit system performance objectives or the state farebox ratio requirement after any exemption(s) period(s), if the

service is eligible for the exemption.

And, the Commission has determined that its definition of the term "reasonable to meet" shall additionally apply to all service requests which do not abuse or obscure the intent of such transportation services once they are established."