February 28, 2014

SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA

DATE:       Wednesday, March 5, 2014

TIME:       10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:   ICTC Offices
            1405 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 1
            El Centro, CA  92243

Chairperson:  Leticia Vizcarra       Vice-Chair:  Griselda Martinez

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any member of the public may address the Committee for a period not to exceed three minutes on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any actions on items that are not on the agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1.    Introductions

2.    Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2014

3.    FY 2013-14 UTN “Findings” Letter of Response
See attachments:
   b.    Last year’s SSTAC response letter (UTN FY 2013-14)
   c.    UTN Findings FY 2014-15
   d.    UTN List FY 2014-15

4.    CTSA Reports

5.    Transit Operator Reports

6.    General Discussion

7.    Adjournment

For questions or comments, please call Cristi Lerma or David Salgado at 760-592-4494, or email at cristilerma@imperialctc.org and davidsalgado@imperialctc.org.

CITIES OF BRAWLEY, CALEXICO, CALIPATRIA, EL CENTRO, HOLTVILLE, IMPERIAL, WESTMORLAND, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
Present

Voting Attendees:

Leticia Vizcarra (Chair) Access to Independence
Griselda Martinez (Vice-Chair) Work Training Center
Heddy McNeer Consumer
Michael L. Hack Consumer
Erica Martinez ARC – Imperial Valley
Ted Ceasar Imperial Valley College
Michelle Soto Imperial County CCS
Rosyo Ramirez Imperial County Public Authority/IHSS
Eddie Sanchez Imperial County Behavioral Health
Kathi Williams CTSA – ICTC
David Salgado CTSA – ICTC

Non-Voting Attendees:

Cristi Lerma ICTC
Charles Brockwell IVT/IVT Access/Calexico Dial-A-Ride
Cesar Sanchez IVT/IVT Access/Calexico Dial-A-Ride
Narcisa Montemayor IVT/IVT Access/Calexico Dial-A-Ride
David Robinson YCIPTA – YCAT
Isabel Pacheco Brawley Dial-A-Ride
Adriana Pacheco Brawley Dial-A-Ride
Heather Menninger AMMA Transit Planning
Cliff Chambers Mobility Planners LLC
Selena Barlow Transit Marketing LLC

1. Chair Vizcarra called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

2. Minutes adopted for January 9, 2014. (Hack/Martinez) **Motion Carried.**

3. CTSA Reports

   Mr. Salgado had the following announcements:

   - The Unmet Transit Needs hearing was held on January 23, 2014. There was about 4-5 public speakers, all with positive feedback. No final documentation was ready for this meeting. Ms. Vizcarra stated that Mr. Baza gave a good synopsis of all that was achieved last year.
   - The consultants for the ADA Paratransit and Coordinated Plan Studies were present for the SSTAC meeting. They held stakeholder meetings with SSTAC members before and after the meeting.
The Consolidated Paratransit RFP was released Friday, January 31, 2014. It is posted on the ICTC and CalAct websites.

ADA No-Show and Late Cancellation policy ad hoc committee met previously to discuss amending the policy so that it complies with FTA guidelines. The policy will be going to the Commission in February for approval.

On Saturday, February 8th, a Community Walk will be held as part of the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center Study.

4. Transit Operator Reports

- Brawley Dial-a-Ride: Service is doing good with many wheelchair requests.
- Calexico Dial-a-Ride: Service is doing well, no issues.
- El Centro Dial-a-Ride: Service is busy and doing well.
- Imperial Dial-a-Ride: Service is busy and doing well.
- Imperial Valley Transit: Mr. Sanchez had the following update
  - Sundays: 260 average passengers since service began in January. Will review service in one year.
  - Saturdays: Since additional routes were added, 1000 average passengers have been recorded. This is a 27% increase in passengers.
  - IVT Gold Line: Service was implemented on December 18, 2013 with no charge up to the end of January. Ridership has decreased since IVT began charging passengers.
  - IVT Access: Updates were given by Ms. Montemayor
    - January 2014: Passenger Count: 2725; Week Day: 2596; Saturdays: 129; Sundays: 27; On Time Performance: 98%; Passenger per Hour: 2.4; No Shows: 30; Late Cancellations: 179; Total Wheelchairs: 1478
    - Passenger Comments: All passengers are happy that we are open 7 days a week.
- Med-Express: Service is well and is busy. About 14-16 passengers daily. Pick-ups can now occur at the El Centro Transfer Terminal.
- West Shores Dial-a-Ride: Service is doing well.
- YCAT Turquoise Line: Mr. Robinson stated that Turquoise Route 10 had to realign since opening of transfer terminal. No numbers for December and January were available.

5. General Discussion
- There were none.

6. Adjournment
- The next meeting of the SSTAC will be on March 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.
Dear Commission Members:

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SSTAC appreciates and endorses the proactive consideration given by the Transit Hearing Panel for the acknowledgement of addressing the “finding” in the past year.

In response to the “Findings” for FY 2014-15 the following additional comments are provided:

1. SSTAC would like to continue to express support for the El Centro Circulator concept which includes the Blue Line, Green Line and Transfer Terminal. This project developed as a result of direction from ICTC to increase access within the City of El Centro and the City of Imperial.

2. SSTAC would like to express continued support for the Four (4) Phase Bus Stop Improvement Program currently under development by ICTC Staff.

3. SSTAC would like ICTC to pursue all potential options to maintain transit services in the West Shores communities.
We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the evaluation and delivery of transit services.

Sincerely yours,

Leticia Vizcarra
Chairperson
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Griselda Martinez, Chairperson
Letty Vizcarra, Vice Chair
Kathi Williams, Secretary

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March 1, 2013

Jack Terrazas, Chairperson
Imperial County Transportation Commission
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Dear Commission Members:

One of the responsibilities of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is to advise ICTC on existing public transportation needs. In addition, the SSTAC must review the "Findings" as developed by the Public Hearing Panel. SSTAC met on March 6, 2013 and reviewed the Findings as developed by the Panel on February 28, 2013.

SSTAC appreciates and endorses the proactive consideration given by the Transit Hearing Panel for "Findings I through XI". These "Findings" include compliance with various federal regulations and the retention of existing transit services.

In response to the “Findings” for FY 2013-14 the following additional comments are provided:

1. SSTAC would like to continue to express support for the El Centro Circulator concept which includes the Blue Line, Green Line and Transfer Terminal. This project developed as a result of direction from ICTC to increase access within the City of El Centro and the City of Imperial.

2. SSTAC concurs with the “Finding VII” to implement two additional trips between Calexico and IVC on the IVC Express, to reduce overcrowding in FY 2013-14.

3. SSTAC concurs with the “Finding VIII” to implement four additional trips on Imperial Valley Transit in the Primary Corridor; Brawley to Calexico, on Saturdays for FY 2013-14.

4. SSTAC concurs with the “Finding IX” to implement 35 minute headways on Imperial Valley Transit between Calexico and El Centro in FY 2013-14.
5. SSTAC concurs with the “Finding X” to implement four new trips on Imperial Valley Transit in the Primary Corridor; Brawley to Calexico, on Sunday for FY 2013-14.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the evaluation and delivery of transit services.

Sincerely yours,

Griselda Martinez
Chairperson
UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FINDINGS
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

The Imperial County Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing was conducted at 3:00 p.m., on January 23rd, 2014 at the William R. Condit Auditorium, Imperial Irrigation District facilities, in El Centro, Ca. After review and consideration of the testimony received at the hearing, this Panel reconvened on February 20th, 2014 to make the following “Findings”:

The following findings are unmet transit needs which are reasonable to meet. The ICTC Transit Financing Plan and TDA claims for Fiscal Year 2014-15 shall be approved consistent with these stated “Findings”.

I. Existing transit services should be continued:

A. Brawley Dial-A-Ride
B. El Centro Dial-A-Ride
C. Imperial Dial-A-Ride
D. County-Wide Transit System
E. ADA Paratransit Services
F. Calexico Senior Transport
G. Med-Express
H. West Shores Dial-A-Ride

II. Continue coordination between existing transit services, including paratransit services provided by both public and social service agencies. ICTC staff shall provide recommendations and technical assistance when requested by social service and public agencies.

III. All transit services shall comply with the American's with Disabilities Act of 1990; provisions specific to respective services offered.

IV. All transit services shall comply with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and/or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Drug and Alcohol Testing rules; provisions specific to respective services offered.

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V. Staff will continue to coordinate the demonstration phases for the Imperial Valley Transit – Gold Line

VI. Staff will provide assistance to the Cities of Calexico and Imperial for the development of the transfer terminal projects.

All other services and issues as presented by written or verbal testimony are hereby declared as not reasonable to meet, at this time.

Bill Hodge, Chairperson
Councilmember, City of Calexico

Jack Terrazas, Supervisor District #2
County of Imperial

George Nava, Councilmember
City of Brawley

Maria Elena Froelich, Councilmember
City of Calipatria

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Sedalia Sanders, Councilmember
City of El Centro

STAFF:

Mark Baza
Executive Director

Kathi Williams
Senior Transit Planner
February 20, 2014

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS LIST
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

Priority order

There are no Unmet Transit Needs Pending at this time