



Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY

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Minutes of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Date: Monday, September 23, 2024

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council meeting of September 23, 2024, 2024, was called to order by Executive Director Melissa Cummins at 10:08 a.m. at the Siskiyou County Transit Center conference room located at 190 Greenhorn Road, Yreka, California.

SSTAC Members in attendance included:

Denise Patterson
Teri Gabriel
Emily Tuholski
Misty Rickwalt (attending from Orleans)

SSTAC Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Melissa Cummins, Executive Director, SCLTC
Angie Stumbaugh, Transportation Services Manager, County of Siskiyou
Andy Gilman, Transportation Services Coordinator, County of Siskiyou

The agenda items included:

1) Roll Call

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Presentations from the Public

None

4) Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the SSTAC Regular meeting held on April 29, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tuholski and seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Patterson, Rickwalt, Tuholski,



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Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Gabriel

Motion passed unanimously.

5) New Business

- a) Discussion – Update on current Council membership from Executive Director.

Ms. Cummins advised the Council that recent information indicated that Kelly Harris is no longer with the Tulelake Resource Center. There is a potential individual who may be interested in serving from the Tulelake area.

Outreach will be conducted to seek applicants for vacant positions.

Chair Patterson asked about the CTSA vacancies and who might be eligible to fill these vacancies.

- b) Discussion/Action – Update on Outstanding FY 2024/2025 Unmet Transit Needs Requests.

The Council reviewed the following requests:

ID 141: Saturday service during the summer.
Update: Angie and Melissa developed a survey for Saturday service including frequency of use, locations passengers who travel to, and types of activities they would use the service to access.

ID 142: Service between College of the Siskiyous and McCloud/Dunsmuir.
Update: Staff reached out to the requestor to obtain additional information. To date they have not responded to the email.

ID 144: Additional service to Rain Rock Casino.
Update: Angie and Melissa recently met with the Director of Slot Operations and their new HR Director. They are hoping to open the hotel by the end of the year. We have a few follow-up items including an online survey for them to distribute to potential applicants and existing employees to gauge the needs. Angie is also working on a brochure with existing arrival and departure times to be shared



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during their upcoming employee benefit fair. The casino's goal is to return to 24-hour operations. Staff advised them that it is not feasible for STAGE to run buses beyond 9 p.m. They are also facing some parking challenges. We will continue to gather data to help guide us going forward.

There is also concern regarding the buses to bottom out when they exit on the Oberlin Road entrance. There may be some discussions in the future about relocation of the existing shelter.

ID 146: Easier access for discount applications. Access to medical services, food banks, legal services. ADA route deviation requests.
Update: Staff has not been able to work on a brochure. We are evaluating the ability to create a Google form where applicants can complete the form and submit the required documentation via email. This is an interim fix. STAGE was awarded funding through SB 125 for a new cashless fare payment system. Additionally, funds were awarded for the development of a new STAGE website. Staff will also work on scheduling some posts on the STAGE Facebook page to get more engagement from the public.

ID 145, 149: Service to Dorris for access to state specific sources.
Update: Ms. Cummins was able to connect with the Dorris Lions Club who was very helpful. A survey was developed specifically for Butte Valley residents. The survey was shared on the Butte Valley Community Facebook page. The survey was also printed and provided to seniors receiving lunch services. It was also shared with a new contact at the Tulelake Cornerstone Senior Advisory. Staff are working with County Administration on an effort to contract out for services.

STAGE just offered the Happy Camp driver position to an individual who lives in Happy Camp. They hope to have services restored by the end of the year.

Councilmember Gabriel asked how surveys are provided to community agencies to help distribute the survey. Ms. Cummins explained that hard copies of the surveys are an option if that is easier. Staff would also be willing to sit down and talk with residents if that is easier.



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Councilmember Tuholski suggested sending the survey to schools to distribute to parents. The County Office of Education might be another option to reach a larger population.

Ms. Cummins provided a demonstration of the online survey form.

- c) Review new unmet transit needs requests received since April 2024.
- i. ID 147: More stops at Siskiyou Garden Apartments in Weed. More transfer options through Yreka connecting to So. County buses at Walmart and the Transit Center.
 - STAGE evaluated the request, and they determined a way to allow passengers to travel to the north end of town on an as needed basis.
 - ii. ID 151: Add a stop to Route 2 AM northbound to the College of the Siskiyous at 9:30 am.
 - STAGE evaluated and they can make it an on-call stop at College of the Siskiyous.
 - iii. ID 152: Please put a bus stop sign in front of Dollar General in Dunsmuir so people know where to wait.
 - Angie and Andy spent a day reviewing all stops in the south county communities. During that trip they identified this as a potential stop and are proposing to install a Simme Seat. They are working on determining property ownership.
 - iv. ID 153: Need bus service from Mercy Mt. Shasta Medical to Doctor's Park, over the freeway overpass. Please extend the Route a short distance.
 - This is located on the opposite side of the freeway from the hospital. The parking lot is not large enough to accommodate STAGE vehicles. This is a request that could be met with smaller buses and a micro-transit model.
 - v. ID 154: People that want to commute from south Siskiyou County don't have the ability to accommodate an eight-hour workday.
 - This was a duplicate request that will require another route and driver. The new buses have not arrived yet and are now expected the first week of October. Since this request is already in development this would not meet the definition of an unmet need.
 - vi. ID 155: Bus Pick-up at Deer Cr. Apartments



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- Staff want to investigate this request further to determine if it is feasible. The area is very narrow and would require small buses. There was a recent discussion at a City Council meeting about future housing development in this area. This one is a work in progress, and we'll report back at a future meeting.
- vii. ID 156: Child + 1 need a bus from COS to Golden Eagle Charter School. The previous schedule leaving COS @ 07:15 was preferred because it arrived at the school at 07:45 am. Now with recent changes the bus leaves at 06:38 am or 11:39 am, which neither time serves the need.
 - The express bus only stops at one location within each community. Route 1 does drop off at the corner of Shastina and Shasta, but he doesn't go all the way to the college. If he has college students, he will go up there to drop them off. Staff will follow up with requestor to provide additional information on this option.

Councilmember Gabriel asked about options for out-of-county travel for residents. Ms. Cummins talked about a recent meeting with Shasta Regional Transportation Agency, Redding Area Bus Authority, and Dignity Health. There is a documented need between the regions. The direction from that meeting was that she would reach out to Caltrans to seek their assistance on how to potentially fund a service.

6) Other Business

a) Other Items from Council Members

Ms. Cummins shared information on a transportation summit and she is proposing to use some planning funds to facilitate if the Commission approves the idea. The goal would be to bring together all transportation providers within the region to identify existing services, gaps in service, better coordination efforts, and gaps in services.

Additional discussion continued about transportation contacts that should be included in the event.

Councilmember Tuholski asked about posted schedules at the bus stops. They have received quite a few inquiries at the 2060 Campus Drive building



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regarding the bus schedule. She suggests posting a schedule that shows the times specific to this stop due to the population.

b) Discussion/Action – Next Meeting Date – Spring 2025

The Council set the next meeting for Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

c) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.