



# Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

Item: **2B**

September 16, 2019

Action: **Approve**

## July 22, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Jay Washburn (Metropolitan Transit System [MTS] – Paratransit) called the meeting of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) to order at 10 a.m., at the SANDAG offices.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The attendance sheet for this meeting is included.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

Clytie Koehler, a member of the public, asked for SSTAC to amend the minutes from its May 13, 2019, meeting to include Ethel Miranda in the list of other attendees.

Action: Upon a motion by Sharlene Ornelas (At-large Member – 2nd Alternate) and a second by Helen Elias (Special Interest Voting Member – Seat A), the SSTAC approved the minutes as amended from its May 13, 2019, meeting. Yes: Vice Chair Washburn, Ms. Elias, Sharon Beckas (Special Interest Voting Member – 1st Alternate), Rebecca Steiner (At-Large Voting Member – Seat B), Ted Kagan (At-large Voting Member – Seat B), Ms. Ornelas, Arun Prem (Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation [FACT]) – Seat A, Vassilena Lerinska (MTS Fixed Route), Kim Hayford (North County Transit District [NCTD] – Fixed Route), Robert Gebo (NCTD Paratransit). No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Access to Independence, The Arc of San Diego, At-Large Voting Member – Seat A, FACT – Seat B, International Rescue Committee, San Diego Center for the Blind, Special Interest Voting Member – Seat B, and Survivors of Torture, International.

### 3. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Ms. Beckas commended MTS for having helpful staff available during San Diego Comic Con. Ms. Ornelas has asked that equal access be prioritized regarding NCTD Lift’s taxi pilot program. Ms. Ornelas also mentioned that shelters are needed at bus stops around town for seniors, especially where benches are located. Ms. Ornelas also mentioned that bus drivers need to continue calling out stops and pulling close to the curb, and that paratransit service providers should communicate to eligible riders how to access other paratransit services providers outside San Diego County. David Jackson, member of the public, commented on the layout of the new MTS 5000 series trolley cars. Dan Totah, member of the public, raised concerns he encountered with both operators of paratransit services communicating with one another.

## Reports

### 4. Elevate SD 2020 (Information)

Mark Olson, MTS, introduced the item. MTS is currently conducting outreach to individuals in the MTS service area to identify priorities and needs for the future of transit and how a potential future ballot measure may address these needs. Future opportunities to participate in outreach events can be found at MTS’ website.

### 5. San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan (Information)

Brian Lane, Senior Regional Planner, introduced the item. SANDAG is currently working on a bold new transportation vision called San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan. The conceptual framework, known as the 5 Big Moves, was presented as follows: Complete Corridors, Transit Leap, Mobility Hubs, Flexible Fleets, and the Next Operating System. More information can be found at [SDForward.com/5BigMoves](http://SDForward.com/5BigMoves).

## **6. San Diego Forward: The 2020 Federal Regional Transportation Plan Proposed Draft Transportation Network (Discussion)**

Rachel Kennedy, Senior Regional Planner, introduced the item. SANDAG is working on a federal Regional Transportation Plan alongside the development of San Diego Forward: The 2021 Regional Plan to preserve the region's eligibility for transportation funding and other compliance requirements.

## **7. Senate Bill 1376: Transportation Network Companies Access for All Act (Discussion)**

Jack Christensen, Grants Administrator, introduced the item. The California Public Utilities Commission approved the proposed decision on Track 1 issues to include a \$0.10 fee on each Transportation Network Company trip completed and to include each county in the State of California in the initial implementation of this program.

## **8. SANDAG Strategic Plan (Discussion)**

Loree Goffigon, Performance Works, introduced the item. SANDAG is currently undergoing a strategic planning process as it relates to its organizational structure. Performance Works, a consultant charged with this task, is soliciting feedback from SANDAG working groups, staff, Board of Directors members, and the public. Ms. Goffigon asked the SSTAC for feedback on the organization.

## **9. Uptown Bikeways: Washington Street and Bachman Place Bikeways (Discussion)**

Danny Veeh, Associate Regional Planner, introduced the item. The Washington Street and Bachman Place bikeway projects were introduced to the SSTAC. The presentation focused on the various Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations included in the design of the project. As a result of the discussion around this item, a SSTAC Sub-Working Group was formed and will meet with project managers to discuss technical aspects of ADA design and accommodations.

## **10. North Park Mid-City Bikeways: Howard Bikeway (Discussion)**

Alison Moss, Active Transportation Planner, introduced the item. The North Park Mid-City Bikeway: Howard Bikeway project was introduced to the SSTAC. The presentation focused on the various ADA accommodations included in the design of the project. As a result of the discussion around this item, an SSTAC Sub-Working Group was formed and will meet with project managers to discuss technical aspects of ADA design and accommodations.

## **11. Staff Report (Information)**

Mr. Christensen thanked outgoing membership appointments. Lisa Madsen, Associate Regional Planner, briefly presented productivity reports on transit operations.

## **12. Transit Operator Update (Information)**

Vice Chair Washburn informed the SSTAC of the success of the taxi program. Ms. Lerinska reported to the SSTAC on follow-up items identified at the last meeting. Vice Chair Washburn also told the SSTAC that fare changes are slated to go into effect September 1, 2019, and how to purchase new fare books. Additionally, MTS travel training information was presented.

Mr. Gebo discussed the status of the Lift service and the opening of the Escondido paratransit eligibility center in August. This center will also have in-person assessments and a bus available for travel training. Software updates to scheduling and mapping products were presented.

### **13. Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation Update (Information)**

Mr. Prem, FACT, presented its Consolidated Transportation Services Agency contract update, the Leveraging FACT report release party on September 12, 2019, and FACT's annual meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, where SANDAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhata and Councilmember Colin Parent will speak.

### **14. Upcoming Meetings (Information)**

The next SSTAC meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019, at 10 a.m., at the SANDAG offices.

### **15. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Washburn adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Meeting

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Jurisdiction/Organization	Name	Attended	Comments
Access to Independence	Amy Kalivas	No	
At-Large Voting Member (Seat A)	Mary Birdine	No	Absent at time of voting
At-Large Voting Member (Seat B)	Rebecca Steiner	Yes	
At-Large Voting Member (Seat C)	Ted Kagan	Yes	
At-Large Voting Member (Seats A through C) Alternates	Linda Haddock, 1st Alternate	No	Resigned on May 13, 2019
	Sharlene Ornelas, 2nd Alternate	Yes	
	Kathleen Baldwin, 3rd Alternate	No	
Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (Seat A)	Arun Prem	Yes	
Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (Seat B)	Meagan Schmidt	No	Chair
International Rescue Committee	Gayle Obrecht	No	
Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Fixed Route	Vassy Lerinska	Yes	
MTS Paratransit	Jay Washburn	Yes	Vice Chair
North County Transit District (NCTD) Fixed Route	Kim Hayford	Yes	
NCTD Paratransit	Robert Gebo	Yes	
San Diego Center for the Blind	Elsa Caballero	No	
Special Interest Voting Member (Seat A)	Helen Elias	Yes	
	Sharon Beckas, Alternate	Yes	
Special Interest Voting Member (Seat B)	Wayne Landon	Yes	
	Tamara Airhart, Alternate	No	
Survivors of Torture, International	Nance Lovell	Yes	Absent at time of voting
The Arc of San Diego	Anthony DeSalis	No	

## Other Attendees

Alyssa Foley  
Callie Johnson, MTM  
Claudia Garcia, Elderhelp  
Clive Richard  
Clytie Koehler  
Dan Totah  
Daniel Gebreselassie  
David Jackson  
Ethel Miranda  
Ilse Carey  
Judi Bonilla  
Kent Rodricks  
Loree Goffigon, Performance Works  
Lorry Seagrim  
Lucy Robertson  
Mark Olson, MTS  
Noela Rios, MV Transit  
Shannon Lamoureux, Travelers Aid  
Todd Shaw, Home of Guiding Hands  
Zachary Boise

## SANDAG Staff

Alison Moss  
Barbara Ledesma  
Brian Lane  
Danny Veeh  
Jack Christensen  
Lisa Madsen  
Rachel Kennedy  
Rodrigo Noriega  
Sam Sanford  
Zachary Rivera