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SUBJECT: Unmet Transit Needs Findings - Recommendations

Recommended Action

Your Commission is being asked to a) adopt Unmet Transit Needs Findings as presented by staff and b) approve Resolution No. 2013-07 regarding unmet transit needs.

Unmet Transit Needs Findings

I have reviewed the information presented at the February 22, 2013 Social Services Transit Advisory Council meeting and the April 17, 2013 and May 15, 2013 Unmet Transit Needs Hearings. Finally, in order to evaluate the items presented, I have reviewed the definitions of "Unmet Transit Need" and "Reasonable to Meet." The definitions for the mentioned items were adopted by the ICLTC on May 23, 1995 and are as follows:

An Unmet Transit Need exists if an individual or individuals of any age or physical condition are unable to transport themselves from one location to another. An Unmet Transit Need is, at a minimum, those public transportation or specialized transportation services that are identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and that have not been implemented or funded.

A documented Unmet Transit Need is reasonable to meet if:

A service can be provided which meets a minimum farebox ratio of 10% of operating costs; and

- a) It is transit service for essential intra-county purposes which are defined as medical or dental services, shopping, employment, personal business, or social service appointments; or,
- b) It is a transit service for essential inter-county purposes which are defined as medical or dental services or social service appointments not available in this county or the out-of-county destination is the closest location where the services are available to the origin of the trip; and,

The origin and/or destination of the trip is within two miles of the established area of operation or cohesive community.

20013/2014 Unmet Needs Hearing Context

The Inyo County Local Transportation Commission will not allocate TDA funds to local streets and roads in the 2013/2014 year. All TDA funds will be allocated to public transit and TDA eligible set-asides (2% to bicycle and pedestrian facilities, 5% for administration, and 5% for community transit services).

Below is a synopsis of comments received and an evaluation of whether these comments meet the definition of *unmet transit need* and *reasonable to meet*.

Testimony Presented at the Social Services Transit Advisory Council Meeting February 22, 2013 Bishop, California			
Name	Need	Unmet Transit Need that is Reasonable to Meet	Next Step
Selma Calnan, (1)	ESTA sometimes does not provide door-to-door service to the Northern Inyo Rural Health Clinic	ESTA currently provides service to the Northern Inyo Rural Health Clinic. When the parking lot is busy, they leave passengers on the sidewalk.	None needed. ESTA is working with Northern Inyo Rural Health clinic to make future parking plans will include enough space for ESTA buses.
Selma Calnan, (2)	Raising the service level bar for the tourist market will raise the service levels for the transit dependent market, do you agree?	This is not technically an unmet transit need. The answer to this question is yes. However, it should be noted that ESTA routes were generally developed in a way to provide human services transportation to transit dependent groups. The Short Range Transit Plan provides general guidance for ESTA.	None needed.
Selma Calnan, (3)	What can we do to improve the local circulator service?	This is not technically an unmet transit need. ESTA provided fixed route in the Bishop area for several years. However, the spread out nature of the population centers made it difficult to provide an efficient service. The fixed route service did not meet basic farebox requirements. The checkpoint Dial-A-Ride service fills this void and operates more efficiently than did the fixed route service.	None needed.
Beth Himelhoch, IMAH (1)	The earlier schedule for the Bishop to Mammoth Lakes ESTA bus does not work for IMAH.	This is a scheduling issue and not an unmet transit need. ESTA is encouraged to coordinate with IMAH.	ESTA is requested to give a report to the Inyo County LTC during the 2012-2013 year further exploring this topic.

**Testimony Presented at the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing
April 17, 2013
Lone Pine, California**

Name	Need	Unmet Transit Need that is Reasonable to Meet	Next Step
Several	There was a continued discussion of the parking and drop off of ESTA's clients at the Northern Inyo Rural Health Clinic in Bishop.	See Selma Calnan comment No. 1 from the SSTAC meeting.	None needed. See above.

**Testimony Presented at the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing
May 15, 2013
Bishop, California**

Name	Need	Analysis	Next Step
There were no unmet transit needs presented at the May 15, 2013 unmet transit needs hearing held as part of the May 15, 2013 ICLTC meeting at the Bishop City Council Chambers.			

Findings

Based on the analysis above:

1. There are **no** new transit needs that satisfy the definition of an *unmet transit need* and *reasonable to meet*.

Attachments:

- Draft ICLTC Resolution No. 2013-07
- SSTAC February 22, 2013 meeting notes
- April 2013 LTC minutes regarding Unmet Transit Needs Hearing
- May 2013 LTC draft minutes regarding Unmet Transit Needs Hearing
- Selma Calnan e-mails