

**COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

FINAL MINUTES

DATE: Friday, December 5, 2008
9:30 AM

LOCATION: **San Benito Bank**
Conference Room (Upstairs)
300 Tres Pinos Road
Hollister, CA 95023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Pauline Valdivia called the meeting to order at 9:38 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pauline Valdivia, Tony Mercado, Charles Scott, Mary Margaret Bilich

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Rheinheimer, Executive Director; Mary Dinkuhn, Transportation Planning Manager; Betty LiOwen, Transportation Planner

A. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee unanimously acknowledged the Certificate of Posting.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approve SSTAC Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2008**
- 2) Approve Amended Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Bylaws**

Upon a motion duly made by Charles Scott, and seconded by Tony Mercado, the Committee approved Items 1 and 2.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 3) Fiscal 2007/2008 Year-in-Review**
 - a) Receive County Express Operations Report for Fiscal Year 2007/2008**
 - b) Receive Jovenes de Antaño Operations Report for Fiscal Year 2007/2008, and**
 - c) Receive Highlights and Accomplishments of Fiscal Year 2007/2008**

Transportation Planner Betty LiOwen reported on the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Operations for County Express and Jovenes de Antaño services and reviewed the highlights and accomplishments of Fiscal Year 2007/2008.

4) Receive MV Transportation, Inc. Monthly Management Reports for the Months of September 2008 and October 2008

Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee approved Item 4 with an abstention from Tony Mercado.

5) Receive Jovenes de Antaño Monthly Management Reports for the Months of September 2008 and October 2008.

Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee approved Item 5 with an abstention from Pauline Valdivia.

6) Receive County Express Ridership and Operations Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2008

Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee approved Item 6 with an abstention from Tony Mercado.

7) Receive Jovenes de Antaño Ridership and Operations Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2008

Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee approved Item 7 with an abstention from Pauline Valdivia.

8) Recommend that the Local Transportation Authority Establish a Preferred Seating Policy for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities on County Express Vehicles

Transportation Planner Betty LiOwen, stated that the Local Transportation Authority does not currently have a preferred seating policy for the elderly and persons with disabilities on County Express vehicles.

There was discussion about a preferred seating policy.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council recommended that the Local Transportation Authority designate the first two rows from the front of the vehicle as priority seating for the elderly and persons with a disability. Riders who are not elderly or a person with disability would have to vacate the seat if there are no open seats available in the first two rows for an elderly or person with a disability.

Upon a motion duly made by Tony Mercado, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee directed staff to take their recommendations to the Local Transportation Authority.

9) Discuss County Express Potential Service Cuts and Fare Increases.

Transportation Planner Betty LiOwen stated that due to the State of California's budget deficit, the Local Transportation Authority will be receiving less funding for County Express operations. As a result, service reduction must be considered.

There was discussion about several service reduction options.

The Committee made the following recommendations with Option 1:

- Eliminate Sunday service

- Increase fares for Intercounty Service
- Eliminate 10:00am-1:00pm Green Line Service
- Look into MST Service (Line 55)
- Limit Saturday Greyhound Service

Upon a motion duly made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Charles Scott, the Committee directed staff to take their recommendations to the Local Transportation Authority.

10) Adjourn to Meeting of January 23, 2009

Upon a motion made by Mary Margaret Bilich, and seconded by Tony Mercado, the Committee unanimously adjourned the meeting.