

**DISCUSSION SUMMARY
KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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1401 19TH STREET THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA 93301**

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 25, 2008
11:00 A.M.**

Ms. Wilbanks called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. A sign-in sheet was distributed.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS:

Members:	Linda Wilbanks	Kern Regional Transit
	Judy Ardray	CTSA
	Bernice Hothersall	Commission on Aging
	Chris Beebout	NAPD
	Kris Grasty	Aging & Adult Services
	Lou Lopez	Independent Living Center
	Anne Weber	Family Resource Center
	Lynn Clark	Kern Regional Center
	Joe West	CTSA
	Steve Woods	GET
	Paula Mande	Ctr for Blind & Visually Impaired

Kern COG Staff: Marilyn Beardslee

APPROVE AGENDA

Bernice Hothersall motioned to approve the agenda; Judy Ardray seconded. Voice approval.

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS DISCUSSION

Lou Lopez indicated that no testimony from the public is provided in the minutes for the cities of Arvin, California City, Maricopa, and Tehachapi. A statement indicating such should be included in the minutes if no member of the public spoke.

Anne Weber asked that Kern COG encourage cities to publish display advertisements as well as legal notices. In addition, the cities should be encouraged to prepare and distribute flyers to places where people congregate, such as Family Resource Centers, Senior Centers, Bulletin Boards, and Chambers of Commerce.

Dottie Johns asked about CTSA's service boundaries. CTSA shares its service boundaries with Golden Empire Transit. They are designed to serve "metropolitan" Bakersfield and are generally Allen Road to the west, Snow Road to the north, Taft Highway to the south, Rio Bravo to the northeast, and Oswell to the southeast. Exceptions exist in these boundaries; SSTAC members and the public should check with CTSA, GET, or Kern COG for specifics.

Paula Mande discussed a focus group workshop held recently by CBVI. Two issues were raised frequently: (1) The need for announced stops by the bus drivers; (2) The need for bus shelters to serve frail clients with heat and cold intolerances.

Lou Lopez inquired about last year's finding that the City of Ridgecrest had an unmet need that would be addressed through implementation of its recently completed Transportation Development Plan. The Plan recommends a flexible fixed route service to be phased in over the next seven years. Staff agreed to check on the progress by Ridgecrest.

Unmet Needs Hearing: After discussion, Kris Grasty moved that "there are no unmet needs reasonable to meet"; Anne Weber seconded the motion. The full committee voted "Aye" on the motion, with no dissensions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lou Lopez noted that a Community Coalition will meet to discuss budget cuts at St. Luke's Anglican on Mt. Vernon from 11-1 Friday, June 27, 2008

Kris Grasty, Office on Aging and Adult Services, passed out copies of the Kern County Senior Healthcare Directory, 2008 Edition.

Next meeting: October 15 in the Kern COG Board Room. Topic: GET new Services Options report.

Dottie Johns brought to the attention of the Committee that AARP would sponsor Senior Awareness Day, Sept. 30. 7:30 a.m at Holiday Inn on Truxtun. Dottie noted that there is limited registration. Kern COG will set up a booth. Questions, please call 872-3070.