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## **SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

November 7, 2018

#### Present

#### Voting Attendees:

Ted Ceasar – Chair	Consumer
Michael Hack – Vice Chair	Consumer
Debora Garcia	Imperial County Public Authority/IHSS
Kathleen Lang	California Health & Wellness
David Aguirre	CTSA– ICTC
Maricela Galarza	CTSA– ICTC
Gustavo Gomez	CTSA– ICTC

#### Non-Voting Attendees:

Karla Aguilar	IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans
Karla Pacheco	IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans
Eric Estell	IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans
Helio Sanchez	IVT/IVT Access/IVT Ride/IVT MedTrans
Erika Martinez	ARC-Imperial Valley

1. Mr. Ceasar called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. **A quorum was present.** Introductions were made.
  - Mr. Aguirre introduced Gustavo Gomez as the new Regional Mobility Coordinator.

2. Minutes adopted for October 3, 2018 ([Hack](#), [Lang](#)), **Motion Carried.**

3. CTSA Reports:

Mr. Aguirre had the following updates:

- Short Range Transit Plan will hold a public workshop on November 28, 2018, located at ICTC office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104. Further information will be emailed to SSTAC members.
- Bus Stop inventory list will be completed by the end of December.
- Outreach was conducted in Calexico for the Senior Health Fair and in Calipatria for the Resource Fair.
- MedTrans fare will be increasing January 1, 2019.

- Proposed amount to Commission was the following;
  - Category A: \$22.50 (50% increase)**
  - Category B: \$45.00 (50% increase)**
  - PCA: \$10.50 (50% increase)**
  - With a lower farebox of 10%**
    - o Commission staggered the increase to 25% the first year (January 2019) and the other 25% on the second year (January 2020)
    - o Farebox was approved to reduce from 15% to 10%
- Beginning January 1, 2019, the new fare will be the following:
  - Category A: \$18.50 (25% increase)**
  - Category B: \$37.50 (25% increase)**
  - PCA: \$8.50 (25% increase)**
- Beginning January 1, 2020, the new fare will be the following:
  - Category A: \$22.50 (25% increase)**
  - Category B: \$45.00 (25% increase)**
  - PCA: \$10.50 (25% increase)**
- Mr. Sanchez announced that user notices were posted on buses to inform passengers on upcoming changes.
- If MedTrans service still continues to have a shortfall, ICTC will need to need to revisit the issue.
- The MedTrans public hearing consisted of positive comments of service. There hasn't been an increase since 1994.
- Imperial Transfer Center is moving along and is expected to be completed by the end of December.

#### 4. Agency Presentation/Discussion:

Dr. Lang provided a presentation on California Health & Wellness mission, purpose, statistics, services, benefits and partnerships. (*Presentation attached pgs.6 &7*)

- Dr. Lang mentioned that she will attend a meeting with MTS, regarding the appropriate fare negotiation (MedTrans reimbursements).
- Mr. Aguirre asked if she can please provide details of the meeting.

#### 5. Transit Operator Reports:

- Imperial Valley Transit: There were no updates to report.
  - o Statistics for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter were presented.
- IVT Access: There were no updates to report.
  - o Statistics for 1st quarter were presented.
- IVT Ride: There were no updates to report.
  - o Statistics for 1st quarter were presented.
- IVT MedTrans: There were no updates to report.
  - o Statistics for 1st quarter were presented.

#### 6. General Discussion

- Mr. Aguirre informed agencies that if there are any upcoming events, to please let ICTC know to

see if availability of time allows our participation. If flyer for event is provided, ICTC can post it on social media. Any information can be forwarded to Ms. Galarza.

- Mr. Hack asked, if the bus stop on Scott avenue will be improved?
  - o Mr. Aguirre informed him that in the past, the location of the bus stop was owned by the resident (owner) of property and did not agree to any changes at the time. It is now owned by the city, so he will get in contact with the city.
- Mr. Sanchez announced that Stuff a bus event and Veteran's free ride event are upcoming in mid-November. Flyers have been posted on buses and some flyers are planned to be dropped off at some locations.
- Mr. Aguirre added that events are being announced on different media such as radio, Facebook and Twitter. Stuff a bus is an event that allows passengers ride for free in exchange for any dry or canned food item (only IVT). Veteran's ride free when presenting a military ID to the driver (only IVT Access, IVT Ride and IVT). Services are looking forward to a passenger increase during this period (11/5-11/16).
- Ms. Garcia announced that there will be a 2018 Caregiver Appreciation Health and Resource Fair on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at the Department of Social Services-CalWorks building, 2895 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Participating agencies are recommended to start setting up by 12:30pm. There is a total of 30 participating agencies. Agencies are requested to provide a raffle basket (prize).
  - o Dr. Lang asked what is the deadline to register?
  - o Ms. Garcia responded that registrations will be taken up until the day before the event.

#### 7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. ([Lang,Hack](#)), **Motion Carried.**
- Next meeting will be held on December 5, 2018, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.