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**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**                      May 01, 2024

Present

Voting Attendees:

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| Cristina Leal | ARC- Imperial Valley |
| Gustavo Gomez | CTSA-ICTC            |

Non-Voting Attendees:

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| Kathleen Lang   | Community Health Plan (zoom) |
| Cesar Sanchez   | IVT                          |
| Helio Sanchez   | IVT                          |
| Jose Guillen    | IVT Medtrans                 |
| Karla Pacheco   | IVT Access                   |
| Karla Aguilar   | IVT Ride                     |
| Esperanza Avila | ICTC                         |
| Priscilla Baca  | ICTC                         |

1. Mr. Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. **A quorum was not present.**
2. Introductions were made.
  - Hybrid meeting.
3. Minutes were adopted for April 03, 2024- **Motion not Carried.**
4. UTN 2024-25 Findings:  
Mr. Gomez had the following updates:
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> UTN Findings meeting was on April 29, 2024. We demonstrated the analysis on the requests that were received. Some are tied with current projects with the Comprehensive Operation Analysis, which analyzes transit services overall.
  - The commissioners added a new consensus for the hearing panel. A total of 7 items were carried forward to the new fiscal year.
  - SSTAC letter requiring signatures from Chairpersons. Follow-up for signatures will be initiated soon.
  - Next UTN Hearing is February 2025

5. CTSA Reports:

Mr. Gomez had the following updates:

- Free fares end June 30, 2024. Flyers have been posted throughout cities to inform everyone in advance.
- The final phase of hiring a design firm for the Bus stop improvements project. Next is the construction phase of the Bus stop improvements. Some of the locations include El Centro Library, the Northern side of ECRMC, Calipatria, and Westmorland.
- In the process of hiring a Contract Manager for the Calexico ITC Project.
- The Comprehensive Operation Analysis Project is in the works. We will be reaching out to agencies for further comments on outreach.

Ms. Baca had the following updates:

- Continuing to attend outreach events.
- April 4, 2024, Senior resource fair in Imperial at the seniors' apartments.
- Upcoming meeting with Dr. Vo about all our services.
- Attended the Health Resource Fair in Calexico. Informed seniors regarding services.
- Provided information to Univision Television about our services.
- New MedTrans Brochures will be available.
- IVT Ride/Access is continuing to help Alegria with transportation.
- Free fares are being provided by Area Agency on Aging for senior citizens.
- Continuing to assist in sign-ups for IVT Ride and Access via phone and in person.
- Staff are available for any questions or concerns regarding any of the services.
- Staff is also available to provide brochures and information to any agency that requests it,

6. Transit Operator FY 2023-24 Reports:

Imperial Valley Transit.

Mr. Helio presented the report on the service:

- Free Fares end June 30, 2024
- Continuing outreach to inform everyone about the free fares ending.
- City of Brawley moved Rio Vista parking lot bus stop to Main Street.

IVT Access

Ms. Pacheco presented the report on the service:

- Continuing to transport students to IVC.
- Passenger demand is expected to decrease during the summer.
- Working with Alegria patients.

IVT Ride

Ms. Aguilar presented the report on all IVT Ride services:

- Attending more outreach.
- AAA is continuing to cover IVT Ride charges.

IVT MedTrans:

Mr. Guillen presented the report on the service:

- Attending more outreach.
- Free until July 2024.
- Possible event attending in San Diego.

7. General Discussion

- Dr. Lang suggested making a motion via email to go dark in June, until August 2024.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 04, 2024, at the Imperial County Transportation Commission Office, 1503 N. Imperial Ave., Suite 104, El Centro, CA 92243.