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**Social Services Transportation Advisory Council  
MINUTES**

**DATE**  
**Wednesday, November 16,  
2016**

The meeting of the SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL held Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Merced County Association of Governments conference room located at 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Rich Green at 12:31 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rich Green, Chair	TJPA, The Bus
Lynn Downum-Hanzal, Vice Chair	Service Provider for the Disabled
Margaret Buchmann-Garcia	Disabled Transit Rider
Albert Perez	Service Contractor Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lisa Hansen	Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means
Alexandra Pierce	Service Provider for Seniors
Timothy Rivera	Transit Rider, Citizen at Large
Vacant	Senior Transit Rider
Vacant	Social Service Transportation Provider for the Disabled
Vacant	Local Social Service Transportation Provider for Seniors

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Natalia Austin, Analyst, MCAAG

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**1. Introductions**

Rich Green called the meeting to order and led the introductions.

**2. Oral Communication**

Rich Green announced the Operation Toy Drive will kick off on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December. People can drop off new unwrapped toys in barrels located at Olive Ave and G Street. All toys collected go to disadvantaged children in Merced County.

**3. Minutes of the September 27, 2016 SSTAC meeting**

Margaret Buchmann-Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 SSTAC meeting.

Seconded by Lynn Downum-Hanzal

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Reevaluation of “Unmet Transit Needs” and “Reasonable to Meet” definitions**

The Council had a discussion comparing Merced County’s “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” definitions with those from other counties. It was mentioned that simpler language is preferred that is easy to understand. Margaret Buchmann- Garcia inquired about life-line service and how that could be implemented in Merced County. It was also discussed how evening service was an unmet need in the past, but now after three years, ridership is very low in the evenings so evening service needs to be cut back. The Council also agreed that the minimum requirements of Feasibility, Funding and Equity need to be met for an unmet need to be considered reasonable to meet. A draft of revised “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” definitions was created.

**5. Set date and time of next meeting**

Next meeting date and time to be determined

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:55 P.M.**