

Mobility Action Plan Project Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
January 26, 2011
North (Sacramento, CA)

Introductions

Kimberly Gayle, Chief, Office of Federal Transit Grants Programs opened the meeting with introductions of Nathan Smith, Chief, Division of Mass Transportation and Ms. Lynn Daucher, today's special guest. MAP PAC members attending in person and by phone were given an opportunity to introduce themselves. There was a broad representation of members and organizations statewide.

Update from Lynn Daucher, former Director, California Department of Aging

Now retired, MS. Daucher has busied herself with speaking engagements and other advocacy work including a recent speech in San Diego on safe communities. She notes that transportation is a key to preventing isolation of older adults. Reducing isolation of this population is a linchpin to promoting safe communities.

Ms. Daucher has also visited Orange County where she presented the Riverside County TRIP program which is a volunteer driver program that relies heavily on program users' families and friends. Orange County is seeking a grant to implement a similar program in the county. TRIP has proven to be a cost effective model to meet the needs of target populations

Recognition of Lynn Daucher

Nathan Smith, Chief (interim), Division of Mass Transportation presented Ms. Daucher, with a plaque and letter of recognition from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Director, Cindy McKim. The letter recognizes and commends Ms. Daucher for her tremendous effort supporting the Mobility Action Plan study and resulting recommendations.

Kimberly Gayle, Chief, Office of Federal Transit Grants Programs, noted that Ms. Daucher's influence led to a meeting with Health and Human Services former Secretary, Kim Belshe, to discuss the merits of the MAP. The initial meeting between the two resulted in a strong partnership between Caltrans DMT and HHS supporting the MAP. Pursuant to this study, the following agencies have revised many of their publications in support of better coordination for transporting individuals with disabilities, older adults, and persons with limited income:

- California Department of Rehabilitation: *Consumer Information Handbook*
- State Independent Living Council: *Needs Assessment Report*
- California Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Task Force: *Final Report (recommendation 2b)*
- Olmstead Advisory Committee: *Gubernatorial Election 2010 Transition Document*
- Agency unknown: *Planning and Long-Term Care Continuum*

Partner Success Stories Resulting from MAP

- Los Angeles - State Council on Developmental Disabilities is including transportation coordination language in their 2011-2016 State Plan (still in draft form).
- San Bernardino– San Bernardino County Association of Governments (SANBAG) and the County Transportation Commission have established a Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA)
- Stanislaus County – The County has established a CTSA
- Sacramento – California Department of Aging (CDA) is moving forward with its Budget Change Proposal (BCP) to establish a mobility manager position to facilitate internal and external efforts to improve transportation coordination for older adults. CDA Deputy Director, Ed Long, is the key contact.

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- San Diego – MAP PAC discussions have had a positive impact on CTSA activities throughout the county. HHS agencies are now receptive to using CTSA to resolve mobility management issues.
- San Jose – With revisions to the CTSA designation process implemented recently by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the county now has a CTSA after a sixteen-year hiatus. MTC’s streamlined process will enhance efforts to create CTSA’s in the Bay Area.

Final Action Steps and Implementation Plans

State Implementation Plan (SIP) Summary of Final Action Steps Revised January 26, 2011		
#	Final Action Step	Implementation Plan
1	<p>Strengthen Existing State Program & Funding Guidance & Regulatory Requirements TDA – Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC)</p>	Caltrans DMT State Transit Branch will implement
2	<p>Strengthen Existing State Program & Funding Guidance & Regulatory Requirements Transportation Development Act (TDA) - Farebox Recovery Ratio Requirements (FRRR)</p> <p>After discussion, meeting participants agreed to leave Action Step #2 as is and focus on laws currently on the books. Look at best practices from MAP PAC Legislative Report before embarking on new study.</p>	Caltrans DMT is in the process of securing funding which is necessary for implementation.
3	<p>Strengthen Existing State Program & Funding Guidance & Regulatory Requirements TDA – Unmet Transit Needs and Coordinated Planning Requirements</p>	Caltrans DMT will coordinate with internal divisions as well as DHCS and HHS to implement this action step.
4	<p>Strengthen Existing State Program & Funding Guidance & Regulatory Requirements Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Scoring (Three Year Phase-In)</p>	Caltrans DMT will coordinate with internal divisions as well as DHCS and HHS to implement this action step.
5	<p>Strengthen Existing State Program & Funding Guidance & Regulatory Requirements Coordinated Plan Funding Guidance</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that a third bullet would be added to Action Step 5, noting that Caltrans DMT will develop a template for guidance on how to incorporate the funding guidance as well as required elements of the plan.</p> <p>The MAP PAC meeting participants also agreed that, as a best practice, Caltrans DMT should recommend that coordinated</p>	Caltrans DMT will coordinate with internal divisions as well as DHCS and HHS to implement this action step.

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	plans have concurrence of Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, Independent Living Centers, and respective Area Agency on Aging Departments. The difficulty of ensuring that all effected stakeholders participate and concur was noted.	
6	Strengthen Existing State Program & Funding Guidance & Regulatory Requirements Coordination with the Department of Health care Services	Caltrans DMT will coordinate with internal divisions as well as DHCS and HHS to implement this action step.
7	Research & Evaluation of Coordination Concepts Medi-Cal Transportation Provider Reimbursement	Caltrans DMT will implement once funding is secured.
8	Research & Evaluation of Coordination Concepts Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Provisions & NEMT brokerage pilot project whitepaper CalACT (MAP PAC member) stated the organization will attempt to introduce legislation to make it easier for public transit operators to become eligible to be a provider under Medi-Cal and to receive NEMT reimbursement. Two legislators have been identified and have agreed to sponsor the bill. The CalACT Board has also allocated funding for a NEMT study in the local (Sacramento area).	Caltrans DMT has secured funding and will work with CalACT to implement
9	Information & Education TDA – Unmet Transit Needs Process Website	Caltrans DMT has secured funding and will work with CalACT to implement
10	Information & Education CTSA Awareness	Caltrans DMT has secured funding and will work with CalACT to implement
11	Information & Education CTSA Training	Caltrans DMT has secured funding and will work with CalACT to implement
12	State-Level Coordination & Oversight	See Next Steps

Kimberly Gayle emphasized the Caltrans DMT Implementation priorities are as follows:

1. Information and education – Caltrans DMT has funding available and will work with CalACT to develop and maintain a website as noted in the above Action Steps.
2. NEMT whitepaper and pilot – Once project funding has been identified, Caltrans DMT will collaborate with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) now led by Director, Toby Douglas and HHS. DHCS and HHS, where David Maxwell-Jolly is now the Undersecretary, will lead this effort.
3. TDA farebox recovery ratio study – Caltrans DMT will work with stakeholder groups to pursue a non-regulatory solution and will continue efforts to secure project funding.

Next Steps

- Once funding is secured, Caltrans DMT will work independently with effected agencies to implement pilot research project and whitepaper, as well as with CalACT, and TDA working group. Timeline: within next 12 months (February 2011-January 2012).
- Caltrans DMT has identified existing stakeholder groups with which to collaborate toward achievement of MAP action steps:

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- TDA Working Group
- Local Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee
- Olmstead Advisory Committee (Caltrans DMT has a standing item on committee meeting agendas)
- Local CTSA Advisory Committee
- Caltrans DMT encourages stakeholders to engage at the local level; this is critical to implementing action steps.
- The State Implementation Plan will be updated as a result of today's meeting and final version posted to Caltrans DMT website (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/Interagency-Coordination.htm>).