

Transportation Development Act Working Group Meeting Notes  
Monday, October 25, 2010  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Caltrans HQ Building, Division of Mass Transportation Room 3300

Noon: Introductions - Gordon Arruda, Caltrans

TDA Working Group attendees in person:

Rosa Park  
Ed Long  
Jim Brown  
Ed Coviello  
Ryan Graham  
Matt Machado  
Mary Travis  
Bob Bates  
Bridget Cornell  
Sabrina Means  
Phil McGuire

TDA Working Group attendees via teleconference:

John Jelichich  
Laurel Fawsett  
Tom Dumas  
Anicia Gottwig  
Dan Landon

Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation attendees:

Brian Travis  
Gordon Arruda  
Lisa Laforet-Favilla  
Tracey Frost

12:10 Mobility Action Plan and the Transportation Development Act Tracey Frost

Tracey Frost provided background of how the Mobility Action Plan's (MAP) Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) 12 Recommendations came about. Tracey provided three handouts: A fact sheet on the MAP SIP project, the four TDA related SIP Recommendations, and summarized comments from 18 stakeholders on the SIP Recommendations.

The main goal was to receive feedback and comments on the four TDA SIP Recommendations and understand if the TDA Working Group supports the recommendations or if not, then why. Additionally, asked to please provide comments in writing to Tracey Frost or Kimberly Gayle prior to the November 10, 2010 MAP PAC meeting.

First discussed the three unmet needs SIP Recommendations starting with #1 - Regulatory amendment to TDA Unmet Needs Process to require TPA & SSTAC Joint Decision Making. Overall the TDA Working group was not supportive of this recommendation to modify TDA statute as their SSTACs already review unmet needs and are already involved. The working group did not feel this recommendation would benefit more than what is already happening. Jim Brown said that the TDA working group will not approve a statutory change to elevate SSTAC to the level of authority of the Rural Transportation Planning Agency. Conclusion = no change necessary.

Second discussed SIP Recommendation #3 - Modify Coordinated Plan Funding Guidance Requiring Inclusion of Unmet Needs Information in Plans. The TDA working group thought this would be an extra burden to include in the Coordinated Plans and that it would not create an added benefit. A comment was made that there are so many plans out there it would not be feasible or reasonable to meet this requirement. It would be redundant as unmet needs are already a component of short range transit plans. Also most agencies/RTPAs/MPOs do not have additional administrative resources. Conclusion = this recommendation would not be a good fit for the Coordinated Plan.

Thirdly discussed SIP Recommendation #9 - Establish Web-Linkages with the State and Transportation Planning Agencies on Unmet Needs. Many of the TDA Working Group already posts unmet needs information on their website. For example, Fresno COG emailed Tracey Frost their web address where they post unmet needs information. The TDA working group was not against this recommendation, but thought it added to the cost of administration. They thought if DMT provided a link to other agencies would be a good idea. Most important would be to keep the information updated. They asked what is to be posted and is there a real interest among the public to access this information? Most public would want to see when future unmet needs meeting dates are.

Finally discussed SIP Recommendation # 2 - Legislative amendment to the TDA farebox recovery ratio requirements based upon TDA Working Group findings. The TDA working group was supportive in this SIP recommendation. Sabrina Means from the California Transit Association indicated CTA is supportive to work with Caltrans on the survey. Additionally, Gordon Arruda said Caltrans will revisit this topic at the next TDA working group meeting.