



SCS Implementation Alternatives for Meeting Transit Needs in the Rural San Joaquin Valley

Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 17, 2016

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Host:

Institute of Transportation Studies, UC Davis

Meeting Location:

Webinar/Conference Call

1. Roll Call / Introductions

M. Sigala

See list of participants below.

2. Summary of Stakeholder Focus Groups Scheduled November 7 – 9th

L. Podolsky

- Great, diverse turnout for focus groups.
- Valuable information was gathered and will be included in the Existing Conditions Report.

3. Discuss Criteria for Selecting Pilot Communities for Phase 2 Handout

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- Rural community
 - Michael Sigala: (Q) Is there a weighting system for criteria? (A) First communities to be disqualified are those that aren't rural/disadvantaged. Will list out communities (census place names) that fall under rural/disadvantaged. As far as weighting, will gather feedback from TAC which criteria are more important.
 - Natalia @ MCAG: (C) Suggested overlaying criteria on GIS mapping system to identify communities that stand out as viable candidates. Feels criteria set fourth are good and will help narrow down the focus on communities.
- Disadvantaged community
 - Rob @ SJCOG: (Q) Why was above the 75% percentile selected? Where does this number come from? (A) Caroline Rodier will follow up with language from cap and trade related legislation that calls out this number.
- Level of current inter-city transit service
 - Rob @ SJCOG: (Q) What will the transit criteria be for transit service? (A) No service, one weekday bus out and back, and hourly to half hour service.

- Linda @ KernCOG: (C) Could work with workforce investment boards to help with training for drivers, provide safe driving instruction, and hold workshops out in the rural communities.
- Moses @ FCRTA: (C) For training, look at local transit agencies, what type of driver training do they have and see how to leverage this?
- Level of current access to opportunities, essential services, and groceries
- Population who may be unable to drive
- Population who may be unable to afford a vehicle
- Healthcare need
- Capacity/readiness
 - Suzanne @ KernCOG: (C) In regards to defining readiness, the community should have an active local organization that we can work with to engage residents in rural communities, once the list of communities is narrowed down using the other criteria, then the MPOs can help identify local community groups that could serve as these partners
 - Esperanza @ FresnoCOG: (C) Fresno Housing Authority is very supportive in being a partner. (Q) How many communities will be selected? (A) For Phase 2, we will select 2-3 communities/sub-regions for additional focus groups and analyses and then develop conceptual models for each of these communities. In Phase 3, the TAC will chose one of the 2-3 models presented, and a detailed business plan for how the pilot will be implemented in the selected community will be developed.
 - Ryan @ SJCOG: (C) SJV MPO Executive Directors want a pilot program in every county. Expects that the business plan can be duplicated and implemented in other communities.
- Potential barriers
- Cost-effective
- Representative

4. Next Steps

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- Prepare Existing Conditions draft document.
- December 13th TAC meeting canceled. Next TAC meeting will be scheduled for last week in January – Doodle survey will be sent out.
- Natalia @ MCAG: (C) Very pleased with the level of information being provided by UC Davis.
- Moses @ FCRTA: (C) Between January 1 and June 30, there is a lot of activity with MPOs and transit agencies so expect it will be hard to schedule meetings.
- Michael Sigala: Will follow up with Laura and Caroline to discuss December 1st COGs meeting in Stockton.

Link to presentation recording: <https://youtu.be/AoW2rHN6Efl>

NEXT MEETING TBA

Participants	
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
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Rob Cuningham	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Natalia Austin	Merced County Association of Governments
Amelia Davies	Madera County Transportation Commission
Moses Stites	Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Esperanza Velasco	Fresno Council of Governments
Teresa Nickell	Kings County Association of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Rich Green	Merced County Association of Governments Transit
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