

**LASSEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 10-07**

RESOLUTION OF UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Statutes Section 99401.5 and 99401.6 requires the transportation planning agency to adopt its finding for unmet transit needs for the claimants of the City of Susanville, and County of Lassen, and

WHEREAS, Section 99401.5 (a), (b), and (c) of the TDA requires that the identification of transit needs include the following: consultation with the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council, an assessment of the size and location of groups likely to be dependent upon transportation, an analysis of existing transportation services in meeting the transit demand, an analysis of potential alternate transportation services that would meet all or part of the demand, a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on unmet transit needs, and a resolution defining “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet”, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Transportation Development Act Statutes Section 99238, the Lassen County Transportation Commission has established a Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for the purpose of annually participating in the identification of transit needs, review and recommended action by the transportation agency, and advise the transportation planning agency on any other major transit issues, and

WHEREAS, the size and location of identifiable groups likely to be dependent upon transit, an analysis of existing transportation services in meeting the transit demand, and an analysis of potential alternate transportation services that would meet all or part of the demand is included in Lassen County’s Transit Development Plan and Regional Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 10th, 2010, to solicit comments on unmet transit needs within the jurisdiction of the Lassen County Transportation Commission, and

WHEREAS, a request for service expansion to the Hamilton Branch LRB/Plumas transfer point during the mid-day run of the West County Commuter and to delay the mid-day run start time one hour to start run at 1:00 PM is considered an unmet transit need, and

WHEREAS, a request to extend the West County Commuter Route bus service to provide for Saturday route service twice per month is considered an unmet transit need, and

WHEREAS, a request to extend the West County Route bus service to Chester, CA three times per day, six days per week is considered an unmet transit need, and

WHEREAS, an SSTAC meeting was held on June 10th, 2010, to solicit comments on unmet transit needs within the jurisdiction of the Lassen County Transportation Commission, and

WHEREAS, the SSTAC meeting presented a request to provide for public transit services to Bieber twice per month, and

WHEREAS, the definitions of the term, “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” have been defined by Resolution 10-04, and

WHEREAS, LCTC staff has conducted an “unmet transit needs and reasonable to meet analysis” which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Transportation Commission has considered all of the information compiled pursuant to Section 99401.5 of the TDA, and

WHEREAS, the public transportation services of the Lassen Rural Bus system’s Susanville Fixed Route, South County Commuter Route, East County Route, Dial-a-Ride service, Eagle Lake Service, transportation services of the Modoc Sage Stage, the Subsidized Vehicle For Hire program, and the Lassen Senior Services transportation program and medical programs are all currently operating to meet the majority of needs which can be reasonably met within the region of Lassen County, and

WHEREAS, the request for extended public transit services to include service on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays to Reno, Nevada is not considered unmet need or reasonable to meet for the following reason(s):

- 1) Service is currently provided by three times per week by a partnership with the Modoc Transit Agency’s Sage Stage public transit service.
- 2) The LTSA does not have sufficient vehicles in its fleet to be able to provide for this service expansion, nor does it have sufficient operating funds to provide for the increased service.
- 3) Adequate research/planning efforts need to take place in order to determine the effects on farebox recovery.

WHEREAS, the request to provide for “City Care” after school daycare transit services is not considered unmet need or reasonable to meet for the following reason(s):

- 1) The transportation desires of a small group of individuals or the clients of particular agencies are not considered an unmet need.
- 2) Service is currently provided by the daily Susanville City Fixed Route public transit service.
- 3) Due to the passenger ages, provision of escorts/attendants would be required
- 4) Requested service is considered charter service and provision of service as requested would jeopardize future Federal funding.
- 5) Public transportation services are not allowed to provide for school transportation services within the location of the school site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lassen County Transportation Commission, based on definitions adopted by resolution 10-04, finds that there are unmet transit needs that are and/or are not reasonable to meet within the jurisdiction of the Lassen County Transportation Commission.

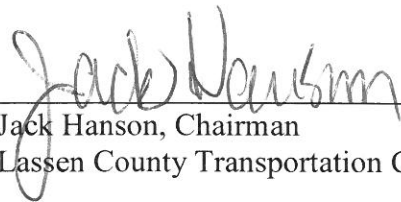
The foregoing resolution has been adopted on this 12th day of July, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Chapman, Hanson, Keefer, McDonald

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Dahle, Sayers, DeBoer



Jack Hanson, Chairman
Lassen County Transportation Commission

