

LASSEN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 11-08

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, the Commission conducted a public hearing on May 9th, 2011, to solicit comments on unmet transit needs within the jurisdiction of the Lassen County Transportation Commission, and

WHEREAS, no requests of unmet public transit needs were received during the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, an SSTAC Public Meeting was conducted in conjunction with the annual regular meeting held on April 20th, 2011, to solicit comments on unmet transit needs within the jurisdiction of the Lassen County Transportation Commission, and

WHEREAS, there were no requests of unmet transit needs presented during the SSTAC public hearing, and

WHEREAS, during the short range Transit Development Plan update being conducted by consultant Moore and Associates it has come to the attention of staff the request for commuter service to the High Desert State Prison and the California Correctional Center to be considered an unmet transit need, and

WHEREAS, the definitions of the term, “unmet transit needs” and “reasonable to meet” have been defined by Resolution 11-03, 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 provide Commuter Service to the High Desert State Prison and the California Correctional Center service is not considered unmet need or reasonable to meet for the following reason(s):

- 1) Service for the transportation desire of a small group of individuals or of the clients of particular agencies shall not, in and of themselves, be sufficient to justify a finding of unmet transit need.
- 2) Adequate research/planning efforts need to take place in order to determine the effects on farebox recovery.
- 3) The unmet transit need will require the expenditure of more than the affected jurisdiction(s) proportional share of Transportation Development Act funds that are apportioned by LCTC on the basis of population.
- 4) Extensive planning must be conducted in order to determine appropriate locations and route organization due to the multiple work schedules required by both prisons. For each request of service received associated schedule requests have been received as well. This would require the need for major planning efforts to be conducted to accommodate the most individuals as possible in order to provide for meaningful service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lassen County Transportation Commission, based on definitions adopted by resolution 11-03, 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 11th day of July, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: McDonald, Lagers, DeBoer, Wosick, Hanson

NOES: _____

ABSTAINED: _____

ABSENT: Dahle

Cheryl McDonald
Cheryl McDonald, Chairman
Lassen County Transportation Commission