

**SOUTH SHORE SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL/TAHOE  
AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE DISABLED MEETING  
October 22, 2018  
Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM at the Department of Rehabilitation at 2489 Lake Tahoe Blvd in South Lake Tahoe, CA.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Attendees introduced themselves and members had a chance to announce new business and agency communications.

**ATTENDEES**

John Pillsbury, Department of Rehabilitation  
Paula Lambdin, El Dorado County Community Services  
Charlotte Rosburg, LTCC ADVANCE  
Gordon Bonar, TACCD Treasurer/People's First  
Kira Smith, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  
Charles Bowyer, Department of Rehabilitation  
David Stevenson, South Lake Tahoe Police Department

**DISCUSSION**

Kira Smith explained TRPA's annual unmet transit needs process and passed around the list of unmet needs developed by the Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee and North Tahoe SSTAC for reference. Identified unmet needs are organized into a report and used to inform updates to transit and transportation plans. Ms. Smith asked the SSTAC group to develop a similar list identifying gaps in the transportation and transit systems.

Officer Stevenson asked about potential applications for Chariot transit services around Tahoe. Ms. Smith explained that there are several options like Chariot that are being explored by transportation planners. New mobility options such as Lime and Chariot are emerging and could offer solutions to some of the challenges facing traditional public transit. Options such as this must be funded and tested in a pilot setting to figure out what works and what doesn't.

This year, there are several changes to the South Tahoe transit system that will go into effect on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Several recommendations are directly related to the new changes. Overall, members of the group are excited about frequency improvements and additional connections to the community college.

The TACCD and SSTAC jointly discussed and established a list of transportation needs that should be met with available resources. In no particular order:

- **Extend service to after 9:00pm to serve late night classes at LTCC.** Changes to TTD service on November 1<sup>st</sup> will vastly limit the service span and service to LTCC will end around 8:00pm. English language classes are held in the evenings and let out around 9:00pm. Many of these students rely on public transportation to get to and from classes.
- **Consider changing the senior eligibility age from 65 to 62 to align with the low-income senior housing age eligibility in South Lake Tahoe.** The reduced fare price for seniors used to be available to anyone 60 years and older and is now only

available to anyone 65 years and older. The age for senior housing in Lake Tahoe is 62, which may disproportionately affect some low-income seniors.

- **Explore transportation options for youth, senior, and other community members to access difficult to reach places.** There are several groups of kids and seniors from South Lake Tahoe who attend activities at the Douglas County Community Center. These groups should have a reliable and sustainable public transportation option between South Lake Tahoe and the community center.
- **Consider nominating a social services professional representative to the Tahoe Transportation District and Tahoe Transportation Commission Boards.** To better ensure the needs of transit dependent populations and paratransit users, a social services professional should have a vote at TTD and TTC Board meetings.
- **Consider more first and last-mile transportation options in addition to Lime bikes and scooters.** Travelers with disabilities are unable to utilize new bike and scooter options, and these modes are often unsafe without helmet requirements. More options will benefit many transit-dependent populations.
- **Work with local jurisdictions to ensure transit options are included in board packets, council meeting packets, jury summons, and any public event invitations.** Local jurisdictions should add all available public transit options in board packets and meeting notices to ensure the public understands what alternative transportation options are available to them.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM. The next TACCD meeting will be held on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Rehabilitation between 12:00pm and 2:00pm.