



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Public Hearing to Consider Unmet Transit Needs

MEETING DATE: December 20, 1995

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That City Council conduct a public hearing regarding unmet transit needs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In order to use Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds for street improvements, and to properly allocate funds for transit purposes, it is necessary to reasonably satisfy any unmet transit needs.

The San Joaquin County Council of Governments (COG) requires all agencies to hold annual public hearings to solicit input from citizens regarding unmet transit needs. To ensure extensive input, two hearings have been scheduled: one in the morning at Hutchins Street Square, 125 South Hutchins Street, and one at this regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

The Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, Kirk Evans, will conduct an administrative hearing on Wednesday, December 20, 1995, 10 a.m., at the Hutchins Street Square Senior Center. A summary of that meeting will be prepared and made an official part of the minutes of this meeting. Free Dial-A-Ride service will be provided for both meetings. The Mayor should open this meeting to hear comments from the public regarding unmet transit needs in the City of Lodi.

A COG staff member, Kwame Reed, will make actual recommendations to the COG Board of Directors regarding the City of Lodi's unmet transit needs. That report will become the basis for the City's 1996/97 transit claim.

FUNDING: None required.

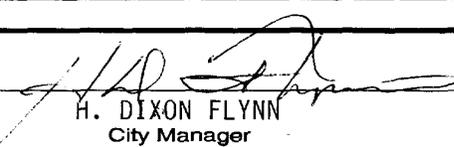


Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

Prepared by Kirk J. Evans, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager

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APPROVED: _____



H. DIXON FLYNN
City Manager



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CITY OF LODI

Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: December 20, 1995

Time: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

For information regarding this notice please contact:

Jennifer M. Perrin

City Clerk

Telephone: (209) 333-6702

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 20, 1995

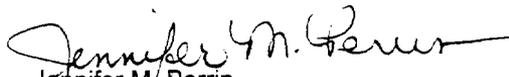
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, December 20, 1995** at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the Hutchins Street Square, Senior Information Center, 125 South Hutchins Street, to obtain citizens' comments on unmet transit needs within the City of Lodi.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this public hearing will be continued to December 20, 1995 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council at the Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi.

All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, P.O. Box 3006, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

By Order of the Lodi City Council:


Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk

Dated: November 15, 1995

Approved as to form:


John Luebberke
Deputy City Attorney



DECLARATION OF MAILING

Public Hearing - Unmet Transit Needs

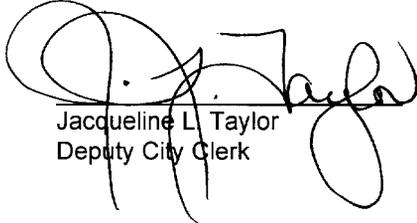
On November 16, 1995 in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, I deposited in the United States mail, envelopes with first-class postage prepaid thereon, containing a copy of the Notice attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A"; said envelopes were addressed as is more particularly shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

There is a regular daily communication by mail between the City of Lodi, California, and the places to which said envelopes were addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 16, 1995, at Lodi, California.

Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk



Jacqueline L. Taylor
Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING FOR UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS MAILING LIST

Loel Center, 105 S. Washington Street, Lodi, CA 95240
Senior Citizens Commission Chairman, 125 S. Hutchins Street, Lodi, CA 95240
Hutchins Street Square, 125 S. Hutchins Street, Lodi, CA 95240
Dial-A-Ride Office, 115 N. Pleasant Avenue, Lodi, CA 95240
Kirk Evans, Transportation, 115 N. Pleasant Avenue, Lodi, CA 95240

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CITY OF LODI
AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Ken Cantrell Manager, Long's Drug Stores Lodi Downtown Business Association 100 West Lodi Avenue, Lodi 95240	369-5853
Bob Casalegno 830 South Central Avenue, Lodi 195240	369-1081
Lillian Goldsmith 1830 South Hutchins St., #507, Lodi 95240	368-0500
Harry Marzolf 445 Madrone Court, Lodi 95242	369-8274
Sally Podesta 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi 95240	331-7075
Bob Slauson 416 Palm Avenue, Lodi 95240	369-6570
Eileen St. Yves 310 South Orange Avenue #60, Lodi 95240	367-1726 (h) 368-2111 (w)

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CITY OF LODI
 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
 UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS
 MEETING MINUTES
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1995, 10:00 A.M.
 HUTCHINS STREET SQUARE
 125 SOUTH HUTCHINS STREET - LODI, CA.

PRESENT:

Ronnie Burnett: Transit Field Supervisor	Trella Areida: Senior Commission
Kirk Evans: Assistant to the City Manager	Ellen Edwards: Senior Commission
Jack Ronsko: Public Works Director	Geniveve Gipson: Senior Commission
Tonae Hasik: Health for All	Don Ochs: Senior Commission
Rochelle Perry: Health for All	Kwame Reed: San Joaquin COG
Patricia Davis: LUSD	Cherie DeJong
Sally Podesta: LUSD	Rosa Gutierrez
Sandy Staples: LUSD	Dale Jolley

Rochelle P. - indicated a total reservation system (as opposed to the current demand/response system) for Dial-A-Ride would reduce waiting times for disabled/wheelchair clients at Health for All.

Tonae H.: asked if a bus dedicated to wheelchair passengers exclusively was being considered to accommodate the increased usage of Dial-A-Ride by wheelchair passengers. Health for All plans to expand its client base - especially those with wheelchairs and walkers. They need more capacity for these persons on the transit system.

Don O.: asked if another route was being considered to cover Northeast and Southeast sectors of Lodi. Answer: demand in these areas is being considered. A loop system may help extend the geographic area covered by GrapeLine.

Ellen E.: suggested moving Rt.#3 stop at Ham & Lodi Ave. south in front of medical center.

Patricia D.: indicated adding loops to the system only allows access to a bus stop from one side of the street - difficult for disabled persons. Just as important as getting behind schedule, drivers must be careful not to get ahead of schedule. Patricia commended many drivers for their excellent public relations skills - some drivers need to reduce radio chit-chat and focus on business. Why are reduced fares restricted to the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.? Her question was answered. Patricia expressed concern about Rt.#2 making left hand turn from Vine Street onto Cherokee Lane. She likes benches that have been set out. Concerned some may need to be repositioned so as to avoid impeding wheelchairs. Commended both GrapeLine and SMART for service they are providing.

Sandy S.: when printing new bus maps - use colors with stronger contrast to aid visually impaired persons. Also, please post route numbers on doors so visually impaired persons can differentiate between busses. Although it is posted next to the seats, drivers should ask able bodied passengers to move back and free up these seats for elderly and disabled. Sandy offered to meet our drivers to discuss these issues.

Sally P.: commended the city for creating the expanded transit service. Would like to see us continue to pursue plans for bike paths and rail service.

Rosa G.: asked why she has to pay an additional 25 cents during peak hours when she has a half-fare pass. Answer: reduced fares are only in effect between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Drivers need to focus on staying on schedule. Some drivers are unfriendly to her.

Cherie D.: expressed concern about safety of school children being compromised by location of second stop on Wimbledon Drive. Please relocate this stop.

Trella A.: asked if Grapeline ridership has met expectations after one year of operation. Answer: yes - they have been exceeded, average of 12,000 total passengers/month. Asked if the transit system provides access to the SMART system. Some elderly need to get to Kaiser in Stockton due to changes in health coverage by their H.M.O.'s. She also commended the transit system for a successful first year.

Don O.: Asked if shelters would be installed, particularly at post office. Commended the transit system.

Tonae H.: wanted to know if Dial-A-Ride provides any special door to door services (i.e. helping disabled to the door, unlocking the door, helping with groceries/packages, etc.) She will make a special request for service when Health for All calls in.

Dee Porter phoned in this comment: do all infants have to be restrained in car seats while riding the transit system? There is only one car seat on each vehicle - it is difficult for mothers to carry around car seats.

Hearing adjourned: 11:00 AM



Kirk J. Evans
Transit Coordinator