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CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 1983

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNMET TRANSIT
NEEDS HEARING

Notice thereof having been published in accordance with law and affidavit of publication being on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mayor Olson called for the Public Hearing regarding unmet transit needs within the City of Lodi. (An earlier Public Hearing concerning this matter had been held at 3:00 p.m., 11/16/83 in the Community Room of the Lodi Public Library with no members of the public being present to give testimony).

A brief report regarding Dial-a-ride and recent ridership statistics was presented by Assistant City Manager Glenn.

The following information regarding the City of Lodi's Transit Productivity Improvement Committee Meeting which took place at City Hall at 2:30 p.m. on 11/2/83 was presented for Council's information.

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I asked about the number of multiple riders - by City policy, up to three people can ride for the price of one if going to and from the same locations. Mr. Glenn replied that the number was very small. Also mentioned were the number of requests for service to the Lodi Greyhound station (slight) and the Amtrak Ambus (nil).

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m."

Ms. Doralee Boles of the San Joaquin County Public Works Department addressed the Council extending appreciation to the Council for including the Woodbridge area in its Dial-a-Ride Program.

There were no other persons in the audience wishing to speak on the matter, and the public portion of the hearing was closed.

No formal action was taken by the Council on this matter following discussion.

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS
CITY OF LODI
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3:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Evelyn M. Olson, Assistant City Manager Jerry Glenn, Public Works Administrative Assistant Sharon Blaufus, COG Representative Gary Dickson, and City Clerk Alice Reimche

Also present were representatives of City Cab Company and the Lodi News Sentinel

There were no persons in the audience; therefore the public hearing was adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Attest:

Alice M. Reimche
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City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
REGARDING UNMET TRANSIT
NEEDS WITHIN THE CITY
OF LODI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 16, 1983 at the hour of 3:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Lodi City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the Lodi Library Community Room, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, California, to receive testimony concerning the unmet transit needs within the City of Lodi.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 16, 1983 at the hour of 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Lodi City Council will conduct a second Public Hearing in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, to receive testimony concerning unmet transit needs within the City of Lodi.

Information regarding this matter may be obtained in the Office of the City Clerk. All interested persons are invited to present their views. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the hearings scheduled herein and oral statements may be made at said hearings.

Dated: November 2, 1983

BY ORDER OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL

Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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November 7, 1983

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: COG staff and Mr. Jerry Glenn

FROM: Gary Dickson

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