

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FY 2009-10
SOCIAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
(SSTAC)

ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA

The SSTAC recommends that the Hearing Board adopt a resolution that there are unmet transit needs in the Antelope Valley that are reasonable to meet with TDA Article 8 funds. Those unmet needs are:

Fixed Route

- Shorter Headways, this allows for less overcrowding at peak times on the buses as well as better usability by allowing for greater spontaneity and coordination with work times and other forms of mass transit
- A grid-like system as opposed to the current meandering system. The grid-like system will allow for better usability because it will be a more intuitive and efficient system.
- Expanded hours of operation during the week and weekend, this will allow for more employment, educational and social opportunities giving people a chance to get more involved in the community.
- Better connections between the buses and other forms of transit.
- Consistent bus service to the outlying areas* allowing for better opportunities for employment, education, medical care, social services etc.
- More accessible bus stops, allowing riders to have a choice between Dial-a-Ride and the transit system. If the Dial-a-Ride system is not overburdened, service will improve

*including southern Kern County

Dial-a-Ride

- Expanded hours of operation and capacity for the Dial-a-Ride system during the week and weekend this will allow for more employment, educational and social opportunities giving people a chance to get more involved in the community.
- Improve reservation taking system so that the rider will be able to call the day before their desired trip day and time to book the ride
- Social Services Shuttle, a Dial-r-Ride system that will allow different service organizations to connect their services to each other as well as government and organizations in order to get their needs met.

The SSTAC anticipates an increase in ridership due to the economic downturn, and wants to continue the support of the above needs. SSTAC recommends that should service demand reach capacity, TDA 8 funds could be used to subsidize the services.

Develop a process to gather information throughout the year from AVTA on public comments. Comments made throughout the year will be included with all TDA Article 8 oral testimony and written comments.

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA

- Recommendation that Santa Clarita Transit address the following and implement if reasonable to meet: 1) continue to evaluate funding opportunities for additional Park and Ride facilities in Santa Clarita; and 2) continue to assess service improvements

CATALINA ISLAND AREA

- Recommendation that the City of Avalon address the following and implement if reasonable to meet:
1) maintain funding sources for transit services.