

**TRANSIT NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING IN
YUBA COUNTY AND SUTTER COUNTY, INCLUDING THE
CITIES OF MARYSVILLE AND YUBA CITY
MINUTES**

October 24, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.

Hearing - Yuba County Government Center – Wheatland Room

The hearing was conducted by Gary Bradford, representing the SACOG Board of Directors, with Barbara VaughanBechtold and Caroline Payne of SACOG staff, and Keith Martin and Adam Hansen, of Yuba-Sutter Transit representing the Joint Yuba-Sutter Social Service Transportation Advisory Council.

Director Bradford and Ms. VaughanBechtold provided an overview of SACOG and the unmet transit needs hearing process. Mr. Martin reviewed Yuba-Sutter Transit services, including information on their effort to complete a Comprehensive Operational Analysis, and developing a new facility that can accommodate zero emission buses. One member of the public attended the Unmet Transit Needs hearing and one person testified at the hearing; no items of correspondence were received.

Director Bradford opened the hearing for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Lynn Bankhead, Yuba City, CA

Ms. Bankhead shared a number of comments:

- Seniors don't have a way to travel in the outlying areas. Dial-A-Ride is not available in the outlying areas.
- There is no service from the community of Sutter in Sutter County to the west of Yuba City.
- Medical appointment rides are needed, especially out of the area.
- Rides to the Hard Rock Casino and Toyota Amphitheater (Wheatland) are needed.
- The Amphitheater needs central parking with bus shuttles bringing people to/from. Public buses could be used.
- Low-income transit options are needed – specifically low-income based fares.
- Does Yuba-Sutter Transit do marketing? *Keith Martin, YST – Most people learn about the transit services offered by seeing the buses or by word of mouth. Traditional marketing has not been found to be effective so these efforts are relatively limited and narrowly targeted.*
- Transit service is not available on Sundays.
- There is not enough service available to rural areas.

Ms. Bankhead currently operates her own transportation for hire service transporting people to events in the area, medical appointments out of the area, and locally to locations and on days/times where transit service is not available. Her service is qualified as a taxi service. *Keith Martin, YST – Stated that YST could add Ms. Bankhead's service to the list of other transportation providers in the Yuba and Sutter counties area that they have on their website.*

CORRESPONDENCE

1. None