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November 4, 2011

Dear Community Partner,

Do you have clients who depend on transit to meet their basic transportation needs? Are those needs being met by current service? The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) wants to know.

Each year, SJCOG in coordination with local agencies conducts an assessment of transit needs in San Joaquin County. The Unmet Transit Needs process reaches out to residents through surveys and public hearings to identify and assess whether there are transit needs that are not being met by the current system.

We need your help in getting the word out to your clients and asking them to fill out a brief survey letting us know whether the current transit service meets their needs. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the public hearing schedule, transit survey, and fliers for you to make available to you clients. If you would like more copies of the survey or prefer an electronic form, please let us know. You may return the surveys by mail to: San Joaquin Council of Governments - 555 E Weber Ave, Stockton, CA 95202 or we would be happy to come pick them up for you.

If you would like a representative from SJCOG to meet with your clients directly, we would be more than happy to make a presentation to your organization. Please contact Aaron Hoyt, Associate Regional Planner at (209) 235-0600 or hoyt@sjcog.org for more information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Hoyt'.

Aaron Hoyt
Associate Regional Planner
San Joaquin Council of Governments

*For more information on current transit service in San Joaquin County, please contact the following agencies:

San Joaquin Regional Transit District: 1-800-469-8674
Tracy Tracer: 209-831-4BUS (4287)
Lodi Grapeline: 209-333-6806
Escalon Transit (eTrans): (209) 541-6645
Manteca Transit: 209-239-9236



UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS



The San Joaquin Council of Governments Wants to Know if YOU Have Any Unmet Transit Needs!

Did you know that.....

- You can voice your opinion about unmet transit needs at public hearings held throughout the County during the months of October, November, and December. See the attached public hearing schedule.
- Local officials will consider resolving all unmet transit needs that are considered reasonable to meet.

What is an Unmet Transit Need?

- UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS are defined as transportation services not currently provided to those residents who use or would use public transportation regularly, if available to meet their life expectation. This includes, but is not limited to: trips for medical and dental services, shopping, employment, personal business, education, social services, and recreation.

What is a “Reasonable to Meet” transit need?

The SJCOG adopted a “Reasonable To Meet” standard based on several criteria that analyze how accommodating that transit need will effect the rest of the transit system that it relates to. If it passes the criteria then it is found reasonable to meet and changes will be made to accommodate the need.

There are other ways to make your opinions on Unmet Transit Needs heard and become public record.

- Call the SJCOG office at (209) 235-0600 and voice your opinion to Aaron Hoyt, Associate Regional Planner. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns regarding this process.
- E-mail your views to hoyt@sjcog.org
- Submit your opinions via an on-line survey on the SJCOG website at www.sjcog.org
- Fill out the following survey and mail it to the SJCOG office:

Aaron Hoyt, Associate Regional Planner
San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 E. Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS SURVEY

(Cycle 2012/13)



1) DO YOU USE PUBLIC TRANSIT?

- Yes No

2) IF YES, CHECK THE TYPES OF PUBLIC TRANSIT YOU USE.

A) REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

- Fixed Route (Within Stockton) Intercity (Deviated Fixed Route) Dial-A-Ride (General Public)
- Hopper Services Interregional Transit (to other Counties)

B) CITY OF LODI (GRAPELINE)

- Fixed Route Dial-A-Ride Vinline ADA

C) CITY OF MANTECA TRANSIT

- Fixed Route Dial-A-Ride

D) CITY OF TRACY (TRACER)

- Tracer Fixed Route Tracer Dial-A-Ride

E) CITY OF ESCALON (E-TRANS)

- E-Trans Deviated Fixed Route E-Trans Dial-A-Ride

F) OTHER (LIST BELOW)

3) PLEASE CHECK THE ACTIVITIES YOU USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR.

- Work Shopping Medical Appointments
- School Recreation Social Activities
- Other _____
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4) ARE THERE PLACES IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY YOU WANT TO ACCESS BUT CANNOT?

- Yes No

5) IF YES, PLEASE FILL IN THE BLANKS IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE.

I would like to go from _____ to _____
at this time of day (_____), on this day (_____) of the week.

Trip Purpose: _____

6) TO BECOME PUBLIC RECORD, WE WILL NEED YOUR NAME & ADDRESS:

7) OPTIONAL QUESTIONS (CIRCLE ONE):

AGE:	<25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	>65
ETHNICITY:	WHITE	AFRICAN AMERICAN	ASIAN	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN	OTHER
INCOME:	<\$25,000	\$25-35,000	\$35-50,000	\$50-\$75,000	>\$75,000	

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY

**Please Mail to: Aaron Hoyt, Associate Regional Planner, San Joaquin Council of Governments
, 555 East Weber Avenue Stockton, CA 95202**