

ATTACHMENT E

TDA ARTICLE 8 PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

Article 8 of the California Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires annual public hearings in those portions of the County that are not within the Metro transit service area. The purpose of the hearings is to determine whether there are unmet transit needs which are reasonable to meet. We established a Hearing Board to conduct the hearings on its behalf in locations convenient to the residents of the affected local jurisdictions. The Hearing Board, in consultation with staff, also makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for adoption: 1) a finding regarding whether there are unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet; and 2) recommended actions to meet the unmet transit needs, if any.

In addition to public hearing testimony, the Hearing Board received input from the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC), created by state law and appointed by us, to review public hearing testimony and written comments and, from this information, identify unmet transit needs in the jurisdictions.

Hearing Board

Staff secured the following representation on the FY 2015-16 Hearing Board:

- A representative from Supervisor Michael Antonovich's office for the North Los Angeles County, appointed by Supervisor Antonovich;
- A representative from Supervisor Donald Knabe's office, representing Santa Catalina Island, appointed by Supervisor Knabe; and
- Two representatives from two of the three cities in the North County

For the FY 2015-16 Hearing Board, Steve Hofbauer, Council member, City of Palmdale, Marvin Crist, Vice-mayor, City of Lancaster, represented the North County; Michael Cano represented Supervisor Antonovich; and Julie Moore appointed representative for Supervisor Knabe, with LACMTA staff representing Ms. Moore as needed.

Also, staff formed membership on the FY 2016 Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) per requisite of the *Transportation Development Act Statutes and California Code of Regulations*. Staff had adequate representation of the local service providers and represented jurisdictions, therefore the SSTAC meeting convened with proposed recommendations as included in Attachment A.

Hearing and Meeting Dates

The Hearing Board held public hearings in Avalon on March 17, Santa Clarita on March 18, Palmdale on March 18, and Lancaster on March 18, 2015. A summary sheet of the public testimony received at the hearings and the written comments received within two weeks after the hearings is included in Attachment E. The SSTAC met on April 8, 2015. Attachment G contains the SSTAC's recommendations, which were considered by the Hearing Board at its April 20, 2015, meeting.