

ATTACHMENT D

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 2020-21 Hearing Board:

Dave Perry represented Supervisor Kathryn Barger; Steven Hofbauer, Mayor, City of Palmdale; Marvin Crist, Vice Mayor, City of Lancaster, represented the North County; Cameron Smyth, Mayor, City of Santa Clarita represented Santa Clarita Valley.

Hearing and Meeting Dates

The Hearing Board held public hearings in Avalon on April 7, Santa Clarita on March 25, Palmdale on March 25, and Lancaster on March 25, 2020. 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. A summary of the transit operator response is included in Attachment F.

Also, membership was formed on the FY 2020 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 G.

The Hearing Board at its April 28, 2020 meeting proposed the Findings and Recommendations included in Attachment A.