

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 staff, 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 2023-24 Hearing Board:

Dave Perry represented Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Marvin Crist, Vice Mayor, City of Lancaster, Eric Ohlsen, Council member, City of Palmdale and Rochard Loa, Council member, City of Palmdale represented the North County; Jason Gibbs, Mayor, City of Santa Clarita and Cameron Smyth, Mayo Pro Tem, City of Santa Clarita represented Santa Clarita Valley.

Also, membership was formed on the FY 2024 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.

Hearing and Meeting Dates

In-person and virtual public hearings were held by the hearing board in Santa Clarita and the North County areas on April 26, 2023 as well as in Avalon in conjunction with the Council meeting on April 4, 2023. A summary sheet that includes the public testimony received at the hearings and the written comments received within two weeks after the hearings is in Attachment F.

The SSTAC met on May 15, 2023. Attachment H contains the SSTAC's recommendations, which were considered by the Hearing Board at its May 24, 2023 meeting.