

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.

FY25 Hearing Board:

Dave Perry represented Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Marvin Crist, Vice Mayor, City of Lancaster
Eric Ohlsen, Council member, City of Palmdale
Richard Loa, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Palmdale represented the North County
Cameron Smyth, Mayor, City of Santa Clarita
Bill Miranda, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Santa Clarita represented Santa Clarita Valley

Also, membership was formed on the FY25 Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) required 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

In-person and virtual public hearings were held by the Hearing Board in Santa Clarita and the North County areas on March 5, 2024, as well as in Avalon in conjunction with the Council meeting on March 19, 2024. No members of the public attended the public hearings nor were there any comments submitted during the public comment period.

The SSTAC met on April 29, 2024. Attachment A contains the SSTAC's recommendations, which were considered by the Hearing Board at its May 13, 2024 meeting.