

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 for 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.

FY27 Hearing Board:

- Dave Perry, Transportation Deputy, Los Angeles County (5th District)
- Marvin Crist, Vice Mayor, City of Lancaster
- Richard Loa, Councilmember, City of Palmdale represented the North County
- Marsha McLean, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita
- Jason Gibbs, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita represented Santa Clarita Valley

Also, membership was formed on the FY27 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 3, 2026, and in Avalon in conjunction with the Council meeting on March 17, 2026. A summary sheet that includes the public testimony received at the hearings along with the written comments submitted during the open comment period, is provided in Attachment F.

The SSTAC met on March 16, 2026. Attachment A contains the SSTAC's recommendations, which were considered by the Hearing Board at its May 5, 2026 meeting.