

**TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD**  
**DEFINITION OF “UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS” & “REASONABLE TO MEET”**

**“UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS”**

Those public transportation services that have not been funded or implemented but have been identified through public input, including the annual unmet transit needs public hearing, transit needs studies, and other methods approved with the commission.

**Unmet transit needs specifically include:**

- Public transit services not currently provided for persons who rely on public transit to reach employment or medical assistance, shop for food or clothing, or obtain social services such as health care, county welfare programs and educational programs.
- Trips requested by the transit dependent or transit disadvantaged persons, for which there is no other available means of transportation. Transit dependent or transit disadvantaged shall include, but not be limited to, the elderly, the disabled, and persons of limited means.

Unmet transit needs specifically excludes:

- Primary and secondary school transportation.
- Minor operational improvements or changes, involving issues such as bus stops, schedules and minor route changes.
- Improvements funded or scheduled for implementation in the following fiscal year.

**“REASONABLE TO MEET”**

The definition of Reasonable to Meet is based on the requirements of the Transportation Development Act (TDA). More specifically, those public transportation services that are Reasonable to Meet are those which meet the following criteria:

- (1) Pursuant to the requirements of PUC Section 99401.5(c), a determination of needs that are reasonable to meet shall not be made by comparing unmet transit needs with the needs for streets and roads. The fact that an identified need cannot fully be met based on available resources shall not be the sole reason for finding that a transit need is not reasonable to meet.
- (2) If projected cost per passenger by route and/or passenger per hour of the requested service are within 50% of current fiscal year averages. For example 2013 average cost per passenger by route is \$12.00 and within 50% would be a cost per passenger by route of \$18.00. Thus a new service that meets a cost per passenger by route of \$18 is reasonable to meet. Also, in 2013 the average number of passengers per hour was 9 and within 50% would be 4 passengers per hour for a new service. Thus a new service that has 4 passengers per hour is reasonable to meet.
- (3) If new service(s) do not meet the above-mentioned performance criteria within six months service may be terminated.
- (4) Services which if implemented or funded, would not duplicate or replace existing services. The Commission may use the following as a determinant in the implementation of new services:
  - a. Forecast of anticipated ridership if service is provided
  - b. Estimate of capital and operating costs for the provision of such services.

- (5) Services, which, if implemented or funded, would not cause the responsible operator to incur expenditures in excess of the maximum amount of:
- a. Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds, which may be available for such operator to claim.
  - b. Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Funds or other support for public transportation services which are committed by federal and/or state agencies by formula or tentative approval of specific grant requests.
- (6) Opportunities for coordination among adjoining public entities or with private transportation providers and/or funding agencies. This should include consideration of other existing resources, as well as the legal or customary responsibilities of other entities (e.g., social services agencies, religious organizations, schools, carpools). Duplication of other services or resources is unnecessary and not a prudent use of public funds