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### 6.1 Evaluation Criteria

To qualify for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) under the Transportation Development Act (TDA), rural counties must hold a minimum of one annual public hearing for receiving comments on unmet transit needs. The Sierra County Transportation Commission has defined the following<sup>24</sup>:

- *Unmet transit needs*: A lack of available transportation-related services supported by adequate and reasonable findings which restrict or prevent movement of people within Sierra County as identified in the Regional Transportation Plan. Due to Sierra County’s geographical diversity, the cost of transit services are much higher than in an urban setting, insufficient funding and constrictive funding parameters are a need that has been identified as an unmet need. Priority should be given to persons with disabilities and the elderly (defined as age fifty-five and older) who do not have available transportation or transit, due to physical or financial reasons, and to levels of local services not presently provided or which are not provided at a desirable level.
- *Reasonable to meet*:
  - a) Any transportation service that offers equitable access to all persons including the young, economically disadvantaged, elderly and persons with disabilities, that when evaluated against such criteria as equity, timing, feasibility, economy, community acceptance and cost effectiveness, that service can generate the required 10% fare box recovery match.
  - b) A transportation system, that when implemented, meets a ten percent (10%) fare box return and does not exceed a yearly total operating cost in transit funds of \$108,000.00. This amount is the total programmed by Sierra County Transportation Commission for operation of the transit services within Sierra County to be divided between the geographic areas of Sierra County – east and west.

Based on these definitions, the unmet needs identified through the outreach process are placed into two categories: reasonable to meet and unreasonable to meet.

### 6.2 Gaps, Challenges, Unmet Transportation Needs

**[This is an initial draft of this section and will be developed later in the project]**

Contemporary unmet needs were identified through stakeholder engagement and review of Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) meeting minutes.

The most recent annual SSTAC meeting on unmet needs was held virtually on May 12, 2020 and identified the following unmet needs:

**[More information is needed on the needs below]**

**Lack of available after-school transportation for the school students who live outside of the communities**

**Difficult to integrate the services from Social Services due to confidentiality and other issues**

Reasonable to meet

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<sup>24</sup> Definitions taken from Sierra County Transportation Commission Resolution 2020-02.



















