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AGENDA ITEM 5a
SSTAC Meeting
August 5, 2026

DATE: July 28, 2026
TO: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
FROM: Stevie Luther, Senior Regional Planner
SUBJECT: **FY 2027-28 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Cycle and Proposed Timeline**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

1. Introduce the item as an action item;
2. Allow staff to present the item;
3. Receive public comment;
4. Discuss item and consider making the motion:
"I move that the SSTAC approve the FY 2027-28 UTN timeline."

Staff Summary:

The next Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) cycle is for the Fiscal Year 2027-28. The draft timeline for the Unmet Transit Needs process is included in this staff report for discussion. As the SSTAC leads the UTN process, the Committee is invited to provide additional direction to staff regarding public outreach methods and UTN report content at this meeting.

The SSTAC is asked to review and move to approve the FY 2027-28 UTN timeline below.

FY 2027-28 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Timeline	
Action	Benchmark
Discuss upcoming process and timeline	August 5, 2026, SSTAC meeting
Public outreach activities	August - December 2026
Request to jurisdictions to schedule UTN hearings	August 24, 2026
Publish notification of all UTN scheduled meetings adhering to the 30-day Notice requirement. Distribution of public hearing schedules in the region.	September 15, 2026 Times Standard/North Coast Journal
UTN Public Hearings	October - November - December
HCAOG (statutorily required) UTN Public Hearing	October 21, 2026, HCAOG Board Meeting
SSTAC public meeting as needed to discuss UTN reasonable to meet definitions or other UTN process.	November 3, 2026, SSTAC meeting
FY 2027-28 Comment period deadline.	December 31, 2026. Comments received after will be included in next year's UTN report.
Provide comments to Transit Operators for comment.	January 8, 2027
Comments due date from Transit Operators	February 12, 2027
SSTAC review initial findings and provide direction on UTN report	March 3, 2027, SSTAC meeting
SSTAC review final draft UTN Report of Findings and recommend for approval	May 5, 2027, SSTAC meeting
Approval of UTN Report of Findings by the HCAOG Board.	May 20, 2027, Board meeting