



Item B

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 14, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.

PHONE CONFERENCE SPECIAL MEETING

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Amarpreet Dhaliwal – Chair	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of San Joaquin
Gary Yep	Fresno COG	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Kerman
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Mike Villalta	MCAG	Mayor	City of Los Banos
Daron McDaniel	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Cheryl Wegman	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Wasco
Jennifer Wood	Kern COG	Mayor	California City
Doug Verboon	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Brett Frazier	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Robert Poythress	MCTC	Mayor	City of Madera
Bill O'Brien – Vice Chair	Stan COG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Vito Chiesa	Stan COG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dhaliwal

Chair Dhaliwal called the meeting to order and conducted a roll call.

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B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. California High Speed Rail Authority Draft 2016 Business Plan

A. Chesley

Discuss impact of revised Phase One alignment to the Northern San Joaquin Valley and other business plan areas of concern, and approve letter from the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council to the High Speed Rail Authority outlining concerns.

Mr. Andy Chesley, Executive Director San Joaquin COG, reported that the California High Speed Rail Authority in February released for public comment a draft of the High Speed Rail (HSR) Business Plan, that has some significant changes that are important to the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. Chesley highlighted issues of concern in the draft, as it pulls back on the high speed rail service to a point north of Shafter, 22 miles north of Bakersfield. Also noted, is the development of the business plan was done with no public input. None of the agencies were consulted and were not aware of the proposed draft. The northern San Joaquin Valley MPOs as well as the Sacramento Area Council of Governments all oppose the business plan and again are advocating for the inclusion of the Merced Y and the development of passenger rail connectivity (with Amtrak) in Merced. Mr. Chesley recommended that the Policy Council oppose the draft 2016 HSR Business Plan, and asked the Policy Council Members to weigh in on the proposed letter.

Supervisor Doug Verboon, Kings County, noted the ongoing issues with HSR and Kings County since 2010. Supervisor Verboon, supports the letter but recommends making the letter stronger. Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake, concurred with Supervisor Verboon and purposed adjusting some of the language in the first sentence from “we have concern,” to “we are opposed.” Additionally, Mayor Mendoza, suggested changing the second sentence to read, “to our continued dismay with the lack of outreach and coordination.” Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin, asked Mr. Michael Sigala to make notes and revise the letter to address these concerns. Supervisor Bill O’Brien, Stanislaus County, and Supervisor Brett Frazier, Madera County also took the position to strengthen the letter. Further discussion ensued. Mayor Dhaliwal suggested Mr. Siagla make the necessary changes to the letter and have it approved by Andy Chesley and Supervisor O’Brien before having it sent out.

There was a motion to approve a modified letter subject to the additional modifications outlined in the meeting.

First Motion: Mayor Luis Molina

Second Motion: Mayor Gary Yep

No Nays: One abstention – Councilmember Cheryl Wegman (Wasco)

Motioned Carried

2. 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

T. Smalley

Discuss the revised fund estimate for the 2016 STIP and its adverse impact to critical highway projects in the San Joaquin Valley, and approve letter from the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council to the Governor outlining concerns.

Mr. Ted Smalley, Executive Director of the Tulare County Association of Governments briefly discussed a letter to Sacramento encouraging them to fix the STIP in which the San Joaquin Valley is slated to lose \$150 million in projects. A short discussion ensued and there was a motion to approve the letter.

First Motion: Supervisor Daron McDaniel
Second Motion: Supervisor Brett Frazier
No Nays
Motioned Carried

3. UC (Davis, Berkeley, Irvine and Los Angeles) Institute of Transportation Support Letter

Mr. Sigala noted that this item was not on the agenda but presented a support letter from the UC funded Institute of Transportation across four UC campuses. The Institutes are supportive and partners with the Valley MPOs in several endeavors. They are asking for a support letter for continued and increased funding for research related to transportation planning, land use and other activities.

There was a motion to approve the letter of support.

First Motion: Mr. Mike Villalta
Second Motion: Mr. Luis Molina
No Nays
Motioned Carried

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Pubic Comment will be allowed during the Discussion/Action Item above

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 A.M.

Appendix A: List of Others Attending

On the Phone	
Individual(s)	Organization
Rosa Park	Stan COG
Tony Boren	Fresno COG
Andy Chesley	SJCOG
Becky Napier	Kern COG
Michael Sigala	Valley Wide Coordinator
Terri King	KCAG
Ted Smalley	TCAG
Patricia Taylor	MCTC