Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 27, 2017
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Location:
San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202

Teleconference Number: 1-712-432-1212
Participant Code: 432-600-639

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   June 17, 2016 Regional Policy Council Meeting

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

   1. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee
      b. Discuss California Legislative Platform and Valley Voice Sacramento 2017 (March 1)

   2. Goods Movement Funding for Major SJV Projects
      a. Receive Update on Current Goods Movement Planning Efforts and FAST Act Funding
      b. Discuss and Approve Next Steps for State and Federal Funding Strategies for Major Valley Corridors; Consider Approving Letter of Support Outlining Major Projects

Enclosure
3. Air Quality/SCS/RTPs
   Receive Update and Discuss Possible Next Steps
   Andy Chesley

4. Rural Transit Alternatives Study
   Receive Project Update
   Michael Sigala

5. Annual Policy Conference – March 8 and 9 in Fresno
   Receive Update
   Rob Terry

E. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors’ Report
   Ted Smalley

2. Policy Council Member Comments

F. 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. Public Comment will be allowed during the Discussion/Action Items above.

Next Regional Policy Council Meeting: Friday, June 16, 2017

Phone Conference on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 10 am to discuss Valley Voice Sacramento

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

The public meeting location and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact the SJV Regional Planning Agencies at 559.266.6222, at least 3 days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the public meeting.
ITEM C

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 17, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Meeting Location:
Tulare County Agri-Center Auditorium
Conference Room
4437 S. Laspina
Tulare, CA 93274

Regional Policy Council Attendees:

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*Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees*
A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Dhaliwal

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 14, 2016 Regional Policy Council Meeting

First Motion: Supervisor Joe Neves
Second Motion: Mayor Gary Yep
No Nays
Motioned Carried

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

   Robert Phipps

   a. Discuss and Approve Legislative Platform
      Mr. Robert Phipps briefly reviewed the draft summary packet that included various discussion topics (federal transportation grant applications, goods movement, policy and funding for priority projects, RTP adoption, farm to market routes, etc.). Supervisor O’Brien had a question about adding an air pollution component to the platform. Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake, addressed the topic of water taken off this discussion for the trip and would consider it to be on the platform. Supervisor Allen Ishida, Tulare County, recommended a flyer to hand out if needed for discussion and not have it on the platform. Also, Supervisor Ishida suggested for the people who have impacted counties could spend an extra day to address water specifically. Andy Chesley San Joaquin COG, noted an attempt to write a policy statement that would go into the platform and discussed concerns from some agencies. Supervisor Chuck Winn, San Joaquin County, commented and further discussion ensued.

      There was a motion to approve the Legislative Platform as is presented by Robert Phipps, and have a handout regarding water.

      First Motion: Supervisor Neves
      Second Motion: Supervisor Ishida
      Nays: Mayor Rudy Mendoza
      Motioned: Carried

   b. Select Speakers for Key Topics Areas
      Mr. Robert Phipps asked for volunteers for the following:

      • Grant Applications – Mayor Pascual (primary) & Supervisor McDaniel (alternate)
      • Goods Movement – Mayor Mendoza (primary) & Mayor Mendez (alternate)
      • RTP Adoption – Supervisor O’Brien (primary) & Mayor Pro Tem Yep (alternate)
      • Farm Market Route – Mayor Mendez (primary) & Supervisor Fraizer (alternate)
      • MPO Flexibility – Mayor Poythress (primary) & Supervisor Frazier (alternate)

   c. Review Valley Voice Itinerary and Logistics
      Mr. Robert Phipps briefly reviewed the itinerary for Washington DC trip September 7 and 8. Mr. Phipps noted Simon and Company was approved to coordinate and make all arrangements for the trip. There was a notable mention for PG&E for sponsoring the visit.
2. California Transportation Funding Update  
Ted Smalley  
Mr. Ted Smalley noted STIP funding has not been resolved leading to a short of transportation funding and is discouraged that a solution will not get done. Mr. Smalley introduced a couple ideas as to solving transportation issue, the first principle is a combination of raising fees and the other being a combination of reprioritization.

3. Upcoming Federal Clean Air Act Mandate  
Seyed Sadredin  
Mr. Seyed Sadredin presented a power point and discussed mandates under the Federal Clean Air Act. Mr. Sadredin noted Valley assignments to the federal government, and outlined tough obstacles the Valley has overcome. Mr. Sadredin expressed concern with EPA’s willingness to develop federally approvable incentive-based measures and discussed the conundrum the valley faces with EPA disapproval. There is a possibility of federal takeover and devastating sanctions if mandates are not met, such as loss of federal highway funds of $2.5 billion in the San Joaquin Valley. The next steps are in August 2017 – Valley’s PM2.5 Attainment Plan due to EPA (EPA to act on the plan one year after submittal). Sanctions may be triggered 18 months after EPA disapproval. Continuous effort by the Valley Air District to advance common sense tweaks to the Federal Clean Air Act to allow Valley sufficient time to reach attainment are needed. Mayor Mendoza commented as to the ongoing outreach discussions and education with the public. Further discussion ensued.

4. Sustainable Communities Strategies/RTP’s  
Andy Chesley  
Mr. Andy Chesley noted current discussions with executive directors regarding SB 375 target setting. Air Resources Board staff requested targets for the next round of regional transportation sustainable communities strategies plan by July 29. There is a request in form of a letter to move the due date to December 31, 2016, to be able to come up with good targets. Mr. Ryan Niblock added further insight to ARB target concerns and performance from the last round. Mr. Niblock reviewed a draft letter in the agenda packet, noting summarization of the positive work in the valley and it concludes with the request to move target setting to December.

5. Federal Aviation Administration 79 FR 66282  
Ted Smalley  
Mr. Ted Smalley briefly reviewed the FAA determination process. Mr. Smalley noted concerns with the state rights on special sales tax. Mr. Smalley introduced three principle alternatives being pursued; 1) Can there be a general fix that states “California general fund covers...”; 2) Can there be a legislative fix in Washington DC; and, 3) Legal action against Federal Aviation Administration. Chair Dahlialiwa advised to proceed with a response letter.

6. Valleywide Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17  
Michael Sigala  
Accept and Consider Approving  
Mr. Michael Sigala, noted the Valley MPO’s working with the Air District signed an MOU and state the need to continue to work together. Mr. Sigala discussed OWP document attached to the report highlighting major highways and interstate activity, joint funding strategies, goods movement, air quality planning, SCS planning, relationship building with external agencies and entities, and other activities for the coming year. Mr. Sigala noted the Regional Policy conference moved to Spring 2017 in Fresno. The budget is approximately $337k for various Valley wide projects and activities.

There was a motion to accept and approve the OWP document.

First Motion: Supervisor Neves  
Second Motion: Supervisor Bill O’Brien  
Nays:  
Motioned: Carried
7. Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Accept and Consider Approving

Mr. Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the calendar for the upcoming year.

There was a motion to accept and approve the meeting calendar for fiscal year 2016-17:

- **First Motion**: Mayor Rudy Mendoza
- **Second Motion**: Supervisor Allen Ishida
- **Nays**: 
  - Motioned: Carried

D. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors’ Report
   
   Mr. Andy Chesley noted this is his last meeting as Chair of the Directors Committee and thanked the council members. Mr. Ted Smalley will take his place for the upcoming year. Mr. Chesley will be present at the Air District meeting next week, and report back to the Directors.

2. Policy Council Member Comments. None.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tashia Clemons FHWA noted a final planning rule has been released and are working on an approach with Caltrans to implement the requirements. Also, she asked the council members to review the rule as it will be up for 120 days on the FHWA website.

Cecilia Crenshaw FHWA, noted Tashia Clemons is the new Director for Program Development

Appendix A: list of other meeting attendees.

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Mr. Bob Alvarado, Chairman  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Malcolm Dougherty, Director  
California Department of Transportation  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: FAST Act – Freight Highway Investments for the San Joaquin Valley

Dear Chairman Alvarado and Director Dougherty:

The {name of organization} is submitting this letter urging you to support critical highway investments in the San Joaquin Valley funded by the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). As you know, the five-year authorization of the FAST Act includes billions of dollars in funding annually through formula and discretionary funded freight initiatives, specifically the National Highway Freight Program and the Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) program.

Without question, the most significant project in our region is capacity and safety improvements to State Route 99. State Route 99 is not only the major thoroughfare for commuters, it is also the backbone of the San Joaquin Valley’s agricultural economy. State Route 99 is part of the National Highway Freight Network and is a crucial freight corridor for California and the Nation. Renewed investment in this major corridor will reduce the time it takes for perishable commodities to get from farm to market and improve safety on this well-traveled route. State Route 99 was recently rated the deadliest highway in the nation, according to an October 2016 highway safety report.

There are five major “shovel ready” components for the State Route 99 improvements, which we ask that you consider funding with National Highway Freight Program formula grants:

- Kern County SR-99 at SR-58 Interchange. This project would construct connector ramps and bridges. The project is NEPA approved and is ready for construction advertisement.
- Tulare County SR-99 from Caldwell to Prosperity. This project would widen the freeway to six lanes. The project is NEPA approved and is ready for construction advertisement.
- Merced County SR-99 from Stanislaus County line to Hammatt Avenue. This project would widen the freeway to six lanes. The project is NEPA approved and is ready for construction advertisement.
• Madera County SR-99 from Avenue 12 to Avenue 17. This project would widen the freeway to six lanes. The project is NEPA approved and will be ready for construction advertisement by December 2017.
• Stanislaus County SR-99/SR-132 Freeway to Freeway Interchange. This project would construct this interchange. The project could be ready for construction advertisement by December 2020.

In addition, the following project is located on the national freight network and will be ready for construction within the next five years:

• San Joaquin County SR-120 from I-5 to SR-99. This project would widen the freeway to six lanes and improve the interchange. The project could be ready for construction advertisement by December 2019.

Finally, there are other freight corridors in the San Joaquin Valley that would qualify under the rural priority corridors set-aside:

• Fresno County SR-180 from Smith Avenue to Frankwood Avenue. This project would construct a four-lane freeway on existing alignment. The project is NEPA approved and is ready for construction advertisement.
• Kings County SR-41 Kings County line to Elkhorn Avenue. This project would widen the freeway to four lanes. This project could be ready for construction advertisement by December 2021.

We understand there are many high priority projects across the state, but we hope you will pay close attention to the unique national benefits that come from investing in State Route 99 and other critical rural corridors. State Route 99 capacity and safety improvements will reduce emissions and improve air quality in our constrained air basin and help facilitate the economic growth our region needs. 25 percent of all food in the United States comes from the San Joaquin Valley, 92 percent is transported by truck primarily using State Route 99 for intraregional travel. Over 44 percent of all employment in the San Joaquin Valley is associated with goods movement dependent industries. This percentage is higher than goods movement related employment in the Los Angeles or San Francisco Bay Area.

The {name of organization} is a proud supporter of economic growth, prosperity and safety for the San Joaquin Valley region. Our regional initiatives support and are consistent with the requested infrastructure improvement detailed in this letter. Thank you for your consideration to ensure that counties in the San Joaquin Valley receive national highway funding for these important projects. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

{NAME AND TITLE}
Alternatives for Meeting Transit Needs in Rural San Joaquin Valley

Directors Meeting
December 1, 2016

Project Goal

- Develop a new, technology-driven mobility service pilot program in the San Joaquin Valley that:
  - meets the needs of rural and disadvantaged residents
  - is cost-effective and financially sustainable
  - helps achieve VMT and GHG reduction targets
  - leverages shared access services (e.g. carshare, rideshare)
Main Phases of Work

Phase 1 - Identify Potential Pilot Locations and Pilot Alternatives

Phase 2 - Evaluate Pilot Locations and Alternatives

Phase 3 – Develop Pilot

Phase 1: Identify Potential Pilot Locations & Pilot Alternatives

- Existing Conditions Data Collection
- Stakeholder Meetings & Interviews
- Develop Community Selection Criteria
- Begin Case Study Research

Key Deliverable: Existing Conditions Report
Phase 2: Evaluate Pilot Locations and Alternatives

- Analyze demand for services and user needs
- Evaluate operational costs (including required subsidies) for alternatives and funding options
- Solicit stakeholder feedback

**Key Deliverable:** Conceptual Framework for 2 – 3 Pilot Programs  
**Timing:** Spring / Summer 2017

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Phase 3: Develop Detailed Business Plan for One Community

**Key Deliverable:** Final Pilot Program with Funding Plan  
**Timing:** Summer 2017 / Winter 2018
Rural Community Place Types

- Rural communities adjacent (within ~10 miles) to urban area
- “High-density” rural communities with ~5,000 – 15,000 in population and more than 20 miles from an urban area
- “Low-density” rural community with a very small population (< 1,000 residents) and more than 20 miles from an urban area

Selection Criteria for Pilot Communities

- Is the community considered rural and disadvantaged?
- What is the level of current inter-city transit service?
- How accessible are job opportunities, services, and groceries?
- What % of population may be unable to drive or afford a vehicle?
- What is the level of healthcare need in the community?
- Would the service in the community be cost effective?
- Are there any potential barriers to consider?
- Is the community representative of other place types in the Valley?
- Is the community and public partners engaged and supportive?
Contact Us!

UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies

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- Caroline Rodier: cjrodier@ucdavis.edu
12th Annual
San Joaquin Valley
Regional Policy Conference

SAVE THE DATE

March 8*-10, 2017 \ Fresno, CA \ The Falls Event Center

Registration and hotel reservations will open in early January. Check in for more information coming soon at:

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