



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Directors	MPOs
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Marjie Kirn	Merced County Association of Governments
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 6, 2016 Directors' Meeting

There was a motion to approve the October 6, 2016 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi
Second Motion: Mr. Tony Boren
No Nays
Motion Carried

Tulare County
Association of
Governments
Ted Smalley- Chair

Merced County
Association of
Governments
Marjie Kirn - Vice Chair

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Guest Speaker—Tashia Clemons, Director of Program Development

Ms. Tashia Clemons shared updates and information received from the national level. Guidance on State Freight Plans and State Freight Advisory Committees was posted to the Federal Register on October 14th. FHWA will be hosting a webinar on November 16th to discuss the guidance, and the process for the State Freight Plan to become FAST Act compliant. \$4.5 billion was awarded for FASTLANE for fiscal year 2017, and \$850 million has been set aside for grants. The deadline for FASTLANE grant applications is December 15th. The division office is working with Caltrans headquarters on making the designation for the critical urban and rural freight corridors as a part of the National Highway Freight Network. FHWA strongly encourages state DOTs not to wait for critical designation routes to be made to finalize their freight plans. Caltrans is in jeopardy of losing NEPA assignment. If not approved, sovereign immunity is set to expire December 31st, and NEPA will return to FHWA.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

a. SB 375 Update

Mr. Niblock reported a Valleywide call last week, including the Directors, to finalize the approach on target setting. The value of having a unified Valley voice on Target Setting, and the value of submitting a letter by December 31st was stressed. It was agreed to submit one Valley report, including each MPOs target setting recommendations, based on the best tools available to meet the December 31st date.

b. 2016 PM 2.5 Plan

The 2016 PM2.5 Plan (2012 Standard) demonstrates that it will be impracticable for the Valley to achieve the standard in light of the moderate area attainment deadline, and asks for a reclassification to serious non-attainment.

The Plan was due to EPA last month. However, at their October 20th meeting, ARB did not adopt the District's 2016 PM2.5 Plan, and directed staff to hold additional workshops at the request of the stakeholders, and to bring the Plan back to the Board in February 2017.

4. SR 99 Interstate Discussion

T. Smalley

Review Past and Current Information for an Interstate Designation For State Route 99 and Develop a Strategy for Possible Next Steps

Mr. Ted Smalley led the discussion and noted that designating SR 99 as an interstate alone does not bring significant funding to California. The only way that SR 99 as an interstate can help is if 1) Section 1316 is tied to the designation that states the project is categorically excluded if the widening occurs to the median or 2) have dedicated funding tied to earmark. Staff report will state interstate designation of SR 99 is not needed. Ted and Michael Sigala will work on a staff report for this item for the next Regional Policy Council meeting.

5. **Regional Policy Council December 9, 2016 Meeting** M. Sigala
Discuss Agenda Items
 The Regional Policy Council meeting was rescheduled for January 20, 2017 in Madera to account for the change in membership due to the recent general elections.
6. **Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)** B. Kimball
Discuss Sacramento Valley Voice 2017
 Valley Voice Sacramento is scheduled for March 1, 2017. Topics agreed upon include cap and trade, transportation funding, Goods Movement, TCIF (include with transportation funding/Goods Movement), SJJPA, CalEnviroScreen 3.0, NEPA exemption, and Air Quality. Lobbyist selection was discussed and Gus Khouri. was approved for 2017.
7. **California Transportation Funding** T. Smalley
Update and Discussion
 The group expressed opposition towards recently proposed changes to bills.
8. **Update for Valleywide RTP Chapter** R. Ball
Discuss and Assign Lead Staff
 The group discussed this item and Mr. Ahron Hakimi motioned, with Ms. Patricia Taylor seconding, that TCAG take the lead for the next Valleywide RTP chapter.
9. **Spring 2017 Policy Conference** R. Terry
Update and Discussion
 Spring 2017 Policy Conference will be held March 9-10, 2017 in Fresno at the Falls Event Center. Staff is continuing to work on a theme, speakers, outreach sponsors, and activities.
10. **Directors' Workshop** T. Smalley
Discuss Possibility of Planning a Workshop for 2017
 The group decided not to move forward with planning a 2017 Directors' workshop, however, they will keep a portion of the Policy Conference open for a Directors' only mini workshop.

INFORMATIONAL ITIEMS

11. **Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. Agar
 Update on FASTLANE grants, freight, workshops, and critical urban and rural freight corridors.
12. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
 Currently has a lack of board members. Looking at the possibility of early morning Amtrak starts to Sacramento and Oakland and requesting help distributing surveys to various agencies, organizations and business entities. The Next board meeting will be held January 27, 2017, and will include election of officers.
13. **CA High Speed Rail Authority** D. Gomez
 Construction site visits were scheduled for November 16th but that timing will not work. It was discussed the potential of breaking away from the Policy Conference for tours of high-speed rail.
14. **Goods Movement Planning** M. Sigala
 Demonstration project will be on December 13th in Patterson by I-5.

15. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis

M. Sigala

Had focus group meetings this week in Bakersfield, Fresno and Modesto. UC Davis ITS will be at the next meeting in Stockton to give an update on the project. Mr. Michael Sigala will inform UC Davis ITS that the Directors prefer eight pilot projects/business plans for the Valley.

16. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint

R. Terry

All Prop 84 Round 2 activities associated with SCS and RHNA coordination must be completed not later than March 31, 2017.

17. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

J. Chilingirian

An agenda item regarding transportation funding for the Valley will be discussed at the next partnership meeting.

18. Regional Energy Planning

M. Sigala

Currently revising the scope of work to add a few addition months to the project timeline.

OTHER ITIEMS

19. Director Items

Mr. Tony Boren: Collaborative Regional Initiatives Movement requested to be placed on the agenda to speak about implications for our region.

Mr. Andrew Chesley: Ribbon cutting for northbound 1-5 widening, Highway 99 in South Stockton, and crosstown extension project.

Mr. Ted Smalley: Merced Vice Chair will be vacant (with Marjie’s departure).

20. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:08 P.M.

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2016 in Stockton

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator/Sigala Inc
Jennifer Khy	Sigala Inc
Anthony Zepeda	Merced County Association of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Rob Terry	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Tashia Clemons	Federal Highway Administration
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Sharri Ehlert (ph)	Caltrans D6
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans D6
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Rob Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments