



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 6, 2017**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**ITEM 1**

Meeting Location:  
 Fresno Council of Governments  
 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
 Fresno, CA 93721

Directors	MPOs
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (via ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Stacie Dabbs, Interim	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. February 2, 2017 Directors' Meeting**

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the February 2, 2017 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Andrew Chesley  
 Second Motion: Ms. Rosa Park  
 No Nays  
 Motion Carried

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**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality** R. Niblock  
*Update and Discussion*

Mr. Ryan Niblock reiterated discussions from the March 23<sup>rd</sup> ARB board meeting on target setting in relation to SB-1. ARB board members mainly focused on the financial aspects, and recommended a forum to discuss transportation funding. ARB staff will be looking for more MPO staff to provide tests on how pricing will impact our region. Mr. Niblock reported the deadline for final target recommendation is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, the deadline for ARB scoping plan comments on the environmental analysis is April 10<sup>th</sup>. Further discussions on target setting followed.

- 3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study** C. Rodier  
*Receive Update from Caroline Rodier, UC Davis ITS, and Discuss Critical Next Steps*

Ms. Caroline Rodier and Ms. Laura Podolsky, UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies, provided a project overview presentation on “Opportunities for Shared-Use Mobility Services for Rural Disadvantaged Communities in the San Joaquin Valley.” Ms. Rodier discussed project objectives and goals, findings related to shared-use mobility projects by locations, MPO priority projects and locations, and critical next steps. Further discussion on technical aspects, logistics, and available grant opportunities for the project ensued. Ms. Rodier recommended three potential areas to implement pilot programs.

There was a motion to approve three concept pilots.

First Motion:	Mr. Ahron Hakimi
Second Motion:	Mr. Andrew Chesley
No Nays	
Motion Carried	

- 4. MPO Planning Coordination and Planning Area Reform** S. Dabbs  
*Consider Approving Letter of Support for HR 1346*

Ms. Stacie Dabbs requested the Directors consider a joint letter of support for the house legislation.

There was a motion to write a joint letter of support.

First Motion:	Mr. Andrew Chesley
Second Motion:	Mr. Ahron Hakimi
No Nays	
Motion Carried	

- 5. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee** R. Phipps  
*a) Valley Voice Sacramento 2017, Follow Up Discussion*

Mr. Robert Phipps reiterated concerns, observations, and comments from lobbyist Mr. Gus Khouri following Sacramento Valley Voice trip. Recommendations included having greater participation and synergy among elected officials, a clear and definitive call-to-action for legislative delegation, and paring down the platform to a more manageable number of issues.

**b) Discuss Valley Voice D.C 2017**

To be more effective in terms of follow-ups and maintaining presence, Mr. Phipps presented the idea of splitting Valley Voice into two trips to each location per year as opposed to one. Further discussion on this recommendation followed but no action was taken.

**c) Discuss RTP Cycle Timeline Proposed Change**

Mr. Phipps reported that a revised letter of support incorporating comments received will be circulated.

**d) Discuss Proposed California Transportation Funding Package**

Mr. Phipps discussed the possible passing of SB-1.

**6. Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2017-18**

M. Sigala

**a) Consider Approving OWP**

**b) Consider Approving Valleywide Coordinator Contract FY 2017-18**

Mr. Michael Sigala presented a revised overall work program and requested approval from Directors. Fresno and Merced Directors, as chairs, will be switched for the coming two years.

There was a motion to approve the OWP and Sigala, Inc Valleywide Coordinator Contract FY 2017-18.

First Motion:	Mr. Andrew Chesley
Second Motion:	Mr. Ahron Hakimi
No Nays	
Motion Carried	

**7. San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference 2017**

B. Veenendaal

**Post Conference Discussion**

Ms. Brenda Veenendaal provided a recap of the policy conference. The conference had a peak of 156 attendees, 20 sponsors, and \$21k in sponsorships. Fresno COG contributed \$15k, which allowed the conference to break even financially. Overall, feedback from the conference have been positive. StanCOG will host the next conference. Discussions circulating around the possibility of standardizing the logistics and planning of future conferences followed.

**8. Community and Regional Planning Center at Fresno State**

M. Dozier

**Receive Update**

Mr. Mike Dozier provided an update on resources available and responsibilities held at Fresno State’s Community and Regional Planning Center. Mr. Dozier expressed concern over loss of funding, which may result in the possibility of losing the center. He requested approximately \$100k from the COGs to support the functions of the center. Directors will take the request into consideration and follow up with Mr. Dozier. Mr. Dozier is to submit a list of leveraging opportunities should the MPOs support the center.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**9. Caltrans Directors’ Report**

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

**10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**

D. Leavitt

**11. CA High Speed Rail Authority**

D. Gomez

An open house in Fresno was held.

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| <p><b>12. Goods Movement Planning</b><br/>Moved to Directors Only session.</p> <p><b>13. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Greenprint</b><br/>Continuing to wrap up the project.</p> <p><b>14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley</b></p> <p><b>15. Regional Energy Planning</b><br/>Continuing to wrap up the project.</p> | <p>M. Sigala</p> <p>M. Prince</p> <p>K. Biawogi</p> <p>M. Sigala</p> |
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**OTHER ITEMS**

- 16. Director Items**
- 17. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**  
There were no public presentations.

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:50 P.M.**

**Next Directors' Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in Fresno**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Tom Jordan	Valley Air District
Trai Her	Fresno Council of Governments
Kamara Biawogi	Fresno State Community & Economic Development
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Robert Phipps	Kern Council of Governments
Mike Dozier	Fresno State Community & Economic Development
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Laura Podolsky	UC Davis ITS
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Brenda Veenendaal	Fresno Council of Governments
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gail Miller	Caltrans
Caroline Rodier	UC Davis-ITS
Amy Volz (ph)	Air Resource Board
Tom Dumas (ph)	Caltrans D10
Elisabeth Hahn (ph)	Stanislaus Council of Governments