



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Directors	MPOs
Ted Smalley (chair)	Tulare County Association of Governments
Andrew Chelsey	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Aron Hakim (via ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings 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. April 6, 2017 Directors' Meeting

T. Smalley

There was a motion to approve the April 6, 2017 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Andrew Chelsey
 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. **RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality** ***Update and Discussion***

R. Niblock

Mr. Ryan Niblock provided an update to the PM10 maintenance plan revisions, and noted it was the adopted by ARB at their April meeting. The 2016 Ozone plan is still under review and is expected to be approved in August 2017. The RTP off cycle amendment upcoming this Fall will need to include the approved Ozone plan. Mr. Niblock mentioned a conformity training webinar scheduled for May 22. Mr. Andy Chesley had questions regarding the progress of MIP2 and conformity, further discussion followed. Targets were then discussed. Mr. Chesley noted a meeting with the “big four” and further discussion ensued about the proposed Valley targets. It was noted that IAC workshops are forthcoming to discuss performance targets. In addition, ARB postponed adopting the PM2.5 plan and recommended holding more workshops, one is scheduled for this month.

3. **Rural Transit Alternatives Study** ***Discuss ARB Pilot Project Proposal***

M. Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala provided an overview and circulated the draft project implementation plan and discussed key topics. A letter of support from all the MPOs was greatly encouraged. The four MPOs, Kern, Tulare, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus directly involved in the plan will be asked for a local cash match of \$56k and in-kind match to help offset the project costs. Ms. Caroline Rodier clarified the additional information needed noted at the end of the draft. If necessary, Mr. Andy Chesley offered to help with any information needed to finalize the plan. Mr. Ted Smalley suggested asking the Policy Council for a letter of support in addition to the MPO’s letters.

4. **Valley Legislative Affairs Committee** ***a) Discuss Valley Voice D.C. 2017***

B. Kimball

Mr. Ben Kimball discussed the VLAC trip to Washington D.C. currently scheduled for September 6-7. The Hyatt Hotel is working out a proposal and it was recommended to consider the Sofitel Hotel as a secondary option. Mr. Ben Kimball opened up discussions as to the types of topics to put in the agenda for the D.C. trip. Mr. Ted Smalley recommended providing a list of national freight projects ready for construction, preferably projects past design and environmental.

b) Discuss RTP Cycle Timeline Proposed Change

Mr. Robert Phipps recapped concerns from the membership of cost involved with the RTP process as MPOs nationwide are not having similar issues. A memo will be forwarded to all the directors highlighting specific concerns. Mr. Phipps reiterated recommendations to leverage additional support by identifying specific planning activities capable of being funded if they are not funding the RTP every four years, further discussion ensued.

- 5. Regional Policy Council Meeting June 23, 2017** M. Sigala
Discuss Meeting Logistics and Agenda Items

Mr. Michael Sigala noted the location of the Regional Policy Council meeting on June 23 has been moved to Modesto at 11am. Recommendations for agenda items included assembling a subcommittee to discuss water, the D.C. trip, a rough draft of the platform, and an update of the rural transit plan.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 6. Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Alert/D. Agar
Ken Baxter noted a statewide transit strategic plan workshop scheduled for May 31. He also noted that Caltrans will not have oversight of the local monies from SB 1.
- 7. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
- 8. CA High Speed Rail Authority** D. Gomez
An open house in Hanford May 9.
- 9. Goods Movement Planning** M. Sigala
Both major studies are wrapping up and will be finalized by the end of June.
- 10. Proposition 84/Blueprint/Green print** M. Prince
Continuing to wrap up the project, expect final report next month.
- 11. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** K. Biology
Parks and Rec summit Thursday and partnership meeting June 16.
- 12. Regional Energy Planning** M. Sigala
Continuing to wrap up the project.

OTHER ITEMS

- 13. Director Items**
Next Wednesday the CTC will close out all TCRP projects. In addition, Mr. Ted Smalley presented an upcoming all day training to be held late summer by District 6 and TCAG. It was announced that Kevin Sheridan will be transferring to the Rail Commission as Director of Projects. Mr. Andy Chesley reiterated concerns transitioning from an Article 8 to Transit only county. The Rail Commission, Transit Properties, and Transit District are urging a transition period of only three years, but realistically it should be five years. Closed session next Thursday.

14. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:39 A.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, June 1, 2017 (Madera)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Dylan Stone (ph)	MCTC
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Robert Phipps (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Mike Dozier	Fresno State Community & Economic Development
Laura Podolsk (ph)	UC Davis ITS
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc.
Brenda Veenendaal (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans
Caroline Rodier (ph)	UC Davis ITS
Michael Navarro	Caltrans