



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 5, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

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

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

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 3, 2017 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the August 3, 2017 Directors Committee Minutes.

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

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 Tony Boren - Chair

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 Patrick Pittenger - Vice Chair

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. Roundtable discussion with newly appointed California Transportation Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg

CTC Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg led the roundtable discussion centered on goals and means of communication. His expressed his expectations to have clear, effective communication between MPOs and himself; collaboration among MPOs; honesty regarding the status of projects; flow charts outlining the path to project success; and a shared desire to complete projects on time, under budget, and with minimal surprises. The floor was opened for comments and questions. Mr. Andrew Chesley commented that the Directors voluntarily convene and he feels that they do a fantastic job blending their interests together, however, recognizes that the group sometimes struggles with being reactive as opposed to proactive. Further discussion regarding project issues and concerns ensued.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion.

Mr. Ryan Niblock discussed the new 2015 ozone standard, noting that the “effective date” of the final designations is still unknown. He will notify staff and chart out when to prepare a conformity determination once more information is known. In regard to 2017 PM2.5, he mentioned that ARB and the Air District held a joint public workshop on September 26th to discuss recent developments on the PM2.5 Plan. During a public hearing on September 28th, ARB staff provided their Board with an update on PM2.5 SIP development. This comprehensive PM strategy addressing all three PM2.5 standards is expected to be adopted by the District by end of the year. Additionally, Mr. Niblock mentioned that sanction clocks in the Valley will expire December 13, 2017 due to disapproval of 2013 contingency measures for the Moderate 2008 PM2.5 Plan. In response, ARB approved contingency measure revisions at their September public meeting which will be submitted for EPA review.

Mr. Niblock reported that staff have been asked to provide their latest planning assumptions that will be used in conformity modeling for the 2018 RTPs/2019 TIPs. Mr. Niblock also reported that ARB will be delaying the SB 375 Target Setting finalization from October to their November meeting. Additionally, ARB held a meeting with the Directors of the largest 4 MPOs where they presented a different approach to targets.

4. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

S. Dabbs

a. Valley Voice D.C. Follow Up

Ms. Stacie Dabbs discussed comments and suggestions for improving future Valley Voice trips. Some comments and feedback included prepping speakers better as varied levels of preparedness was evident; to consider holding the trip during a later date; keeping the water topic separate from the general discussion; and to consider having a director assigned to each issue as a means for technical support. The floor was opened for comments and concerns, and further discussion followed. Additionally, Ms. Dabbs began discussions regarding preparing for Valley Voice Sacramento.

There was a motion to approve Mr. Gus Khouri as the lobbyist for Valley Voice Sacramento.

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

b. SR 99 Project Prioritization Discussion, INFRA, TIGER

A letter of support for City of Bakersfield INFRA grant application was circulated and discussed. Additionally, Directors agreed to support SJJPA for a TIGER grant application, and all other INFRA and TIGER applications from Valley jurisdictions. Discussion regarding priority of SR 99 projects followed. The Directors' discussed holding a workshop in January 2018 for this topic primarily. Michael Sigala will work out the details and report back.

c. Discuss the Woodall Amendment in the House FY 2018 Appropriations Bill

Ms. Trai Her provided a brief description on the Woodall Amendment, which would rescind \$800 million in unobligated funding.

5. California Transportation Funding—SB 1

Implementation Strategy Updates:

- **Trade Corridor Enhancements (SJCOG & MCOG)**
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors (Fresno COG)**
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**

Mr. Matt Fell provided an update on Trade Corridor Enhancements and noted important dates moving forward. Mr. Toney Boren did not provide an update on Solutions for Congested Corridors, however, inquired if any MPO would be applying for funding on this matter. Ms. Rosa Park reported on SR 132 and other projects on the North Valley list of projects.

6. Belle Terrace SHOPP Authorization (Kern County)

A. Hakimi

Discuss Project Support from the Valley MPOs

Mr. Ahron Hakimi recommended supporting an auxiliary lane on SR 99 to SR 58. Further discussion on SHOPP funding in SB 1 ensued. Directors agreed to draft a Valleywide letter of support.

7. Rural Transit Alternative Study

M. Sigala

Receive Update and Discuss ARB Car Sharing and Mobility Options Pending Grant Award

Mr. Michael Sigala provided a one page memorandum outlining a brief overview an update on the project. The project concept will continue to be developed. Additionally, a grant proposal was submitted to ARB to implement these concepts and was preliminarily approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Ms. Gail Miller announced Caltrans is assessing climate change impacts to transportation and a report is expected to be released in a year.

9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Mr. Dan Leavitt announced that the morning express service to Sacramento will begin on January 8. There is a TRC application due January 12th and SJPA will be reaching out for letters of support, and Central Valley Rail Working Group will be held October 27th at 9:30 am.

10. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

Tony Boren reported a meeting was held in San Jose with discussions focused around downtown station area planning.

11. Goods Movement Planning

M. Sigala

The studies are complete and reports are available online.

12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

K. Biawogi

No update was given.

OTHER ITEMS

13. Director Items

Mr. Ahron Hakimi inquired if any transit agencies are having issues with farebox recovery. Further discussion followed.

14. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

Mr. Michael Sigala announced that the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program is currently in round 3 of the funding cycle. Funding has increased from \$150m to \$250m. Ms. Melody Lin provided more information on the program and funding application process.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 1:15 P.M

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, November 2, 2017 in Merced

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans
Kim Anderson	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Gail Miller	Caltrans
Paul Van Konynenburg	California Transportation Commission
Trai Her (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Melody Lin	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Tom Jordan (ph)	San Joaquin Valley Air