



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 5, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

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

Directors	MPOs
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Patrick Pittenger	Merced County Association of Governments
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. March 1, 2018 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the March 1, 2018 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Mr. Ahron Hakimi

Second Motion: Ms. Terri King

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. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

Mr. Ryan Niblock provided an update on the March 22nd ARB meeting in Riverside, and on 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard. In regard to the ARB meeting, Mr. Niblock reported that 3rd round targets are the same targets in previous staff reports. Staff highlighted that uniform guidelines/uniform data submissions will be required in the future, and they are looking for additional model work to eliminate variables that are beyond control. Public comments on SB 375 included around 20-25 people urging ARB to establish a 25% target for SANDAG. Following Board discussion, there was motion to amend staff's recommendation to increase SANDAG to 21%; motion failed 9-3. Motion on the staff recommendation as originally presented was approved.

Further, Mr. Niblock reported that in the light of the recent court ruling against EPA's revocation of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard, SJV MPOs have been asked by FHWA to provide a list of transportation plans, related amendments, and projects that require a conformity determination in the next 3-6 months to assess the potential risk of a conformity lapse. This information has been provided to FHWA and discussions are ongoing. EPA plans to provide a response to the court ruling by April 16th. Mr. Niblock mentioned that while it is possible that MPOs will be allowed to deal with the 1997 Ozone standard conformity after RTP/TIP adoption, it is also possible that MPOs may need to account for this standard in RTP/TIP conformity analysis. Staff is working with EPA, FHWA, and Caltrans to assess the risks, obtain more information, and get clear direction on how to proceed.

Although it is not yet clear how EPA is going to respond to the court decision, SJV MPOs are encouraged to be proactive and ready to amend the conformity analyses as soon as more information, and direction from EPA, is provided. Mr. Niblock requested for MPOs to model additional analysis for 2023 year (1997 ozone attainment year) and complete the TDTs for 2018 RTP/2019 FTIP.

3. Valley Legislative Sacramento

S. Dabbs

Post Trip Discussion

Directors provided their take on the conference. Discussion regarding future direction of VLAC followed. A decision to cease the activities of VLAC was made.

4. California Transportation Funding—SB 1

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- **Trade Corridor Enhancements (SJCOG & MCOG)**
Livingston widening on 99 is in the STIP.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors (Fresno COG)**
No report was provided.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No report was provided.

5. Regional Project Prioritization

A. Chesley/ T. Smalley

Continued Discussion of Project Evaluation Matrix

Mr. Andrew Chesley circulated a "Project Fact Sheet" form and requested comments. Discussion regarding Valley projects ensued. This item was decided to remain on the agenda, and by the end of summer (August) a prioritized project list of about 10 valleywide project would evolve.

6. Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2018-19

M. Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala circulated the OWP from the previous year, and will be coordinating with Directors for input on OWP FY 2018-19. Mr. Sigala will provide OWP FY 2018-19 at Directors' May meeting.

7. 2018 Annual Policy Conference (May 9-11)

C. Malekos

Receive Update

Ms. Cindy Malekos briefly reviewed a flyer containing conference registration and hotel reservation information. Ms. Sarah West, West Directions, discussed the schedule of speakers and sessions. For more information, visit <http://sjvcogs.org/events/>.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Ms. Gail Miller, D6, provided clarification that SHOPP does not do widening projects.

9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

First morning express train May 7, 2018.

10. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

Ms. Diana Gomez (this item was moved to the beginning of meeting) reported through a Powerpoint presentation that there are currently 119 miles under design and construction from Madera to Bakersfield. There is construction on all current existing construction sites in Madera County, Fresno County, Kings County, and Kern County. Overall, there are 21 construction sites in the Central Valley. HSR is investing \$500m in local roadway improvements to the City of Fresno infrastructure. Fresno to Bakersfield Locally Generated Alternative Alignment Draft Document was released in November; response to comments will be finalized in summer 2018. Draft Document for Central Valley Wye, a Y-shaped junction from Madera County to Merced County, will be released in May 2018. Currently, right-of-way acquired in the entire Central Valley is 61% (in terms of parcels). Specifically, right-of-way acquired in Construction Package 1 is 82%, Construction Package 2-3 is 55%, and Construction Package 4 is 71%. In terms of employment, 1700 laborers have been dispatched to construction sites. Ms. Gomez further highlighted and discussed new items in the Business Plan. Discussion regarding comments and concerns followed.

11. Goods Movement Planning

M. Sigala

Workshop in Bakersfield April 27th.

12. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis

M. Sigala

Awaiting final contract between ARB and SJVAPCD to begin the project.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

I. Herrera

Call for nominations for Blueprint award was released.

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items

15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:15 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018 (*Madera*)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Stacie Dabbs (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Matt Fell (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments
Trai Her-Cole	Fresno COG
Scott Carson (ph)	FHWA
Cindy Malekos (ph)	StanCOG
Bill Higgins (ph)	CALCOG
Rob Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Diana Gomez	High Speed Rail Authority
Toni Tinoco	High Speed Rail Authority
Sarah West (ph)	West Directions
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans 6
Kristine Cai	Fresno COG
Robert Phipps	Tulare County Association of Governments