



Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 22, 2018


Time: 10:00 a.m.


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


Meeting Attendees:


| MEMBER | MPO/COG | TITLE | JURISDICTION |
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| Amarpreet Dhaliwal (phone) | Fresno COG | Mayor | City of San Joaquin |
| Gary Yep (phone) | Fresno COG | Mayor Pro Tem | City of Kerman |
| Cheryl Wegman (phone) | Kern COG | Mayor | City of Wasco |
| Andrew Medellin (phone) | MCTC | Mayor | City of Madera |
| Waseem Hameed (phone) | MCTC | Councilmember | City of Chowchilla |
| Mike Villalta (phone) | MCAG | Mayor | City of Los Banos |
| Daron McDaniel (phone) | MCAG | Supervisor | Merced County |
| Elbert Holman (phone) | SJ COG | Vice Mayor | City of Stockton |
| Chuck Winn (phone) | SJ COG | Supervisor | San Joaquin County |
| Vito Chiesa (phone) | StanCOG | Supervisor | Stanislaus County |
| Bill Zoslocki | StanCOG | Councilmember | City of Modesto |
| Rudy Mendoza - Chair | TCAG | Mayor | City of Woodlake |
| Linda Launer | TCAG | Councilmember | City of Dinuba |
| Tom Jordon (phone) | SJV Air District | Senior Policy Director | SJVAPCD |

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mendoza

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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First Motion: Vito Chiesa
Second Motion: Bill Zoslocki
No Nays
Motioned Carried

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Guest Speaker, California Transportation Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg

Mr. Paul Van Konynenburg briefly discussed the significance of AB 2734, noting the bill would restore the way the Commission was originally established and it would clarify the Commission's roles and responsibilities.

Mr. Konynenburg noted an upcoming CTC/CARB joint meeting. He emphasized on the importance of educating CARB and the EJ community of the role of the San Joaquin Valley MPOs and mentioned the EJ community is circulating two recently prepared papers. Mr. Konynenburg commented on the use of Cal EnviroScreen and stressed protecting this tool for determining disadvantage communities in California. He noted the CTC is responsible for adopting Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines. As for the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP), this is a Caltrans document that provides guidance for the identification and prioritization of improvements to be funded in the ITIP. Mr. Konynenburg addressed major SB 1 funding opportunities including the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and the Solutions for Congested Corridors. The Commission and Caltrans will be hosting two workshops July 16, in Sacramento and July 20, in the LA Metro offices. Mr. Konynenburg noted the Local Partnership Program Project workshops, Local Streets and Roads Program, TIGER (BUILD Program) and cycle 4 of the Active Transportation Program. There were comments from the policy council and further discussion ensued.

2. Valley Voice D.C 2018 (Sep 12 & 13)

Michael Sigala

a. Discuss and Approve Priority Legislative Items

Mr. Michael Sigala gave an introduction to each priority listed in the platform for the D.C. trip. The list is separated by two tiers of suggested priorities. The top tier priorities include: (1) Funding for Major Regional San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Projects. The Madera SR 99 project may be the only major regional project that is ready and will be the main topic at the DOT meeting. (2) White House Plan Infrastructure Plan. This plan is a moving target until September and the current transportation bill is good thru 2020. (3) Air Quality- comprised of reductions in Emission Sources under Federal Control and Clean Air Act Modernization. Tom Jordan suggested concentrating discussions on the Diesel Emission Reduction Act and Targeted Airshed Program. (4) San Joaquin Passenger Rail- Dan Leavitt noted additional funds are needed for the ACE service for the extension from Ceres down to Turlock, Livingston to Atwater and Merced. BUILD and INFRA applications are pending for the next round. Jennifer Covino followed discussions with current perspectives from D.C.

Mr. Sigala briefly reviewed the second-tier priority topics which include: (1) Regional Transportation Plan cycle amendment, (2) Buy America Waivers, (3) Aviation Fuel Sales Tax, (4) Farm to Market and (5) Challenges to MPO Structure. Mr. Chair Rudy Mendoza suggested including water into the discussion topic platform. Jennifer commented on setting separate subcommittee meetings.

There was a motion to approve the priority legislative items platform as is.

First Motion: Daron McDaniel
Second Motion: Bill Zoslocki
No Nays
Motioned Carried

b. Discuss Itinerary

This discussion was pushed back to July 20, 2018.

3. SB1 Funded Projects

Ted Smalley

Approve Letter from the Regional Policy Council

Mr. Michael Sigala reviewed a draft letter to CTC and Caltrans thanking them for the recent \$105.8 million funding awards to transportation projects in the San Joaquin Valley.

There was a motion to approve to send letter as stated.

First Motion: Bill Zoslocki
Second Motion: Linda Launer
No Nays
Motioned Carried

Mr. Sigala noted the Madera SR 99 project will be submitting a BUILD application and they asked for a letter of support from both the directors and Policy Council.

There was a motion to approve Michael Sigala writing and sending out a letter of support in behalf of the Policy Council.

First Motion: Amarpreet Dhaliwal
Second Motion: Daron McDaniel
No Nays
Motioned Carried

4. Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2018-19

Michael Sigala

Review and Consider Approving

Mr. Michael Sigala gave a brief overview of the Valleywide Overall Work Program (OWP) for FY 2018-2019. The OWP identifies who the members are, details all major activities and task for the coming year such as funding of major highways, goods movement, air quality, Valley Voice trips, incoming director's chair for next year, delivery of the annual policy conference which will be in Madera County in 2019, and provides a summary budget of all the coordinated activities that each MPO participates in. Mr. Sigala noted for the next fiscal year, the MPOs have identified to fund \$350k towards the valleywide OWP.

There was a motion to approve the Valleywide Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

First Motion: Gary Yep
Second Motion: Vito Chiesa
No Nays
Motioned Carried

5. San Joaquin Valley Passenger Rail

Dan Leavitt

Update and Discussion

Mr. Dan Leavitt noted the Valley Rail Program was awarded \$500.5 million and will be implemented in the next several years. Mr. Leavitt presented to the Policy Council a new component from San Joaquin Valley to Sacramento and a new line from Stockton to Sacramento called the Sacramento Subdivision. Currently there are two daily round trips from the San Joaquin Valley to Sacramento and in the next five years, they are looking to increase to nine daily round trips. The environmental impact report is out for comment. The environmental document from Stockton to Sacramento is expected to be out before the end of the year. There were a few comments and further discussion ensued.

6. FY 2018-19 Meeting Calendar

Michael Sigala

Approve Letter from the Regional Policy Council

Mr. Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the calendar outlining the dates for the upcoming meetings, policy conference and trips. In preparation to Valley Voice D.C., two meetings will be held July 20 and August 24. A joint meeting with the California Partnership for San Joaquin Valley December 7 and noted it may move to January.

There was a motion to approve the Meeting Calendar FY 2018-2019.

First Motion: Bill Zoslocki
Second Motion: Linda Launer
No Nays
Motioned Carried

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. 2018 Annual Policy Conference

Rosa Park

Mrs. Rosa Park noted a successful conference with many in attendance and thanked the Policy Council for their support. The next policy conference will be hosted in Madera.

2. SB 375 Green House Gas Target Update

Ryan Niblock

Mr. Ryan Niblock gave an update on the GHG target and noted that new targets were established in March for next round. ARB board expressed desire of creating new methods for evaluating. ARB is hosting a public workshop Monday, June 25 in Fresno.

3. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/ARB Grant

Michael Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala noted the Valley has been awarded \$2.2 million from ARB for the implementation of pilot projects identified in the previously funded Caltrans planning grant. This work effort is set to be underway in July 2018. The conceptual programs include: carsharing and ridesourcing in affordable housing complexes in the south valley, and a technology platform for enhance service in the north valley.

4. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning Studies Michael Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala directed the board to San Joaquin Valley COG website for information.

5. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Ismael Herrera

No update provided at this time

D. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors’ Report Tony Boren

Mr. Tony Boren noted Rosa Park will be taking over as chair.

2. Policy Council Member Comments

Mr. Bill Zoslocki gave a brief overview of a Federal Highway Administration Program Innovations Program, and asked the directors to consider this application.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Public Comment will be allowed during the Discussion/Action Item above

No comments.

Appendix A: Other Meeting Attendees

| In Attendance: | |
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| Individual(s) | Organization |
| Michael Sigala | SJV Coordinator |
| Tony Boren | Fresno COG |
| Terry King | KCAG |
| Ryan Niblock | SJCOG |
| Rosa Park | StanCOG |
| Sandy Ebersole | MCTC |
| Dan Leavitt | San Joaquin Rail Authority |
| Paul Van Konyenburg | Ca Transportation Commissioner |
| Andy Chesley | SJ COG |
| Ted Smalley | TCAG |
| Ahron Hakimi | Kern COG |