



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Madera County Transportation Commission
 2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
 Madera, CA 93637

Directors	MPOs
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley (ph)	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 6, 2018 Directors' Meeting

R. Park

There was a motion to approve the September 6, 2018 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Terri King
Second Motion: Tony Boren
 Motion Carried

Stanislaus
 Council of
 Governments
 Rosa Park - Chair

Madera County
 Transportation
 Commission
 Patricia Taylor - Vice Chair

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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

Ryan Niblock reported receiving a SB150 Technical Appendix, which contained data comparisons between plans predicted for a number of metrics and actual observed data, but has still not received the SB150 Final Report after providing feedback on the Draft Report. Mr. Niblock noted that the Draft Report was lacking in conclusions and next steps, and hopes that the Final Report covers those areas. He expects that the tone of conclusions and next steps will be dependent on the results of Proposition 6.

In regards to SB375, Mr. Niblock reported that the SCS Review Guidelines were released and open for comment. The guidelines are meant to serve as an instruction manual for future reviews of SCS'. He noted that there was previous direction from ARB board members to simplify the review process by making it less technical and less model dependent, however, these guidelines suggest far more model dependency than before. Mr. Niblock highlighted his key concerns, and encouraged MPOs' attendance and participation at the December 4th joint CTC/ARB meeting as the proposed overreach by ARB could make MPOs ineligible for certain types of funding under SB1.

3. **Valley Voice** M. Sigala ***a. Discuss and Assess D.C Advocacy Visit and Next Steps***

Michael Sigala requested feedback and comments on D.C Valley Voice trip. The overall feedback was positive, with many noting that this trip was more productive than previous trips. Discussion followed on whether or not it is worthwhile to make a trip to DC on an annual basis.

b. Discuss Preliminary Planning Efforts for Valley Voice Sacramento 2019

Mr. Sigala requested direction from Directors on whether or not to have a 2019 Valley Voice Sacramento trip. There was an overall consensus from Directors to have the trip, but to take timing into consideration. Discussion on potential dates ensued, and the Directors agreed on an April 3rd date (tentative). Directors will continue discussion on trip lobbyists and topics at next the meeting.

4. **California Transportation Funding** R. Park ***Discuss Regional Educational Outreach in Support of SB 1***

Michael Sigala reiterated the following information from a recent CALCOG meeting regarding actions on Prop 6:

- The No on Prop 6 fund has raised \$30 million;
- Television commercials against Prop 6 have been aired;
- Recent polling shows major support against Prop 6; and
- The people behind the Prop 6 campaign have a 2020 measure for all transportation money to be put into a "Citizens' Lockbox for Road Repairs and Infrastructure Improvements" and distributed by formula.

Mr. Sigala reported that he submitted the SJV Regional Policy Council resolution to the No on Prop 6 campaign, and the Policy Council is now listed on their website. Mr. Sigala opened the floor for feedback on how the MPOs could expand educational efforts, discussion followed.

5. Annual Policy Conference P. Taylor

Receive Update

Patricia Taylor reported that MCTC does not have a venue for the 2019 Policy Conference because all potential venues have been booked, and requested to switch hosting obligations with KCAG. KCAG will now host the 2019 Policy Conference, and MCTC will host the 2020 Policy Conference. Sarah West, West Directions, will continue to assist in coordinating efforts.

6. AHSC Round Four and Technical Assistance Efforts C. Corrales

Receive Update

Christine Corrales provided a brief overview on the AHSC program, which funds affordable housing and sustainable transportation projects. Ms. Corrales encouraged MPOs to be participants in Round 4, and offered technical assistance to interested applicants.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Caltrans Directors' Report S. Ehlert/D. Agar

No update was provided.

8. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt reported that the environment process has been completed for ACE extension from Stanislaus to Merced, and construction is expected to begin early next year. Further, Mr. Leavitt reported that StanCOG is providing funding to improve the Modesto Regional Transit Center.

9. California High Speed Rail D. Gomez

Diana Gomez provided a thorough update on projects. She reported that there are currently over 21 construction sites, with pending construction in Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Kern counties. HSR Authority continues to meet with all of the counties as they push to move projects forward. In regards to right-of-ways, Ms. Gomez reported that approximately 1,300 of the 1,900 parcels needed have been acquired. She noted the Governor recently signed a bill that will speed up the right-of-way process. Further, Ms. Gomez announced that the HSR Authority will have a board meeting on October 16th for approval of an environmental document for local generated alignment from Shafter to Bakersfield, and for approval of preliminary preferred alignment from Bakersfield to Palmdale. Additionally, there will be a November board meeting to approve preliminary preferred alignment from Merced to Anaheim. She noted that the goal is to have all environmental documents completed by December 2020.

10. Goods Movement Planning M. Sigala

No update was provided.

11. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis M. Sigala

No update was provided.

12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley I. Herrera

No update was provided.

OTHER ITEMS

13. Director Items

14. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, November 29, 2018 (Merced)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans D6
Diana Gomez	HSR Authority
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Scott Carson (ph)	FHWA
Trai Her-Cole (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Dan Leavitt	SJIPA
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Ben Kimball (ph)	Tulare County Association of Governments
Meg Prince (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Troy McNeil	Madera County Transportation Commission
Joe Rendon	California Rural Legal Assistance