San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies’ Directors’ Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 2, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Host and Location:
Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Teleconference Number: 1-515-604-9094
Participant Code: 432-600-639

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 12, 2019 Directors’ Meeting
R. Park

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. GUEST SPEAKER: EGON TERPLAN, GOVERNOR’S OFFICE
   Economic Strategy for Inland California
R. Niblock

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
   Update and Discussion
M. Sigala

4. Valley Voice D.C. 2019
   Discuss Options and Potential Dates
R. Park

5. California Transportation Funding
   Program and Project Funding Updates:
   - Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)
   - Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG) - Discuss Most Congested Portions of SR 99 for Potential Project(s)
   - ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)
R. Park
6. California’s Economic Summit, November 2019
   
   Discuss and Receive Input for the Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan
   I. Herrera ☑

7. FY 2019-20 Valleywide Overall Work Program
   
   a) Discuss and Consider Approving
   b) Considering Approving Valleywide Coordinator Contract with Sigala Inc. for FY 2019-20
   M. Sigala ☑

8. Annual Policy Conference, May 8-10 in Lemoore
   Receive Update
   T. King ☑

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Written summaries of Informational Items are included in the agenda packet.

9. Caltrans Directors’ Report
   S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney

10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail
    D. Leavitt

11. California High Speed Rail
    D. Gomez

12. Rural Transit Alternatives Implementation (Valley Go & Valley Flex)
    M. Sigala

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
    F. Cardoza

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items

15. Public Presentations for Items Not on Agenda.
    
    This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to three minutes. The public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

ADJOURN MEETING.

Directors Only Closed Session:

Valley Voice Sacramento
SB 152 (ATP Reform)
Local Partnership Program
Governor’s Housing Trailer Bill
Other

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2019 (Visalia)

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:
THIS WAS A PHONE CONFERENCE MEETING

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Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 7, 2019 Directors’ Meeting  
   R. Park
   There was a motion to approve the March 7, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

   First Motion:  Ted Smalley
   Second Motion: Terri King
   Motion Carried
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
   
   Update and Discussion
   
   Ryan Niblock provided a brief overview of SB 526, which would require ARB to adopt a regulation that requires an MPO to provide any data that ARB determines is necessary to fulfill the requirements of the SCS review and to determine if the MPO is on track to meet its 2035 GHG reduction target. Essentially, ARB would then be able to require that MPOs provide metrics on a sub-regional level and modeling would become more sophisticated to provide an output on a state-by-state basis. This will allow ARB to determine which communities are or are not following through on the SCS. Currently, ARB can only penalize MPOs, however, it may be that the cities are the ones who are not doing their share. Overall, SB 526 would help root out the cause.

   Further, Mr. Niblock noted key discussion items from a recently held joint CTC/ARB meeting. Both CTC and ARB are fully supportive of upholding the CA waiver, and Mr. Niblock recommends valleywide position of support as well. The CA waiver allows California to establish tougher tailpipe standards to help Valley MPOs meet GHG goals and conformity. Loss of the waiver would make it much harder to meet those goals and could interrupt the flow of federal funds for regionally significant projects. CTC and ARB are hoping to organize a workshop to better inform regional and local agencies about the impacts. Lastly, Mr. Niblock reported that the SCS Review Guidelines were brought up at the meeting by commenters from the Valley as well as by Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg. Discussion followed.

3. Valley Voice Sacramento, April 3, 2019
   
   Post Valley Voice Discussion; Follow Up Items
   
   Michael Sigala briefly noted a few bills mentioned in the meetings that he will follow up on depending on direction from the Directors. “Thank You” letters are currently being drafted and will be sent out in the following week. Directors’ discussion regarding impressions from the trip will be held during a later meeting.

4. California Transportation Funding
   
   Program and Project Funding Updates
   
   - **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOC & MCAG)**
     No update was provided.
   
   - **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
     Tony Boren encouraged gearing up for a project submittal and requested that Caltrans D10 and D6 staff run the numbers to determine the most congested segment of SR 99 in the Valley. Caltrans D10 and D6 will follow up on the request.
   
   - **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
     Gail Miller, Caltrans D6, reported that there will only be an estimated $100m available statewide to work with for the next 2-year cycle due to backlogged projects from 2016. She indicated that the TCEP and SCCP are better options for “new” project funding in the coming year.

5. SB 152 (Beall), Active Transportation Funding
   
   Discuss and Consider a Valleywide Position of Support
   
   Directors discussed the potential implications of SB 152. Terri King noted that the bill as written allows for only 10 MPOs to receive 75% of the funds. Further discussion concerning the distribution of benefits to larger MPOs versus smaller Valley MPOs followed.

6. State Local Partnership Program
   
   Discuss Valleywide Consensus on Allocation Methodology
   
   Self-Help Counties Coalition formed a committee to discuss the formula and distribution and policies related to the State Local Partnership Program. The committee has not been able to come to an
agreement on how funds are to be distributed. Self-Help Counties Coalition will put two proposals for how the funds are allocated to a vote in the following week. Patricia Taylor stated her support of the proposal for status quo, and asked Directors for their thoughts. Discussion followed.

7. **California Transit Agencies TDA Reform**  
   *Discuss a Valleywide Position*  
   Directors commented on the CTA’s seemingly unclear goal of the TDA reform activities.

8. **SB 742 (Allen), Eliminates Rail Ticket Requirement for Thruway Buses**  
   *Discuss and Consider a Valleywide Position of Support*  
   Dan Leavitt provided a brief overview of SB 742, and requested that the Directors sponsor the bill. The Directors unanimously agreed to the request.

9. **Valley EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Coalition**  
   *Discuss and Consider a Valleywide Position of Support*  
   Stacie Dabbs wanted to gauge the Directors’ level of interest on this effort, and begin a conversation around potentially solidifying a valleywide position of support. Discussion ensued. Stacie Dabbs suggested revisiting this item in June after presentations to boards at other valley COGs have been made, to discuss potentially including it in the Valley Voice federal platform.

10. **Governor’s Trailer Bill for Affordable Housing Planning**  
    *Discuss Preliminary Implementation Items for Valley MPOs*  
    Tony Boren provided a brief overview of funding that will be made available through the Governor’s Trailer Bill, and posed questions regarding how funding will be allocated within the San Joaquin Valley region. Discussion ensued and Bill Higgins of CalCOG was available to provide additional information regarding regional participation in this effort.

11. **FY 2019-20 Valleywide Overall Work Program**  
    *Discuss Work Program Items and Budget*  
    Michael Sigala referred to last year’s OWP and noted that this year’s OWP will be similar. Mr. Sigala highlighted a few changes that he will be making to the document and requested feedback from Directors.

12. **Annual Policy Conference, May 8-10 in Lemoore**  
    *Receive Update*  
    Terri King provided a reminder to register for the conference. She noted that they anticipate having at least 100 registrants. Ms. King provided additional information on the conference planning efforts and noted several sponsors to date.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

13. **Caltrans Directors’ Report**  
    Planning grants to be announced in mid-May.

14. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**  
    No update was provided.

15. **California High Speed Rail**  
    No update was provided.

16. **Goods Movement Planning**  
    No update was provided.
17. Rural Transit Alternatives Implementation (Valley GO & Valley FLEX) M. Sigala
Valley GO now has 5 EVs through CalVans. The software component of each pilot has been
developed, and a soft-launch is planned for the end of April.

18. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley F. Cardoza
Nine submissions for the Blueprint Awards were received. Selection committee will score by April
17th and announce awardees shortly after. The Blueprint Awards will be presented at the Annual
Policy Conference. Also, save the date for the Annual Affordable Housing Summit on September 19th
in Visalia.

OTHER ITEMS

19. Director Items

20. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 3:00 P.M.

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2019 (Madera)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

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CREATION OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLANS

The California Stewardship Network will partner with the Brookings Institution to create a set of actionable regional economic development implementation plans or “punch lists” for the diverse economic regions of California. These lists will inform the early stages of the work of the Newsom Administration including state agencies such as the Governor’s Office of Economic and Business Development.

The activity will also feed into a broader process to refresh a truly “regions up” triple bottom line statewide economic development strategy that incorporates the interests and economic realities of the different areas of the state. This “Roadmap to Shared Prosperity,” published annually by California Forward, will continue to be informed by all of the activities associated with the California Economic Summit that it hosts in partnership with the California Stewardship Network.

Identify Priority Actions for Economic Development

These punch lists will be generated by the members of the California Stewardship Network with the Bay Area Council Economic Institute acting as the backbone organization for purposes of coordination and administration. The Brookings Institution will provide input into of the project, leveraging its experience including assistance in the creation of the statewide economic development strategy issued by then Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom in 2013 as well as ongoing work developing inclusive economic development strategies through California, the nation, and the world. California Forward staff will provide oversight to ensure that the process is aligned with the broader work of creating a regions up statewide economic development plan.

Different regions are at different places in terms of the extent to which they have well developed strategic plans for inclusive and environmentally sustainable economic growth that are the result of a process with cross sector buy-in. In regions such as Los Angeles with its Propel LA effort, these punch lists may be able to be generated quickly with minimal staff effort or may already exist in a near actionable form. In other regions, the project leads may have to do more work to engage with local economic development leaders to create, refine or update plans with the understanding that this is informed by broader ongoing efforts. It is a particular priority for the Newsom Administration that state action focus on areas such as the Central Valley outside of economic hubs such as the Bay Area, so this project will bring a special focus to those areas.

These punch lists will include 8-10 priority actions gathered from regions that the state can take to assist these areas in executing on their economic development strategies. These punch lists have three goals in mind:

1) the priorities should be regionally generated;
2) they should have cross-sector buy-in; and
3) they should clearly articulate what action or actions are needed from which levels of government, with a particular focus on state action

Some of these priority actions, particularly involving regionally overlapping transportation networks, might appear on multiple implementation action lists.
Examples of types of items that could be including in punch lists:

- The Governor has identified creating 750,000 internships as a priority for his administration. The manufacturing sector is a key economic driver in the Central Valley, and manufacturing internships would help improve the talent pipeline for these businesses. However, these companies are not able to add these interns to their standard insurance policies. The state therefore could be asked to produce an insurance pool for manufacturing interns to support this economic development priority.

- The Governor has made housing a priority and has proposed to spend new state funds on housing production. In the North Bay region, local leaders, having identified increasing supply of homes as a critical have created a new Joint Powers Authority, currently between the County of Sonoma and the City of Santa Rosa, to spur development. The state could therefore be asked to spend proposed money through this JPA to incentivize housing production that is consistent with regionally determined goals and processes and to encourage regional collaboration.

A draft of these lists will be completed by April 30. Throughout the month of April, drafts will be circulated to refine the details. Throughout this project, regional leaders will be asked to provide feedback on the proposed lists and the project team will work to make sure the lists are comparable across regions and are actionable through private effort and public policy. The goal of this phase of the project is a set of working documents – completed before June 30 – that spring from and complement publicly published economic strategies. These documents will serve a basis for a briefing to the Newsom Administration and will be a part of the process leading up to the California Economic Summit and the new iteration of the Roadmap to Shared Prosperity.
Overall Work Program
Fiscal Year 2019-20
Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman
[Alternate:]

**STAFF: Tony Boren, Executive Director – Fresno COG**

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

Mayor Alex Garcia, City of Wasco
Mayor Manual Cantu, City of McFarland
[Alternate: Councilmember Bob Smith, City of Bakersfield]

**STAFF: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director – Kern COG**

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

Supervisor Doug Verboon, Kings County
Councilmember Francisco Ramirez, City of Hanford
[Alternate: Supervisor Joe Neves, Kings County]

**STAFF: Terri King, Executive Director – KCAG**

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

Supervisor Robert Poythress, County of Madera,
Supervisor Brett Frazier, County of Madera
[Alternate: Mayor Andrew Medellin, City of Madera]

**STAFF: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director – MCTC**
Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, County of Merced
Mayor Mike Villalta, City of Los Banos
[Alternate: Mayor Mike Murphy, City of Merced]

STAFF: Stacie Dabbs, Executive Director – MCAG

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJ COG)

Supervisor Chuck Winn, County of San Joaquin – VICE CHAIR
Vice-Mayor Dan Wright, City of Stockton
[Alternate:]

STAFF: Andy Chesley, Executive Director – SJ COG

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

Supervisor Vito Chiesa, County of Stanislaus
Councilmember Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto
[Alternate – Councilmember Jenny Kenoyer, City of Modesto]

STAFF: Rosa Park, Executive Director – StanCOG

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake - CHAIR
Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, County of Tulare
[Alternate – Councilmember Linda Launer, City of Dinuba]

STAFF: Ted Smalley, Executive Director – TCAG

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Samir Sheikh, Executive Director
INTRODUCTION

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) covers over 27,000 square miles and encompasses the eight-county region of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Since 1992, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies (Valley RPAs) have coordinated planning activities where interregional issues are involved, including air quality conformity, goods movement, funding for regional transportation projects, legislative advocacy, and recently, Sustainable Communities Strategies.

Planning efforts of Valleywide importance are conducted among the eight RPAs through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies’ Directors’ Committee (Directors’ Committee) and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council (Regional Policy Council), a governing board including elected officials from each Valley RPA and the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

The FY 2019-2020 Valleywide Overall Work Program is a summary document and details major coordinated activities that all eight regional planning agencies are actively engaged in. The Valleywide OWP does not replace the need or requirements of each RPA to conduct their own OWP, rather it is a planning and budgeting tool for shared Valleywide activities.

(Note – the terms Regional Planning Agency (RPA), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG) are used interchangeably in this document.)

CURRENT VALLEYWIDE MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES

Objective: To develop and foster regional coordination and prioritization for SR 99, I-5, and other regionally significant corridor improvements.

Lead: Kern COG and MCAG

The Valley RPAs work in close consultation with Caltrans, and other stakeholders, to prioritize funding for SR 99, and other major highways and interstates. The 99 Business Plan helped the Valley achieve dedicated funding for SR 99 through Proposition 1B, the only transportation earmark in the bond placed before the voters. Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 have completed the necessary Corridor System Management Plans required by the State, updated the 99 Business Plan and Master Plan, and worked with the Valley RPAs on project selection and funding alternatives. The Directors, working in close
consultation with Caltrans District 6 and 10 staff, routinely meet and discuss Proposition 1B bond savings, SB1, BUILD, INFRA, and other funding strategies and opportunities to enhance and improve SR 99, I-5, and other critical corridors.

Activities for FY 2019-20:

- Advocate to complete the system for SR 99, to a least six lanes of travel throughout the SJV.
- Prioritize significant regional projects in accordance with criteria developed by the Directors’ Committee for coordinated, and consensus driven, advocacy for funding.
- Lead discussions with the Regional Policy Council, and others, about the importance of SB1 funding for major Valley projects.
- Seek federal and state funding for major highway and interstate projects and coordinate pre-construction activities, when feasible, to ensure project readiness. The Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, are major SB1 funding sources to be targeted.
- Work in close consultation with Caltrans Districts 6 & 10 to identify the most congested highway segments for eligibility for Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SB 1) funding. Continue to refine and prioritize regionally significant projects through a methodical mutually agreed upon evaluation process.
- Explore SHOPP funding for auxiliary lane, and other concepts, as projects are eligible. Develop a Master Strategy for the SHOPP. Kern COG to coordinate with Caltrans D6, and MCAG to coordinate with D10 on opportunities for additional programming.

2. JOINT FUNDING STRATEGIES – STIP, IIP AND OTHER FUNDING

Objective: To develop and foster greater coordination across various funding programs to enhance and increase transportation funding to the Valley.

Lead: TCAG and San Joaquin COG

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a multi-year capital improvement program to assist the State and local entities to plan and implement transportation improvements, and to utilize resources in a cost-effective manner. STIP funded improvements include state highways, local roads, public transit, intercity rail, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, grade separations, intermodal facilities, etc. Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds are programmed by Caltrans on a statewide priority basis, for use primarily on the State highway system (outside urbanized areas) and projects that generate economic development.
In 2015, the Valley RPAs formed the “Valley Swap Meet” working group, to reach consensus on a coordinated Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

**Activities for FY 2019-20:**

- Collaborate on 2020 STIP policy development and preparation of the RTIPs. This includes the goal of coordinating RIP/IIP priorities and developing consistent RTIP submittals which showcase valleywide priorities and transportation themes to the California Transportation Commission.

- Continue partnership efforts (through the Valley “Swap Meet”) to exchange information on federal funding programs such as the Regional Surface Transportation Program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program so no funds lapse in the Valley.

- Continue communication on emerging policy and process changes to the state Active Transportation Program.

- Brief directors on any key developments and issues related to various funding programs throughout the year including the Congested Corridor Program, Local Partnership Program, SB 1 Program, BUILD, INFRA, etc.

- Monitor and report on any developments that impact the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) process.

**3. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY INTERREGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT**

*Objective: To prioritize, coordinate and implement goods movement planning and capital projects to improve the Valley’s economic competitiveness.*

Lead: Fresno COG, TCAG and Kern COG

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) has always been California’s geographic and agricultural production center generating more than $35 billion every year in nuts, lettuce, tomatoes, wine, and other grains and agricultural products. It also plays a major role in the national and international distribution of processed foods and energy products, and has a burgeoning logistics and distribution industry. The region has relatively inexpensive land and low cost labor, good access to the national rail and interstate highway networks, connections to major deep-water ports in Oakland, Los Angeles, and Long Beach, and proximity to major consumer markets in Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Recognizing the importance of goods movement to the region, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans commissioned the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan completed in 2013. In FY 2014-15, the Valley RPAs were awarded two additional goods movement related planning grants from Caltrans to continue to identify strategies and recommendations for improving freight movement in the Valley, the San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Plan and the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan. Both studies were
completed in 2017. Goods movement continues to be a priority for transportation related investments in the region.

**Activities for FY 2019-20:**

- Continue to coordinate project prioritization for INFRA, BUILD, SB1 and other goods movement federal and state funding.
- Continue to participate in the California Freight Advisory Committee. Policy Council Member Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin, is the current representative from the Valley.
- Participate and provide input to the California’s Freight Mobility Plan 2019 update.
- Continue to work with regional partners conducting logistics, economic development and other analysis related to goods movement.
- Advocate and support efforts to maintain short line rail corridors.
- Continue to explore alternative fuels and strategies for meeting the California’s Sustainable Freight mandates.
- Develop a strategy for “telling the story” of the importance of goods movements and related transportation investments in the Valley. Implement a Valleywide goods movement task force if necessary.

4. **AIR QUALITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION**

**Objective:** To continue successful coordination of Valleywide air quality planning minimizing potential impacts to project delivery.

Lead: San Joaquin COG and StanCOG

Transportation conformity is required by the federal Clean Air Act and ensures that federal funding is given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. The Clean Air Act strengthened conformity requirements for transportation projects, necessitating a more enhanced level of technical analysis of plans, programs, and projects than in the past. Conformity determinations must be conducted at least every four years, or as amendments are made to plans or projects. The federal transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation on issues that would affect the conformity analysis, such as the underlying assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the analysis. Consultation is generally conducted through the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC). The IAC has been established to provide a coordinated approach to Valley air quality, conformity and transportation modeling issues. Each of the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and the Air Pollution Control District are represented. In addition, the
Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board and Caltrans have members on the committee.

Coordination among the Valley RPAs, the Air District and other air quality and transportation agencies is proving to be a very effective process. The Valley RPA Directors have budgeted to continue joint funding for a valleywide Air Quality Coordinator, responsible to the Directors, to ensure that air quality conformity and related modeling within the Valley is accomplished on a consistent and timely basis.

Activities for FY 2019-20:

- Monitor state and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements.
- Conduct conformity determinations to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan, FTIP, and subsequent amendments conform to the State Implementation Plans (SIPs), as required by federal laws and regulations.
- Submit future-year travel forecasts to the SJVAPCD and the California Air Resources Board as requested.
- Continue to utilize the Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC) for routine communication and coordination.
- Continue development and consultation for third round SB 375 targets, including ongoing coordination with California Air Resources Board staff related to SB 32 and its effect on SB 375 targets.

5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Objective: To develop and coordinate SB 375 compliant Sustainable Communities Strategies for the Valley

Lead: Fresno COG and San Joaquin COG

California’s Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) requires each MPO to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A SCS outlines the plan for reducing per capita greenhouse gas emission by integrating the transportation network, and related strategies, with an overall land use pattern that accounts for projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and forecasted transportation needs among all modes of travel.

Under the Sustainable Communities Act, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) sets regional targets for GHG emissions reductions from passenger vehicle use. New targets will be applied to the 2022 RTP/SCS for the Valley MPOs. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies will be working independently, and collectively, to meet these targets and have invested considerable resources towards technical staff, modeling, and scenario development.
In addition, the Valley’s Regional Planning Agencies will continue to work with ARB to interpret the new protocols for the updated SCS review guidelines.

Activities for FY 2019-20:

- Continue to work with ARB staff on the 2018 RTP/SCS reviews.
- Assist ARB, and other state entities, with fulfilling SB 150 requirements on SB 375 progress reporting, and other guidance or policy documents as needed.
- Continue to implement transportation and land use strategies developed in the 2018 RTP/SCS.
- Start the demographic forecasting process for the 2022 RTP/SCS.

6. RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH EXTERNAL AGENCIES AND ENTITIES

Objective: To develop and foster greater communication and coordination within Valley Regional Planning Agencies and with other related agencies and stakeholders.

Lead: TCAG and StanCOG

To maintain ongoing communication and cooperation with other external agencies, the Valley RPAs have included a relationship development component to foster routine “two way” communication with our related state and federal transportation agencies.

Federal entities include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State entities include the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Transportation Commission (CTC), Caltrans Districts 6 and 10, Caltrans Headquarters, California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG), California Self Help Counties Coalition, Strategic Growth Council (SGC), High Speed Rail Authority, and the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Regional entities include the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, the San Joaquin Valley JPA for Passenger Rail, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Other stakeholders include the California Trucking Association, agricultural associations, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, colleges and universities, environmental groups, and the public.

Activities for FY 2019-20:

- Directors to coordinate and attend one-third of CTC meetings, and meet throughout the year with our CTC Commissioner representative.
- Directors to meet with at least two CTC Board Members they don’t currently know.
• Directors to meet annually with CalSTA Director.

• CTC staff to be invited to Directors’ Committee meeting once a year.

• RPA staff to be encouraged to take more leadership positions on Valleywide matters.

• Valley Directors to develop and maintain relationships with the Caltrans Director and Deputy for Planning.

• All Valley Directors should attend and speak at each CALCOG meeting.

• Valley Directors’ Committee meetings should be moved, periodically, to a time of the month where Valley Directors can review and discuss the CALCOG agenda prior to a CALCOG meeting, to develop joint strategies on issues.

• Request MTC or SCAG staff come to a Valley Directors’ Committee meeting.

• Valley Directors to meet annually with management of ARB, ARB Board members, and attend the joint CTC/ARB Board Meetings.

• Additional, and targeted outreach, shall be made to the Strategic Growth Council, SJV Air Pollution Control District, High Speed Rail, and the “Big Four” metropolitan planning organizations.

### 7. VALLEY VOICE ADVOCACY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

*Objective: To engage in a unified process that allows the eight county region to discuss and comment on legislative affairs, and build consensus on issues of Valleywide importance.*

Lead: Valleywide Coordinator, Fresno COG

The Valleywide Coordinator, working in close consultation with the Directors and MPO staff, will develop policy positions for pending legislation, and track other legislation and regulatory matters. When legislative positions appear to have a consensus within the Valley, the Regional Policy Council will be encouraged to make a unified statement to inform the state and federal governments of the importance of the issue to the Valley. Working in close consultation with the Directors, the Coordinator will plan and coordinate the annual Valley Voice advocacy visits to Sacramento and Washington D.C.

**Activities for FY 2019-20:**


• Interview, and meet with, government affairs consultants, CALCOG, legislators, and others, to identify any measures to improve upon our Valley Voice visits.
• Track legislation, communication with legislative offices, letter campaigns and other activities to develop a unified, Valleywide position.

• Develop the Valleywide Legislative Platform (state and federal).

• Facilitate discussions around controversial topics such as water and high speed rail among Regional Policy Council members.

• Plan “Valley Voice” Sacramento visit for early 2020.

8. VALLEYWIDE MODEL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process which is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Lead: Fresno COG

Fresno COG was the lead agency in the San Joaquin Valley Model Improvement Plan, which updated all eight San Joaquin Valley transportation demand models. These improvements were required to respond to the requirements Assembly Bill 32, the Global Solutions Warming Act of 2006, and Senate Bill 375, which requires the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in Regional Transportation Plans (RTP).

Traffic model runs are made as necessary to support transportation planning, conformity analysis and greenhouse gas emissions analysis. The COG staff also runs the latest EMFAC emissions model for air quality in support of transportation conformity. This activity supports both highway planning activities and the air quality conformity process. Some MPO staff used the Envision Tomorrow visioning tool to help test various land use scenarios for SB 375 target setting and Sustainable Communities Strategies.

A related action is participation in activities related to coordination of valleywide modeling analysis and participation in the San Joaquin Valley model users group. These activities are critically important to an understanding of the role of the transportation sector in resolving serious air quality problems in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin.

Activities for FY 2019-20:

• Continue long-term model improvements.

• Participate and monitor EMFAC 2012X development.

• Continue to research off-model GHG reduction quantification methodology for strategies that can’t be modeled by traffic models.

• Continue development of advanced four step models, tour base models or activity based models in select counties.
• Improve coordination and participation of the Valley model users group.

• Coordinate with SJV Goods Movement planning efforts to develop a framework for a regional freight movement modeling tool.

9. OTHER VALLEYWIDE ACTIVITIES

• **Ecosystems of Shared Mobility Services in the San Joaquin Valley** was funded by ARB in 2017 and was implemented starting in 2018. This grant is for technology improvements, and BEV car sharing in rural areas of four Valley counties. This grant activity is a continuation of the SCS Implementation Alternatives for Meeting Transit Needs in the Rural San Joaquin Valley, a Caltrans planning grant administered by MCAG, and conducted by the UC Davis Institute for Transportation Studies. The current project is segmented into Valley Go in the south valley counties of Tulare and Kern for car sharing strategically located at affordable housing communities, and Valley Flex in the north valley counties of Stanislaus and San Joaquin for technology enhancements for coordinated interregional transit.

• **Technical Assistance Round Five, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.** The Valley MPOs, in collaboration with Enterprise Community Partners, provided technical assistance to the round four AHSC applicants. Ongoing technical assistance will be provided in FY 2019-20 to applicant finalists, as well as continued workshop outreach for the AHSC program of future funding rounds (i.e. Round Five).

• **Affordable Housing Planning Funds.** The Governors’ budget proposal for FY 2019-20 includes planning funds for affordable housing to be disseminated through the Valley MPOs. Should these budget proposals become realized, the Valley MPOs will coordinate and organize an appropriate implementation strategy for administering these funds, and for conducting regional and interregional housing planning activities.

• **San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference.** The valleywide conference is held in the spring, at a different location each year, and is coordinated by the host agency. The conference was held in May 2019 in Lemoore and was hosted by Kings County Association of Governments. The conference is planned by the Valleywide Coordinator, and event coordinator subconsultant, who will work with the host agency for conference implementation. The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley currently is also a contributor to the conference planning and manages the Blueprint Awards.

  **Past Conferences**
  
  Modesto (StanCOG), Fall 2010
  Bass Lake (MCTC), Fall 2011
  Lemoore (KCAG), Fall 2012
  Stockton (SJ COG), Fall 2013
• **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail.** The work efforts for passenger rail are strongly supported by the Valley RPAs who support funding applications, policy, organizational development, and other activities of the SJ JPA, and ACE Rail.

• **Regional Policy Council Meetings and Directors’ Committee Meetings.** The Valleywide Coordinator shall continue to schedule, develop agenda packets, conduct valleywide outreach, and perform web site maintenance for [www.sjvcogs.org](http://www.sjvcogs.org). In FY 2017-18, an Executive Committee and Water Policy Committee were created for the Regional Policy Council. The Regional Policy Council usually meets twice a year in person and holds two to three phone conference meetings in preparation for Valley Voice visits. The Chair of the Regional Policy Council is elected for a one year term in the first meeting of the fiscal year (usually in December or January).

**Directors’ Chair**
Madera County Transportation Commission, 2019-20

**Rotation Schedule**
Kings County Association of Governments, 2020-21
Kern Council of Government, 2021-22
San Joaquin Council of Governments, 2022-23
Tulare County Association of Governments, 2023-24
Fresno Council of Governments, 2024-25
Merced County Association of Governments, 2025-26
Stanislaus Council of Governments, 2026-27
The budget for the Valleywide activities, identified in the OWP, are shown below. Budget amounts shown represent the total direct Valley RPA cost for this activity. Budgets cost are apportioned by population share for all items, except for Valley Voice advocacy visits, which are apportioned equally.

SJ COG is the fiscal agent for Air Quality Planning. Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for Valley Voice, and the Valleywide Coordinator contract. In FY 2019-20, the Kings County Association of Governments will provide funding for the Air Quality Planning conducted by Trinity Consultants.

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Total FY 2019-20  4,293,765  100.0% $200,000 $25,000 $135,000 $360,000

(1) DOF, January 1, 2018 estimates
(2) SJ COG Staff ($50,000) & consultant Trinity Consultants ($150,000)
(3) No Pl Funds, cost for Valley Voice is apportioned pro-rata (not by population)
(4) Sigale Inc, includes West Directions subcontract for the Annual Policy Conference
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WEDNESDAY MAY 8
4:00 – 6:30pm  REGISTRATION AVAILABLE
5:30 – 7:00pm  Reception: Join us for hors d’oeuvres, Drinks and Socializing.
                – Blue Oak Conference Room

THURSDAY MAY 9
7:30am – noon  REGISTRATION AVAILABLE
8:15 – 8:50am  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:00am  Welcome to Kings County and to the Conference
        – Blue Oak Conference Room

Hon. Joe Neves
Kings County Board of Supervisors
& Chair, Kings County Association of Governments

9:10 – 9:30am  Surfing in the Valley – Yes There Is!

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THURSDAY MAY 9

9:30 – 10:30am  Speaking with One Voice
Our panel will offer insights and analysis of how diverse local policy makers can best work in unison to achieve real policy results for the residents of the San Joaquin Valley in Sacramento and Washington DC.

Moderated by

Speakers

Paul Van Konynenburg
Vice Chair, California Transportation Commission

Hon. Rudy Mendoza
Mayor of Woodlake
Chair of the SJV Regional Policy Council

Hon. Vito Chiesa
Supervisor Stanislaus County & Chair of California Partnership for the SJV

Hon. Daron McDaniel
Supervisor Merced County

Tom Jordan
Senior Policy Advisor, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

10:30 – 10:45am  BREAK

THURSDAY MAY 9

10:45 – 11:45am  Getting Your Share of State Investments
California is investing millions of dollars in communities across the San Joaquin Valley to help reduce risks of climate change, improve health, housing and transportation. Come learn directly from the people involved in these programs about how best to prepare your agency to compete effectively for a share of the funds.

Moderated by

Speakers

Christal Love-Lazard
Program Manager
Institute for Local Government

Ena Lupine
Community Assistance Program Manager, California Strategic Growth Council

Garth Hopkins
Deputy Director of Transportation Planning, California Transportation Commission

Kristine Williams
Central Valley Program Officer
Enterprise Community Partners

Will Barrett
Director of Clean Air Advocacy
American Lung Association, California

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THURSDAY MAY 9

11:50 – 12:25pm  LUNCH & VISIT THE VENDOR BOOTHS

12:25 – 1:40pm  VALLEY BLUEPRINT AWARDS
Recognizing outstanding projects and practices that reflect the Blueprint Principles.

Award of Excellence
Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award
Bill Zigler – City of Lindsay, 2019

Award of Merit
Residential Development Project
Anchor Village, Domas Development, LLC
City of Stockton, 2019

Award of Excellence
Mix Use
Tesoro Viejo, The McCaffrey Group
Madera County, 2019

Award of Merit
Transportation Enhancement Project
Operations and Maintenance Facility
Transit Joint Powers Authority of Merced County, 2019

Award of Excellence
Residential Development Project
Sierra Village, Self-Help Enterprises
City of Dinuba, 2019

Award of Merit
Downtown Revitalization
City of Woodlake, 2019

Award of Excellence
Transportation Enhancement Project
Palm Terrace, Self-Help Enterprises
City of Lindsay, 2019
THURSDAY MAY 9
1:45 – 2:45pm
ON-SITE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

New Wave of Transportation Alternatives – Willow Room
As mobility options continue to evolve, what does it mean for future passenger travel in the San Joaquin Valley? In this session, we will hear about exciting new concepts being developed including electric vehicle car sharing in rural disadvantaged communities.

Moderated by
Kari McNickle
Transportation Planner
Fehr & Peers

Speakers
Dr. Caroline Rodier
Associate Director of the Urban Land Use & Transportation Center
UC Davis

John Lehn
Director of Government Affairs
Faraday Future

Rachel Heckl
Chief Operating Officer
Mobility Development Partners

THURSDAY MAY 9
1:45 – 2:45pm
Housing Could be the Next Regional Frontier – Sequoia Room
Hear representatives from the State Department of Housing and Community Development discuss the planning grant program; how local jurisdictions can use it; how communities are meeting housing goals assigned by the regions and how regions may play an increasing role in housing in the future.

Moderated by
Speakers
Karalee Browne
Program Manager
Sustainable Communities Program Institute for Local Government

Tom Collishaw
President & CEO
Self-Help Enterprises

Paul McDougall
California Department of Housing & Community Development Housing Policy Manager

Jennifer Gastelum
Associate Principal
PlaceWorks

Alicia Sebastian
Director of Housing and Community Development Program, California Coalition for Rural Housing

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THURSDAY MAY 9

3:00 – 4:00pm  ON-SITE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The Roads More Heavily Traveled: Emerging Freight Hub & Technology Opportunities – Sycamore Room

Shipping goods by rail can be 10 times more energy efficient and four times less polluting than shipping by diesel trucks.

Moderated by

Julia Lave Johnston
President, California Chapter
American Planning Association

Rob Ball
Deputy Director & Director of Planning Kern Council of Governments

Mark Hendrickson
Director of Community & Economic Development
Merced County

Speakers

3:00 – 4:00pm  TRANSPORTATION ON THE WAY IN THE VALLEY – Willow Room

This session gives a sneak preview of the major transportation projects coming to the Valley. Caltrans Districts 10 and 6 present their scheduled projects.

Moderated by

Bryan Kroeger
Group Director of Civil Program Management at NV5

Ken Baxter
Deputy District Director of Planning, Local Assistance & Environmental Caltrans District 10

Gail Miller
Deputy District Director Caltrans District 6

Speakers

THURSDAY MAY 9

3:00 – 4:00pm  OFF-SITE SESSION

Tour the California High Speed Rail Manufacturing Location

Meet Shuttle at Front of Hotel at 3:05pm You must have RSVP’d in advance to take this session.

5:30 – 7:30pm  BOWLING TOURNAMENT – Coyote Entertainment Center

Pizza and Bowling! Valley COGs compete, Join a Team and Represent your County!
FRIDAY MAY 10

7:30 – 8:15am  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:30am  The Washington Perspective
Understanding what to expect from Washington has never been more difficult. These experts share their expertise and insights.

Moderated by

Speakers

Stacey Mortenson
Executive Director
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

Jen Covino
Vice President
Simon & Company, Inc.

Erich Zimmermann
Deputy Executive Director & Director of Transportation Programs
National Association of Regional Councils

9:30am  Senator Caballero shares her goals for her first term.

Hon. Anna Caballero
California State Senate

9:55 – 10:10am  BREAK

10:10 – 11:30am  California High Speed Rail
Where are we now and where are we going?

Moderated by

Speakers

Tim Sheehan
Fresno Bee Journalist

Hon. Cathleen Galgiani
California State Senator

Hon. Doug Verboom
Kings County Board of Supervisors

Stacey Mortenson
Executive Director
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission

Diana Gomez
Central California Regional Director
California High Speed Rail Authority

11:30am  Senator Hurtado shares her goals for her first term.

Hon. Melissa Hurtado
California State Senate
FRIDAY MAY 10

11:50 - 12:50pm  LUNCH

A humorous take on water in the Valley.

Paul Rodriguez
Comedy Central’s Top 100 Stand Up Comedians

1:00pm  ADJOURN

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9. **Caltrans Directors’ Report**

Sharri Ehler (District 6 Director) and Dan McElhinney (District 10 Director), or their representatives, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

10. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**

Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, or his representative may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

11. **California High Speed Rail**

Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, or her representative may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

12. **Rural Transit Alternatives (Valley Go and Valley Flex)**

- Valley Go – The initial round of ten EV charging stations in six affordable housing communities have been installed in Tulare and Kern Counties. Four electric vehicles have been purchased and delivered and two cars purchases are pending. The software has been developed and tested, and outreach is being conducted with initial user groups. The name of the car sharing program is MioCar. A press event with ARB, the Air District and project partners is being planned for July 2019.
- Valley Flex - Development of the Valley Flex software is complete and is undergoing testing at this time. The name of the service is Vamos. A press event with ARB, the Air District and project partners is being planned for July 2019.
- All Major work efforts are posted on the sjvcog’s website: [http://sjvcogs.org/rural-transit-needs-related-projects/](http://sjvcogs.org/rural-transit-needs-related-projects/)

13. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

Frida Cardoza, Community and Regional Planning Center Coordinator, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.