San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies’ Directors’ Committee

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, August 1, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 11, 2019 Directors’ Meeting  P. Taylor  

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. GUEST SPEAKER: EGON TERPLAN, GOVERNOR’S OFFICE
   Discuss Economic Summit
   R. Niblock

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
   a) Update and Discussion
   b) Discuss October 10 Joint CTC/ARB Meeting in Modesto
   M. Sigala  

4. Valley Voice D.C. (Sept. 11-12, 2019)
   Update and Discussion
   A. Hakimi  Provided via email

   Madera County
   Transportation Commission
   Patricia Taylor - Chair
   Stanislaus Council of Governments
   Rosa Park

   Kings County Association of Governments
   Terri King - Vice Chair
   Merced County Association of Governments
   Stacie Dabbs

   Tulare County Association of Governments
   Ted Smallie
   San Joaquin Council of Governments
   Andrew Chesley

   Kern Council of Governments
   Ahron Hakimi
   Fresno Council of Governments
   Tony Boren

   2001 Howard Rd, Suite 201
   Madera, CA 93637
   (559) 314-6015 (Fax)

   http://sjvcogs.org

   Enclosure
6. California Transportation Funding  
   Program and Project Funding Updates:  
   ▪ Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOC & MCAG)  
   ▪ Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)  
   ▪ ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)

7. Governor’s Housing Trailer Bill for Planning  
   Update and Discussion  
   P. Taylor

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.

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

9. California High Speed Rail  
   D. Gomez

10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail  
    D. Leavitt

11. Valley GO and Valley Flex  
    M. Sigala

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

OTHER ITEMS

13. Director Items

    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 if Necessary.

Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2019 (Bakersfield)

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations The meeting room and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact the SJV Regional Planning Agencies at (559) 266-6222, at least three days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the meeting.
## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **June 6, 2019 Directors’ Meeting**

   P. Taylor

   There was a motion to approve the June 6, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

   **First Motion:** Ahron Hakimi
   **Second Motion:** Terri King
   Motion Carried

---

### Directors
- Patricia Taylor
- Rosa Park
- Tony Boren
- Stacie Dabbs
- Ted Smalley (ph)
- Ahron Hakimi
- Terri King
- Steve Dial for Andrew Chesley (ph)

### MPOs
- Madera County Transportation Commission
- Stanislaus Council of Governments
- Fresno Council of Governments
- Merced County Association of Governments
- Tulare County Association of Governments
- Kern Council of Governments
- Kings County Association of Governments
- San Joaquin Council of Governments

*Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees*
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
   R. Niblock
   
   **Update and Discussion**
   Ryan Niblock conveyed information received from an earlier SAFE rule meeting hosted by CALCOG. Mr. Niblock reported that the rule is moving along on schedule, and is expected to be in the federal register in August. CTC and CALCOG are sending their comment letters related to the SAFE rule to the Office of Management and Budget, despite the comment period being closed, to demonstrate that the administration did not do their due diligence in consulting stakeholders before drafting the rule. Mr. Niblock also reported that CARB’s legal staff will be suing the moment the rule hits. It is uncertain if the rule will be halted or if the rule would be in place during litigation. During the meeting, MPO staff strongly encouraged requesting a 2-year window to meet the requirements of the rule. CARB was not in favor of this recommendation, noting the near-term and long-term impacts associated with the SAFE rule. Lastly, due to the dangers associated with the SAFE rule, Mr. Niblock recommended beginning the RTP amendment process, if needed, and summarized the planned amendment schedule:
   - Conformity Doc Prep and IAC Review – July
   - Modeling/Review – July
   - Public Comment – August
   - Board Adoption – September
   - Caltrans/FHWA Approval – October/November

3. Valley Voice D.C. (Sept. 11-12, 2019)
   M. Sigala
   
   **Discuss Priority Platform Items, Delegates, Itinerary and other info**
   Michael Sigala reported that there have been 25 hotel reservations made and reviewed the current list of attendees. Mr. Sigala inquired about a scope and budget for the water committee as part of Valley Voice, discussion followed. Additionally, Mr. Sigala briefly reviewed the itinerary and list of priority items. Directors provided comments.

4. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study
   A. Hakimi
   
   **Receive Update**
   Ahron Hakimi noted that he has had several conversations with Matt Hanson from Caltrans’ Division of Research, Innovation and System Information. During their most recent conversation on June 13th, an agreement was made to fund a small study to gather more information on the ideas of zero emissions and potentially autonomous semi technology. Mr. Hakimi provided details of what he envisions for I-5 and 99, and expressed his interest in getting ARB involved as a partner. Discussion followed.

5. California Transportation Funding
   P. Taylor
   
   **Discuss and Receive Input for the Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan**
   - **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOC & MCAG)**
     KernCOG will be submitting for the SR-46 project, and SJCOC will reapply for funds for two interchanges in Tracy.
   - **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
     No update was provided.
   - **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
     No update was provided.

6. Governor’s Housing Trailer Bill for Planning
   M. Sigala/R. Phipps
   
   **Receive Update, and Review and Approve Next Steps**
   Robert Phipps reported that AB 101 was passed on July 5th and noted a few changes from the draft language. Under the new language, an action plan is no longer required, and timelines are more relaxed. Mr. Phipps brought attention to key deadlines:
• Establish the working group by November 30, 2019
• Apply for funding between November 31, 2019 and January 31, 2021
• Expend funds by December 31, 2023
• Submit final report by December 31, 2024

Additionally, Mr. Phipps proposed that instead of hiring a consultant to produce an action plan as previously discussed, Directors consider MPO staff, in coordination with valleywide coordinator, internally put together the initial funding application and answer the questions that are required in the legislation for that application.

7. **Greenprint Gateway Site Maintenance**

   **Provide Direction to Staff for Continued Site Maintenance**

   Trai Her-Cole noted a low volume of users and ongoing costs for the Greenprint website, and sought direction on whether to continue or discontinue the gateway site maintenance.

   There was a motion to discontinue the Greenprint gateway site maintenance, and reimburse MCAG for ongoing Blueprint and Toolkit website hosting and maintenance costs.

   **First Motion:** Ahron Hakimi  
   **Second Motion:** Rosa Park  
   **Motion Carried**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

8. **Caltrans Directors’ Report**

   S. Ehler/D. McElhinney

   An informational workshop on SB 743 will be held on July 22nd from 11am to noon.

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

   D. Leavitt

   No update was provided.

10. **California High Speed Rail**

    D. Gomez

    High speed rail summit will be held on August 22nd in Merced. More information is forthcoming.

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

    I. Herrera

    The 2019 California Economic Summit will be held on November 7-8 in Fresno. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

**OTHER ITEMS**

12. **Director Items**

13. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:20 P.M.**

**Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2019 (Fresno)**
Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Individual(s)</th>
<th>Organization(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Michael Sigala</td>
<td>Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ryan Niblock</td>
<td>San Joaquin Council of Governments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elisabeth Hahn</td>
<td>Stanislaus Council of Governments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kristine Cai</td>
<td>San Joaquin Council of Governments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Becky Napier (ph)</td>
<td>Kern Council of Governments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matt Fell</td>
<td>Merced County Association of Governments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert Phipps</td>
<td>Fresno Council of Governments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dan McElhinney (ph)</td>
<td>Caltrans D10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gail Miller (ph)</td>
<td>Caltrans D6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meg Prince (ph)</td>
<td>Fresno Council of Governments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trai Her-Cole (ph)</td>
<td>Fresno Council of Governments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scott Carson (ph)</td>
<td>Federal Highway Administration</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
LINKING LEADERS AND SOLUTIONS

The 2019 California Economic Summit takes place in Fresno on November 7-8, marking the eighth annual gathering of private, public and civic leaders from across California’s diverse regions. The Summit’s bipartisan network of business, equity, environmental and civic organizations is unique in championing solutions that meet the triple bottom line—simultaneously growing the economy, improving environmental quality and increasing opportunity for all.

The 2019 Roadmap to Shared Prosperity, based on the input of more than 500 participants at the 2018 Summit in Santa Rosa, combines the best thinking and strategies from across the state for bringing about change that can make the CA Dream a reality for more Californians:

» An updated strategy to Elevate CA that invests in early childhood education and builds a smarter safety net to help millions of Californians move out of poverty

» The Summit’s One Million Challenges—targeted initiatives to expand the state’s skilled workforce, lower housing costs, create more livable wage jobs, and invest in sustainable water infrastructure

» Cross-cutting initiatives for encouraging rural economic development, promoting resiliency, and helping more communities tap the potential of new federally-designated Opportunity Zones

» The CA Dream Index, a new scorecard to track progress on all of these fronts

CONNECTING YOUR BRAND

The California Economic Summit serves as a networking forum for civic innovators and policy leaders throughout the state. As a sponsor, your organization will:

» Contribute to meaningful solutions emerging from a robust convergence of ideas and a diverse set of perspectives

» Inform those influential in accelerating the impact of your mission

The Event

The two-day Summit is designed to accelerate coordinated implementation of the Roadmap action plans at both the state and local level and to strengthen the Summit network.

Thursday, November 7
Interactive plenary and breakout sessions to advance Summit goals

Friday, November 8
Plenary session featuring state policy leaders with regional business and civic leaders on critical issues facing California

Participants in past Summits include Governor Gavin Newsom, Controller Betty Yee, Treasurer John Chiang, UC President Janet Napolitano, Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and dozens of legislative members

2018 Summit

More than 500 leaders participated representing:

• community/equity groups
• local and state government
• business
• academic/think tank
• elected officials
• philanthropy

12 diverse geographic regions represented
VALLEY VOICE 2019 DELEGATES
*Water Committee Attendees for Sept. 10

Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake Mayor (CHAIR)*
Chuck Winn, San Joaquin County Supervisor (VICE CHAIR)*
Dan Wright, City of Stockton Vice Mayor
Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County Supervisor
Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto Councilmember
Jenny Kenoyer, City of Modesto Councilmember
Daron McDaniel, Merced County Supervisor*
Mike Villalta, City of Los Banos Mayor
Robert Poythress, Madera County Supervisor*
Andrew Medellin, City of Madera Mayor
Amarpreet Dhauliwal, City of San Joaquin Mayor
Gary Yep, City of Kerman Mayor Pro Tem*
Doug Verboon, Kings County Supervisor*
Francisco Ramirez, City of Hanford Councilmember
Kuyler Crocker, Tulare County Supervisor
Grace Vallejo, City of Delano Councilmember
Robert Phipps, Assistant Director – Fresno COG
Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director – Kern COG
Terri King, Executive Director – KCAG
Patricia Taylor, Executive Director – MCTC
Stacie Dabbs, Executive Director – MCAG
Andy Chesley, Executive Director – SJ COG
Rosa Park, Executive Director – StanCOG
Samir Sheikh, Executive Director - San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
8. **Caltrans Directors’ Report**  
*S.Ehlert/D. McElhinney*

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

9. **California High Speed Rail**  
*D. Gomez*

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

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

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

11. **Rural Transit Alternatives (Valley Go and Valley Flex)**  
*M. Sigala*

- Valley Go/MioCar – The initial round of ten EV charging stations in six affordable housing communities have been installed in Tulare and Kern Counties. Nine electric vehicles have been purchased and delivered, and two cars purchases are pending. The user software development is complete and user registrations are ongoing. There are currently 47 users for MioCar. “Soft Launch” press events are occurring during the month of August. A press event with ARB, the Air District and project partners is being planned for November 1, 2019.
- Valley Flex/Vamos Mobility - Development of the Valley Flex software is complete. There was a meeting with north valley transit operators on July 25 in Manteca. The draft brochure for Vamos Mobility is attached. Outreach for Vamos Mobility is ongoing.
- UC Davis is leading the effort to secure additional funding from the Federal Transit Administration and the Department of Energy for additional funding to support and expand both programs.
- 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/)

12. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**  
*F. Cardoza*

Frida Cardoza, Community and Regional Planning Center Coordinator, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.
The Vamos Mobility app is the source for comprehensive transit information in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.

The Vamos Mobility app includes:

- All regularly scheduled bus and rail routes and flexibly scheduled deviated bus, general dial-a-ride, and Van Go! services in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.
- Information about where and when general dial-a-ride and Van Go! services, especially in rural areas, can help get you to the closest bus stop, rail station, or final destination.
- Real-time alerts that warn Modesto Area Express (MAX), and San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD) passengers about delays in bus arrival and departure time.

Why should I use the Vamos App?

The Vamos Mobility app is the source for comprehensive transit information in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.

The Vamos Mobility app includes:

- All regularly scheduled bus and rail routes and flexibly scheduled deviated bus, general dial-a-ride, and Van Go! services in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.
- Information about where and when general dial-a-ride and Van Go! services, especially in rural areas, can help get you to the closest bus stop, rail station, or final destination.
- Real-time alerts that warn Modesto Area Express (MAX), and San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD) passengers about delays in bus arrival and departure time.

Provides Service Info For:

- San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD)
- Amtrak San Joaquins
- Altamont Corridor Express (ACE)
- City of Escalon - eTrans
- Manteca Transit
- City of Ripon - Blossom Express
- City of Lodi - Grape Line
- City of Tracy – TRACER Bus Service
- Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT)
- Modesto Area Express (MAX)
- Ceres Area Transit (CAT)Express
- Stanislaus Council of Government (StanCOG)

Vamos Mobility is a California Air Resources Board project funded by the California Climate Investments (CCI) program, and contributions by San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD), Stanislaus Council of Government (StanCOG), Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT), the City of Escalon, and MOVE Stanislaus.

Taking transit is a great way to save money and improve the environment. Vamos Mobility is a free smartphone app that makes it easy to find the best transit option for all your travel needs in and around San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.

Just enter the trip’s starting and ending location and arrival time, the app will list your best transit options, including the total travel time to your destination and, when possible, fares.

Download the app now for iOS and Android devices.

Contact NAME HERE for more information
**How to get Vamos**

1. Download the Vamos Mobility application on your phone in the App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Open the app and sign up by entering your e-mail address.
3. Click the link in your e-mail to activate the application.

**How to use Vamos**

1. Select “Where to” to enter where you want to go.
2. Enter where you're leaving from.
3. Select when you want to leave.
4. Select the given travel options to get detailed route instructions.

**Note:** Some travel options will also show you the cost of the ride.