



## San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

### Meeting Agenda Thursday, September 5, 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

Enclosure

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| 1. August 1, 2019 Directors' Meeting | P. Taylor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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| 2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality<br><i>a) Update and Discussion</i><br><i>b) Discuss October 10 Joint CTC/ARB Meeting in Modesto</i> | R. Niblock<br>P. Taylor |                               |
| 3. Valley Voice D.C. (Sept. 11-12, 2019)<br><i>Update and Discussion</i>  | M. Sigala               | <i>provided<br/>via email</i> |
| 4. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study<br><i>Update and Discussion</i>   | A. Hakimi               |                               |

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5. California Transportation Funding P. Taylor  
**Program and Project Funding Updates:**  
▪ **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)**  
▪ **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**  
▪ **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
6. Governor's Housing Trailer Bill for Planning M. Sigala  
**Update and Discussion** R. Phipps
7. Annual Policy Conference (The Pines Resort, Bass Lake, Madera County) P. Taylor  
**Update. Conference to be held on May 13-15, 2020.**
8. Administrative: Potential Conflicts for October 3 and November 7 Meetings M. Sigala  
**Discussion**

**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. California High Speed Rail D. Gomez
11. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail D. Leavitt
12. Valley GO (MioCar) and 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.**

**11:30 am, Directors only meeting with Jennifer Gress and Nicole Dolney with the California Air Resources Board.**

**Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, October 3, 2019 in Stockton (Tentative)**

**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.



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

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

Directors	MPOs
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	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
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments

*Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. July 11, 2019 Directors' Meeting**

P. Taylor

There was a motion to approve the July 11, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi

Second Motion: Terri King  
 Motion Carried

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**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**2. GUEST SPEAKER: EGON TERPLAN, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

***Discuss Economic Summit***

Egon Terplan, Senior Advisor on Economic Development and Transportation at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, provided an update on preparation efforts for the economic summit. Mr. Terplan announced that the governor is planning to give a major address, which will be an opportunity to lay out a vision for economic growth. He noted dates for listening sessions that will be happening throughout the San Joaquin Valley and the Inland Empire as part of preparation for the economic summit, and asked Directors for input on priority items to be addressed. Ahron Hakimi reiterated the importance of improvements to SR 99 and I-5, discussion followed.

**3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality**

R. Niblock

***a) Update and Discussion***

Ryan Niblock announced that Ford, BMW, Honda, and Volkswagen made a commitment to meet California's GHG standards, regardless of what the federal standards may be. He noted that adjustments to models should the SAFE Vehicles Rule be rolled out will still be needed, as the agreement was made by only four out of the seventeen automakers who were pushing to bring the Administration back to the negotiating table. Three anonymous federal sources indicated the proposed SAFE Vehicles Rule is anticipated to be finalized after Labor Day. The Attorney General's office and a host of environmental groups have already indicated their intent to sue once the rule is finalized. It is widely anticipated this legal battle will reach the U.S. Supreme Court. The potential for a court granted stay is currently a 50/50 tossup. If a stay is requested and granted, the rule would not be implemented during court proceedings. If a stay is not granted or requested, the final rule would be implemented during litigation.

***b) Discuss October 10 Joint CTC/ARB Meeting in Modesto***

CTC recommended that a presentation focusing on Valley projects and the RTP SCS should be developed for the meeting. Directors discussed the presentation being a balance between highlighting the SJV challenges as well as the successes. Discussion ensued.

**4. Valley Voice D.C. (Sept. 11-12, 2019)**

M. Sigala

***Update and Discussion***

Michael Sigala provided a brief overview of trip logistics. He noted that Water meetings are being set up. Mr. Sigala reviewed the draft agenda, and discussion on priority item contents followed.

**5. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study**

A. Hakimi

***Update and Discussion***

KernCOG will take the lead and continue to work with Caltrans Headquarters.

**6. California Transportation Funding**

P. Taylor

***Program and Project Funding Updates:***

- **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)**
- No update was provided.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**

The draft guidelines will be released in early September and presented to CTC in October with the program adoption scheduled for December.

- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**

Tulare advocated for supporting Madera and Merced projects.

**7. Governor's Housing Trailer Bill for Planning**

M. Sigala/R. Phipps

***Update and Discussion***

Robert Phipps reported no major changes to AB 101 have been made since the last update. All deadlines remain the same. An immediate deadline to note is that the working group needs to be

established by November 30, 2019. Mr. Phipps will provide a writeup that explains what a city selection committee is, the statute that defines it, and what this committee will be in charge of.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- 8. **Caltrans Directors’ Report** S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney  
A corridor management plan looking at SR 99 is in the works.
- 9. **California High Speed Rail** D. Gomez  
No update was provided.
- 10. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt  
Dan Leavitt reported that SB 742 continues to make progress. It was passed through the Assembly Transportation Committee with a 15 to zero vote.
- 11. **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. Outreach for Vamos Mobility is ongoing.
- 12. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** F. Cardoza  
No update was provided.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- 13. **Director Items**
- 14. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:45 A.M.**  
**Next Directors’ Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2019 (Madera)**  
Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Dan McElhinney	Caltrans D10
Gail Miller	Caltrans D6
Trai Her-Cole	Fresno Council of Governments
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Egon Terplan (ph)	Governor’s Office
Tom Jordan (ph)	SJVAPCD

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – September 5, 2019



### **9. 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.

### **10. 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.

### **11. 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.

### **12. Rural Transit Alternatives (Valley Go and Valley Flex0**

**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. An additional 7 chargers are being installed during September and October in the communities of Wasco, Arvin, and Lamont.
- 17 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 80 active users for MioCar, with several applications pending. “Soft Launch” press events are have occurred during the months of July and 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. The free smartphone app "Vamos Mobility" is now downloadable for users to find the best transit options in and around San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. 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. The Department of Energy notified the team in August that \$750,000 in additional funding was secured.
- All Major work efforts are posted on the sjvcog's website: <http://sjvcogs.org/rural-transit-needs-related-projects/>

### **13. 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.