



**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

Madera County  
 Transportation  
 Commission  
 Patricia Taylor - Chair

Kings County  
 Association of  
 Governments  
 Terri King - Vice Chair

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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