



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

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

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 (ph)	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Steve Dial for Andrew Chesley (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

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

Madera County
Transportation
Commission
Patricia Taylor - Chair

Kings County
Association of
Governments
Terri King - Vice Chair

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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 (SJCOG & MCOG)**
KernCOG will be submitting for the SR-46 project, and SJCOG 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

T. Her-Cole

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. Ehlert/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

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Kristine Cai	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 (ph)	Caltrans D10
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans D6
Meg Prince (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Trai Her-Cole (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Scott Carson (ph)	Federal Highway Administration