Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Time: 11:10 a.m.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **September 5, 2019 Directors’ Meeting**

   There was a motion to approve the September 5, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.

   **First Motion:** Ahron Hakimi
   **Second Motion:** Terri King
   Motion Carried
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. **RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality**
   R. Niblock
   
   a) **Update and Discussion**
   On October 29th, a large group of automakers came out in support of EPA in their efforts to end California's Waiver through the SAFE Rule. This included GM, Toyota, Fiat, Chrysler, Nissan, Hyundai, and Kia, along with supercar makers Maserati, McLaren, Aston-Martin, and Ferrari. Until this announcement, CARB was actively working to try and strike a similar deal with these automakers as they had with Ford, VW, Honda, and BMW.

   As of the October RTPA meeting, EPA and NHTSA have not come together yet to provide guidance on how to address Part 1 of the SAFE rule, which was the withdrawal of the CA Waiver. FHWA encourages amendments be processed prior to the November 26th effective date. Current approved projects can move forward as long as they remain consistent (scope and schedule) with the TIP and RTP.

   CARB has established an Interagency working group with CalSTA and Caltrans to work through adjustments that could be made to the current emissions model (EMFAC) to address issues in an open process.

   b) **Consider Approving Extension of Existing Contract with Trinity Consultants for One Year**
   There was a motion to approve extending the existing contract with Trinity Consultants for one calendar year in the amount of $125,000. Ted Smalley noted that if Alex M. can no longer work on this contract for the Valley, they would have to reconsider this consulting assignment to Trinity.

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

3. **I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study**
   A. Hakimi
   
   **Update and Discussion**
   Ahron Hakimi reported that significant progress has been made since his last update. Caltrans transferred $200k of PL funds from Kings to Kern. The negotiation process with UC Davis regarding the scope has started and is almost complete. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Air Resources Board, and Caltrans have all committed to providing match. Lastly, Mr. Hakimi reported that the actual study is anticipated to start in early 2020.

4. **Aviation-Ground Innovations Coalition**
   **Approve Resolution for Valley MPO Participation; Presentation by Keith Bergthold**
   Keith Bergthold (Regenerate California Innovation) and Joseph Oldham (New Vision Aviation) provided a presentation on electric aircraft, and requested that Directors support a resolution to establish a Valley EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Coalition.

   There was a motion to support a resolution to form a Valley EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Coalition.

   | First Motion: | Stacie Dabbs |
   | Second Motion: | Ahron Hakimi |
   | Motion Carried |

5. **California Transportation Funding**
   P. Taylor
   
   **Program and Project Funding Updates**
There was a recommendation to consider taking a Valley wide position on a number of projects. Discussion followed. In January, the Directors will consider priority valley projects for the TCEP.

6. **San Joaquin Valley Multiagency Working Group for Housing**
   **Update and Discussion**
   Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the guidance on the formation of the working group. He proposed that the first working group meeting happen immediately after the Regional Policy Council Meeting on January 17, 2020. The agenda for the first working group meeting, scope for initial application, and other items will be discussed at the December Directors’ meeting.

7. **Valley Voice**
   Michael Sigala referenced the meeting summary report from Simon and Company in the informational packet.

   b. **Discuss Timing for Valley Voice Sacramento 2020**
   Directors discussed having the trip in March, and suggestions to make the trip more effective.

   There was a motion to approve Gus Khouri (Khouri Consulting) as the lobbyist for Valley Voice Sacramento 2020.

   First Motion: Tony Boren
   Second Motion: Andrew Chesley
   Motion Carried

**INFORMATIONAL ITIEMS**

8. **Caltrans Directors’ Report**
   S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney
   Adetokunbo “Toks” Omishakin started as the new Caltrans director on October 23rd. The SR 132 West groundbreaking two lanes from SR 99 to Dakota Ave. (Phase 1) was held on October 18th. Bids opened on September 11th for SR 99 Livingston northbound widening project, and construction is anticipated to begin soon.

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

10. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**
    D. Leavitt
    Next board meeting is December 22nd in Merced.

11. **Valley Go (MioCar) and Valley Flex**
    M. Sigala
    A press event for Miocar was held November 1st. There are currently 17 level 2 dual port chargers installed at 8 different affordable housing communities in Kern and Tulare counties for Valley Go. The volunteer ride-hailing program in the north valley continues to roll out. Partners are working with ARB to secure gap and extension funding for the projects.

12. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**
    F. Cardoza
    No update was provided.

**OTHER ITIEMS**

13. **Director Items**
    Ted Smalley provided a reminder for the CTC Town Hall Meeting on April 22nd and 23rd.

14. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**
Tashia Clemons (FHWA) provided an update on the SAFE Vehicles Rule, and introduced Jasmine Amanin, a new planner that will be working with the Valley MPOs.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 2:00 P.M.

Next Directors’ Meeting: Monday, December 2, 2019 in Merced

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

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