



Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 2, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
 Merced County Association of Governments
 369 W 18th Street
 Merced, CA 95340

Directors	MPOs
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (ph)	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. November 6, 2019 Directors' Meeting

P. Taylor

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

First Motion: Terri King
Second Motion: Rosa Park
 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 reported SAFE Rule Part 1 (waiver removal component) is now in effect, and Part 2 (CAFE standard adjustments) is expected by the end of the year. CARB released EMFAC adjustment factors to account for SAFE Rule Part 1. Adjustment factors have not been reviewed or approved by appropriate parties, including MPOs, and therefore results can not necessarily be trusted as they are likely to change. Initial testing shows Fresno is struggling with 2026 ROG and 2029 NOx. Additionally, Mr. Niblock reported Indian Wells Valley (Kern County) PM10 budgets are being updated. Discussion followed.
- 3. State Route 99 Funding (ITIP)** P. Taylor
Update and Discussion
Patricia Taylor reported Secretary Kim’s response to the discussion and letter seemed to be positive. CTC will be provided with another presentation in the upcoming week however, it is uncertain whether or not the update will include the solution presented. An update to the financial section of the 99 Business Plan was inquired with Caltrans. Discussion followed.
- 4. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study** A. Hakimi
Update and Discussion
Kern amended their OWP to take in the \$200k from Kings. The next step is to finalize the agreement with UC Davis, which is expected to happen within the next month.
- 5. California Transportation Funding** P. Taylor
Program and Project Funding Updates:

 - *Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAg)*
 - *Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)*

Solutions for Congested Corridors Program application deadline is June 1, 2020. Ted Smalley strongly encouraged getting a list of projects that are going to be submitted put together, and taking a Valley position behind quality projects.
- 6. San Joaquin Valley Multiagency Working Group for Housing** R. Phipps/M. Sigala
Update and Discussion; Request for Staff Direction
Robert Phipps reported that there is consensus on the bylaws, the application, and the structure. Mr. Phipps briefly discussed the committee agenda for the first meeting on January 17th, and open items to follow up on with HCD.
- 7. Valley Voice Sacramento** M. Sigala/G. Khouri
Update and Discussion
Gus Khouri recommended taking the trip in early March, which would allow for inventory of the Governor’s budget and all of the legislation that is introduced prior to the visit. Directors will take March 4th date to the Policy Council, and March 11th date as a second option. Mr. Khouri requested input on small logistical items, and who he should schedule meetings with. Discussion followed. A draft legislative platform will be presented at the January Directors’ meeting, and then taken to the Policy Council.
- 8. Annual Policy Conference (May 13-15, 2020)** P. Taylor
Preliminary letters for invitees/keynote speakers went out to State department heads, legislators, and other folks. Suggestions for panel speakers and workshops are being requested. Lastly, registration and sponsorships are now open at www.sjvcogs.org/events.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 9. Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney
 Lowest bid for SR 99 Livingston northbound widening project was \$31m. Award will be made on December 15th, with construction to begin in mid-January.
- 10. California High Speed Rail** D. Gomez
 December 10th meeting in Sacramento.
- 11. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
 Last board meeting was held November 22nd in Merced. Next board meeting will be January 24th in Stockton.
- 12. Valley Go (MioCar) and Valley Flex** M. Sigala
 Project is nearing the end of CARB contract. CARB has extended with no cost extension, meaning additional time with no additional funds was granted. CARB will likely award approximately \$1m to the project in gap funding.
- 13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** F. Cardoza
 Next board meeting will be December 13th in Hughson.

OTHER ITEMS

- 14. Director Items**
 Andrew Chesley attended a meeting of the four large MPOs, and provided meeting updates regarding SB 375.

 Stacie Dabbs announced MCAG received funding for additional electric buses.
- 15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**
 Tashia Clemons (FHWA) provided an update on the SAFE Vehicles Rule and conformity issues.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2020 in 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
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Kristine Cai (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Tasha Clemons	Federal Highway Administration
Gus Khouri (ph)	Khouri Consulting
Rudy Mendoza (ph)	City of Woodlake
Lorena Medibles (ph)	Caltrans D6