



ITEM 1

Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 2, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Directors	MPOs
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 5, 2020 Directors' Meeting

P. Taylor

There was a motion to approve the March 5, 2020 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Terri King
Second Motion: Andrew Chesley
Motion Carried

Madera County
Transportation
Commission
Patricia Taylor - Chair

Kings County
Association of
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Terri King - Vice Chair

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

P. Taylor

Chair Taylor led a discussion about coronavirus measures and activities among MPOs. Madera CTC reported implementing telecommuting policies, and postponed their March and April board meetings. TCAG reported telecommuting and a very light staff schedule in the office. MCAG reported telecommuting and a few transit staff in the office, committee meetings by Zoom. StanCOG reports their office is closed and everyone is telecommuting. Their March board meeting was postponed and other committee meetings are being held via Go To Meetings. SJ COG reported postponing one board meeting and the next meeting via zoom, other advisory committee meetings postponed until May. KCAG reported part-time in office staffing and part-time telecommuting, board meeting via tele-conference. Kern COG is holding board meetings by tele-conference. Caltrans D6 reported almost 100 percent telecommuting among staff. Caltrans D10 reported that a majority of their staff are telecommuting. FHWA reported that they don't have Zoom capabilities, and that there may be some CARES Act funding available to MPOs through the FTA.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality *Update and Discussion*

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported SAFE Rule Part II has been released and will take effect in 60 days (early June).

Jennifer Gress, California Air Resources Board provided an update on SAFE Rule Part II. EMFAC staff is looking at adjustment factors related to setting new GHG emission standards. CARB is working with various partners on a path forward. CARB will decide shortly on the need to update the adjustment factors if needed. Madera CTC asked about the status of their 2018 SCS. Jennifer commented that additional information may be needed from Madera. Andy Chesley commented that there is a desire to finalize the 2018 SCSs across the Valley. Jennifer commented that CARB is looking forward to the third round of SCSs. She noted they are working on each valley MPO 2018 SCS. SJ COG, CARB still needs additional info. StanCOG, CARB still needs additional info. Fresno COG is approved. Kern COG, anticipated to be approved. KCAG, delayed by the COVID crisis related to staff telecommuting issues. TCAG, draft report is complete and under review. MCAG, CARB is awaiting a submittal from MCAG. Madera CTC, initial submittal has been received and additional info is pending. Andy Chesley requested that the process of approval by CARB be evaluated to run more efficiently next time. Andy suggested a standard template for information gathering across MPOs by CARB. Ryan Niblock was volunteered to work with Valley MPOs on suggestions back to CARB.

4. California Transportation Funding

P. Taylor

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- ***Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)***

Kern COG reported a submittal pending for State Route 46. City of Tracy will submit for International Parkway. Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project will submit. Tulare and Madera may submit for SR 99. Letters of Support from the Directors and Policy Council were requested.

- ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***

Andy reported there might be a Valleylink submittal. A funding workshop for April 8 was noted.

- ***State Transportation Improvement Program***

Gus Khouri noted that with gas consumption down, this will impact next year's STIP.

5. Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Services in the SJV Project Update

Update on Valley Flex (Vamos and VOGO in the north Valley)

Caroline Rodier, UC Davis ITS, provided a brief overview of Valley Flex. She described the Maas system platform for Vamos, which provides routing and real-time information to transit users via an app. The platform is “open” and includes all transit providers in the San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. VOGO (volunteering ride sharing) is being integrated with Vamos. Caroline presented a scenario for expanding Vamos through eight counties. One time cost would \$42,000. The monthly maintenance cost would be about \$1k per month per county. VOGO is in Riverbank, Manteca and Lathrop. This is a partnership with MOVE Stanislaus. Caroline reviewed user data information.

6. Valley Voice Sacramento

M. Sigala/G. Khouri

Follow Up Discussion of March 11, 2020 Trip

Gus Kouri noted that the legislature was adjourned on March 16 and may not be back until June due to the coronavirus. The only items to be addressed in June are related to the coronavirus, emergency budgeting, fire suppression and homelessness, per Gus. There are three CTC vacancies right now. CTC commission meeting in May will reassess the timelines for application submittals for TCEP and SCS. In terms of the March 11 visit, Gus thanked everyone for their input and assistance. Gus reviewed some of the meetings that occurred. Chair Taylor noted some redundancy in speaker comments. Stacie Guzman noted the trip was well planned and executed. Discussion ensued about the ability of the delegation to stay on topic. The reception the night before was noted as something to do again.

7. SJV REAP Committee for Housing

M. Sigala/R. Phipps

Receive Update

Michael Sigala reported the initial application has been submitted. HCD is asking for more intensive valleywide activities. A second application for \$6M is pending and will include valleywide activities. A RFQ is contemplated for housing activities for the next two to three years. The RFQ will lead to individual bids as the work requirements are needed. Robert Phipps noted that HCD will process the initial application, \$4.7M. The second application will be \$5M to \$6M.

8. FY 2020-21 Valleywide OWP

M. Sigala

Discuss

Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the process and topics for the FY 2020-21 Valleywide OWP. He will be following up with staff and bring back a final draft version to the May Directors’ meeting.

9. Annual Policy Conference

P. Taylor

Chair Taylor noted the conference was postponed to May 19-21, 2021. Rosa Park noted a conflicting CTC meeting for the 2020 date. Chair Taylor will look into this for the 2021 conference.

10. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study

A. Hakimi

Receive Update

Ahron Hakimi noted that the researcher from UC Davis ITS is starting to work on the study. A short discussion of PL funds for the project ensued.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Caltrans Directors’ Report

S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney

Michael Navarro (D 6) noted project delivery is still happening. Caltrans is evaluating the possibility of shutting down projects due to the coronavirus.

12. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

No update was provided

13. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt noted that San Joaquins and Ace train ridership is down 85 and 92 percent respectfully. Dan noted that reduced train services is being implemented. Train service is an essential service. May 29, 2020 is the next SJPA Board meeting. This will be a phone conference meeting. The environmental report is out for review for the Stockton extension project.

14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

F. Cardoza

The March 20th Board meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will occur in June. Ted Smalley noted his term is expired and wanted to know if other Directors can be appointed.

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items

Andy Chesley noted the need to move swiftly on RTP and TIP amendments in advance of a lockdown. Andy noted a meeting with the big four, BART ridership is down 92 percent. He also noted that under pandemic circumstances, density and heavy transit use, will impact the RTP processes.

Ted Smalley noted that TCAG is trying to bond at this moment and it is challenging.

16. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

None

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans Planning D6
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin JPA
Michael Navarro	Caltrans D6
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Sandy Ebersole	Madera County Transportation Commission
Caroline Rodier	UC Davis
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Scott Carson	Federal Highway Administration
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Tom Dumas	Caltrans D10
Bill Higgins	California Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Jennifer Gress	California Air Resources Board
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Miguel Lopez	California Partnership for the SJV
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments