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Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 6, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
Tulare County Association of Governments
210 N. Church Street, Suite B
Tulare, CA 93291

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

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 9, 2020 Directors' Meeting

P. Taylor

There was a motion to approve the January 9, 2020 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Terri King
Second Motion: Ahron Hakimi
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 that SAFE Rule Part 1 is out and awaiting EPA final determination on adjustment factors. SAFE Rule Part 2 is at OMB, it will out for public review in 30 to 90 days. Adoption of 2021 FTIP, right now we cannot approve conformity. If there is a solution for adjustments to SAFE Rule Part 2, a full FTIP can be accomplished, however time is limited. Ryan is encouraging staff to look at a legislative solution for postponement of the FTIP until SAFE Rule Part 2 is settled. Senator Beall is considering legislative relief similar to what SANDAG did which delayed their SCS for two years. Discussion about exploring an exempt FTIP ensued.

Project level conformity analysis, FHWA is allowing 126s & 127s to move forward. FHWA is also approving Type Four RTP amendments. Andy Chesley noted doing a type five RTP amendment for the Valley Link project.

3. California Transportation Funding

P. Taylor

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- ***Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCOG)***
No update; an upcoming workshop was noted.
- ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***
No update was provided.

4. San Joaquin Valley Multiagency Working Group for Housing

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Update and Discussion

Michael Sigala noted the January 17, 2020 meeting with the Working Group. Since this meeting, Housing and Community Developed release a NOFA for this funding. The Valley commented on the reimbursement issue and use of funds for development versus planning. Mr. Sigala asked for direction on submitting the Initial Application for 25 percent since the reimbursement item was not favorably included in the NOFA; consensus was to proceed with submitting the application.

5. Valley Voice Sacramento

M. Sigala/G. Khouri

Update and Discussion

Gus Khouri reviewed the Itinerary. There is subcommittee hearing on transportation the morning of Valley Voice, which is causing some shifting of meeting appointments. The importance of meeting with High Speed Rail was noted. Invites to the reception were noted as going to all Valley legislators. Michael Sigala noted a policy paper Chair Winn put together and was seeking direction on how to incorporate this into Valley Voice. An Executive Committee meeting is being planned for February 20th to discuss the policy paper.

6. San Joaquin Valley Broadband Preferred Scenario

Miguel Lopez (OCED/CA Partnership) provided an overview of the Internet for All Now Act of 2017. OCED is leading the effort for a Regional Consortia to engage stakeholders to develop a Preferred Scenario to achieve the goal of 98 percent broadband deployment in each region of California. Miguel asked for MPO assistance in reaching out to jurisdictional stakeholders. Discussion ensued.

7. CalCOG RTPA Staff Training

A. Chesley

Andy Chesley noted that CalCOG is offering staff training to MPOs. Board training, social media, legislative activities are some of the items that a collection of Valley MPOs could benefit from. Terri King noted in-house agency training for regional leadership as a need. Andy suggested a few training sessions throughout the Valley for MPO training. Discussion ensued. Andy will follow up with the group and have further discussions with CalCOG.

8. Annual Policy Conference (May 13-15, 2020)

P. Taylor

Receive Update

Michael Sigala reported that registration and sponsorships are now open online at www.sjvcogs.org/events. The early registration deadline is April 1st. A more robust update with the preliminary agenda, registration and sponsor counts will be provided at the next meeting.

9. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study

A. Hakimi

Receive Update

Ahron Hakimi reported that a contract between KernCOG and UC Davis was approved at their last board meeting. The contract is now with UC Davis and work will commence soon. Discussion ensued about planning monies (SB 1) some MPOs may have to help augment this work.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney

Laura Gordon noted ROW funding for the Madera and Tulare SR 99 projects has been applied for from the TCEP program. INFRA applications for SR 99 projects were taken off the list. Ahron noted a grade separation CRISSEY grant application in Kern County. Employment vacancies at Caltrans were noted. Ken Baxter reported the Revised 99 Business plan will be out for review in approximately two weeks. ATP Cycle 5 will be out soon with an application due date in June 2020 with \$440 million available. INFRA is due February 25, 2020.

11. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

The next HSR Board meeting is on February 18, 2020. Ahron noted the Bakersfield-Palmdale EIR will be out in about in a month.

12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

{This item was covered first in the meeting}

Dan Leavitt encouraged Valley MPOs to attend the high speed rail board meeting On February 18th in Sacramento. Support is needed for the Business Plan and the Initial Operating Segment.

13. Valley Go (MioCar) and Valley Flex

M. Sigala

All MioCars (28) have been deployed as of February 1, 2020. Operational financial numbers and data will now be closely tracked given the full roll out of the program. Caroline Rodier of UC Davis will provide a more comprehensive update presentation at the next Directors meeting. The CMO Voucher car sharing/mobility access program funding is available now with a deadline of April 1, 2020.

14. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

F. Cardoza

The next Partnership meeting is March 20th in Livingston at the Foster Farms banquet room.

OTHER ITEMS

15. Director Items

Stacie Guzman noted a new contractor for their Transit System's operation and maintenance. Terri King noted the rise of Enterprise van pool service in Kings County. Patricia Taylor noted pending federal legislation for implementing green-house gas reduction measures.

16. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Kristine Cai (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Miguel Lopez	OCED/CA Partnership
Scott Carson (ph)	Federal Highway Administration
Dan McElhinney	Caltrans
Karen Kabosi	OCED/CA Partnership
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Laura Gordon	Caltrans D6
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments