



## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 9, 2020

ITEM 1

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Directors	MPOs
Terri King - Chair	Kings County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi – Vice Chair	Kern Council of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
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
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. June 4, 2020 Directors' Meeting

T. King

There was a motion to approve the June 4, 2020 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Andy Chesley  
 Motion Carried

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## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

### 2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

T. King

Madam Chair Terri King guided discussions about coronavirus measures and activities among MPOs. KCAG is teleworking for most of the week, however, they have a few staff members in the office at one time. Stacie Guzman with MCAG noted member agencies and partners are back in the office. Their plan was to bring back staff at 30 percent reduction but that is on hold due to high positive numbers. Patricia Taylor, Madera CTC, mentioned they are working under similar guidelines as to KCAG and MCAG. Rosa Park, StanCOG, noted they have not opened the office because of the increase in cases. They are all working remotely and closely monitoring the situation.

### 3. CalSTA Implementation of EO N-19-19, Transportation Action Plan

T. King

Darwin Moosavi, CalSTA, briefly discussed the background of Executive Order (EO) N-19-19 which calls for action from multiple state agencies to reduce GHG emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change. It also acknowledges of the role the transportation sector must play in tackling climate change. EO N-19-19 directs CalSTA to leverage discretionary state transportation funds to reduce GHG emissions and align transportation spending with the State's Climate Change Scoping Plan. Darwin reviewed the vision and goals of the transportation system and highlighted the commitment to a "fix-it-first" approach. CalSTA is to leverage funding programs where the State plays a role in scoping, recommending, or selecting specific projects. State investments should deploy the following strategies: 1) reduce public health harms and maximize benefits to disproportionately impacted communities, 2) make safety improvements to reduce fatalities and serve injuries of all users towards zero, 3) assess physical climate risk, 4) champion projects that do not increase passenger vehicle travel, 5) build towards an integrated, statewide rail and transit network, 6) promote compact infill development while protecting residents and businesses from displacement, 7) progress developing a zero-emission freight transportation system, 8) incorporate safe and accessible bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, 9) include investments in light, medium, and heavy-duty-zero-emission-vehicle infrastructure, and 10) protect natural and working lands. The implementation of this Action Plan is scheduled to begin upon finalization of the plan in early 2021. Terri King commented and asked about the MPO's being involved in the development of the guidelines. Ted Smalley shared frustration with scoring criteria changes in certain programs and how it adversely impacts projects in the Valley. Andy Chesley highlighted similar concerns and noted the constraints the San Joaquin Valley has with reducing VMT and affordable housing requirements in comparison other counties outside the Valley. There were discussions about transportation system in the Valley, funding and how they differ from the Bay Area and LA. Others echoed similar concerns and discussions ensued.

### 4. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported that because of the Air Quality Planning schedule there will not be a type four amendment, rather, only a type five. Five Valley MPO's are not passing conformity when using EMPAC 2017. CARB is looking into where adjustments can be made in order for all counties to pass conformity. EMPAC 2022 is under development and the draft version should be released soon. Ryan noted that an overall RTP schedule was circulated and it lists deadlines for drafts. Ahron Hakimi asked Ryan to follow up with CARB into considering the Valley as a whole in order to pass conformity. There was a consensus from group for that approach. Andy Chesley had a question about drafting EMPAC 2022 and its progress.

Jennifer Gress, reported that CARB is experiencing a backlog of reviewing all. Jennifer noted that the Kern and Tulare staff report is in progress, Kings is in review, San Joaquin and Stanislaus staff report is in process of drafting, Merced is waiting for SCS submittal and Madera is waiting for additional information to complete that submittal.

**5. California Transportation Funding**

T. King

***Program and Project Funding Updates:***

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

Michael Sigala reported that they are writing letters of support for numerous projects and is waiting for more details of each project. The deadline for application for this program is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

No updates were provided

- ***State Transportation Improvement Program***

Ted Smalley reported that the STIP is going to fund all the project programs and advised there may be a negative STIP.

**6. SJV Sustainable Transportation Equity Projects (STEP)**

C. Rodier

Michael Sigala gave a brief overview the upcoming implementation grant opportunity through ARB and The Strategic Growth Council. The idea is to make multiple investments in a small geographic area to improve transportation. The program consists of up to three (3) grant for up to \$20 million or a planning grant for up to \$2 million. At this time, the Ecosystems team is focusing on San Joaquin County for this grant opportunity. The grant is due at the end of August. Terri King had some questions about the application.

**7. Valley Voice DC 2020**

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reported that he is coordinating with Jennifer and will be sending out meeting invite to everyone for a Zoom meeting. Michael is also following up with Jennifer to coordinate an executive committee meeting in late July.

**8. Traffic and Other Impact Fees from New Construction of Local Schools**

A. Hakimi

No update was provided; it was decided to roll this item to the August meeting.

**9. SJV REAP Committee for Housing**

R. Phipps

Robert Phipps reported that they are still waiting for HCD to send out the revised master agreement for the initial application in order to move forward. HCD advised that they are willing to combine all funds under one agreement that covers the \$10.1 million dollars by the end of July. Program management work will not begin until the funds are received.

**10. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study**

A. Hakimi

Linda Urata gave a quick update and noted the next quarterly report and invoice will be submitted by July 10<sup>th</sup> and the reports for task 2 and 4 will be submitted at the end of July. The final report is still scheduled to take place next July 2021. Linda is organizing a video meeting update with the partners in September or October. Terri King advised there will be no additional funding (PL) provided unless its requested.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 11. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. McElhinney

Michael Navarro, District 6, noted that 90 percent of their staff are continuing to telework and are looking at a return to work plan. Michael mentioned this week that they have adopted The Climate Adaptation report which help prioritize projects. There is continued work on corridor plan for SR 99 and have engaged all partners. Michael noted a couple of documents in progress: 1) The CTP 2050 final draft is expected to be released late summer or early fall for public comment 2) The ITSP document is expected to be included into the next STIP 3) TCIP applications received comments back from headquarters and are still working on the drafts 4) the SHOP Reservation consisting of \$100 million where \$42 million was initially used in District 6.

Dan McElhinney, District 10 Director, reported that he provided a web news announcement to the group. Dan introduced Gregoria Ponce as the new acting Director for District 10.

### 12. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

Diana Gomez reported that the board is delaying the approval of the Business Plan until late this year. However, they did receive approval for the budget of right away mapping, utility items, relocations and design. Diana noted they are still teleworking and they are also monitoring the situation closely. The Track and Systems contract is still going to be awarded in December. The Wye document will go to the board in September and should be environmentally cleared.

### 13. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Michael Sigala reported the board meeting in July was cancelled and the next board meeting will be on September 25, 2020.

### 14. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reported MioCar will be underway again after transitioning to the nonprofit and cars are slowly going out to the sites. Vamos and VoGo are complete and slowly rolling out. CARB is stating that 80 percent of funds will be available.

### 15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

F. Cardoza

No update was provided

## OTHER ITEMS

### 16. Director Items

### 17. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

None

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:00 P.M.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin JPA
Michael Navarro	Caltrans D6
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Kristine Kai	Fresno Council of Governments
Jeff Finley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Diana Gomez	California High Speed Rail
Bill Higgins	California Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Dan McElhinney	Caltrans District 10
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stan COG
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Amelia Davies	Madera County Transportation Commission
Trai Herr	Fresno Council of Governments
Aric Barnett Lynch	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Natalie Fowler	CalSTA
Tara Key Nuin	OPR
Darwin Moosavi	CalSTA
Rene Gutierrez	SJ JPA
Jennifer Gress	ARB
Louise Bedsworth	SGC
Trey Wadsworth	Stan COG
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Brenda Veenendal	Fresno COG
Gregoria Ponce	Caltrans District 10
Christine Corrales	SJ COG
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Egon Terplan	Senior Advisor to Governor Newsom
Ken Baxter	Caltrans District 10