



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 5, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
 Kern Council of Governments
 1401 19th Street, Suite 300
 Bakersfield, CA 93301

Directors	MPOs
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Rosa Park (ph)	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Tony Boren (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Stacie Guzman (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahorn 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. February 6, 2020 Directors' Meeting

P. Taylor

There was a motion to approve the February 6, 2020 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ahorn Hakimi
Second Motion: Andrew Chesley
 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 Senator Beall introduced SB-1291, meant to address the challenge to adopting the 2021 FTIP. The language does not currently reflect comments provided by CalCOG and Caltrans, however they are strongly working on that. In addition, Caltrans and CalCOG are actively engaged on working with members of the Senate Transportation committee to craft language that supports the 2021 FTIP. Ryan encouraged the COGs to continue the work toward developing the 2021 FTIP. FTIP draft modeling files have been circulated for the first round of SAFE Rule adjustment factors, conformity boiler plate and exempt only TIP. Ryan noted the EPA has not provided guidance on SAFE Rule Part 1 or on the adjustment's factors CARB provided. San Joaquin COG provided Type Five RTP amendment last month and it is currently in public comment period. SAFE Rule Part 2 is expected to be released on April 1. Ryan reported on EMPAC 17 and summarized the technical differences between EMPAC 14 and EMPAC 17. Impact 17 is scheduled to go in effect August 2021. There was concern about the 2018 SCS approvals by CARB. Bill Higgins added comments on SB-1291 and further discussion ensued.

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

Update on Valley Go (MioCar in the south Valley)

Caroline Rodier, UC Davis ITS, provided a brief overview of MioCar in the south Valley, and shared a short video with the group. All 24 vehicles are operating as of December 2019. There are currently 200 active members and about 90 pending members. This started as a research project and it is now moving toward a non-profit model. Caroline discussed data from several surveys that were conducted; 1) user surveys, and 2) post reservation surveys. Most notable were the average active member has five or more reservations, members travel an average of 73 miles per reservation, and the average rental duration is roughly 14 hours. Out of the eight hubs, the Visalia hub has the fastest growing membership followed by Bakersfield. The project is expected to enter in a Gap funding contract with ARB to fund the second year of operations and soon after they will be eligible for expansion funding. In addition, UC Davis has been able to provide internal grant funds received from SB1 toward MioCar. Caroline discussed the ARB Clean Mobility Option grant as an additional source of funding for expanding the existing project.

4. California Transportation Funding

P. Taylor

Program and Project Funding Updates:

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

5. SHOPP Project Funding Discussion

Update and Discussion

Caltrans District 6 and 10 staff in attendance discussed project cost for recent SHOPP program improvements and projects in the pipeline. Marco Sanchez advised that they will be engaging with local governments to work together on the 10-year plans. There was a request to continue to have a quarterly meeting to discuss SHOPP projects on the list. Laura Gordon confirmed that they are also in constant communication and meeting with the local governments to work side by

side. There was some concern about support cost being too high and there were discussions on what efforts can be done to reduce the cost.

6. Valley Voice Sacramento, March 10-11

M. Sigala/G. Khouri

Update and Discussion

Michael Sigala briefly noted that items emailed to the group have been finalized and will be printed and put in binders; brochure, talking points, and additional information. Gus Khouri reviewed the itinerary noting all meetings have been confirmed, however, because of the assembly budget subcommittee hearing in the morning, it is causing scheduling issues and some appointments have to be rescheduled a little earlier. Unfortunately, Dean Flores was a last minute cancellation and a search for a potential replacement is ongoing. Lunch with the commission and the reception the night before have been confirmed. There were concerns of the unwillingness to travel as the news of the coronavirus expands.

7. SJV REAP Committee for Housing

M. Sigala/R. Phipps

Receive Update

Michael Sigala reported that the initial application for the 25 percent has been submitted. Michael passed around a copy of the proposed scope of work for a valleywide research paper on housing trends, barriers and recommendations to the directors and gave a brief overview. The cost for this project is still not known but they are working to find the best solution. Andy had concerns of the cost and the timing to get this moving. Discussion ensued; Michael and Robert to further confer with HCD.

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

P. Taylor

Receive Update

No update was provided

9. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study

A. Hakimi

Receive Update

No update was provided

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney

Marco Sanchez noted Caltrans nominated three ITIP projects to be submitted for ROW; Madera SR 99, Tulare SR 99 and Kern Hwy 46. A new Deputy District Director over program project management and asset management program are currently in the appointment process. There is a list of potential projects for SB 743 that need to go through the VMT analysis, that list is available upon request. Traffic impact study guidelines went out to member agencies including the COG's and they are consistent with SB 743. An upcoming meeting in Fresno (March 18) regarding SB 743 was noted.

11. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

No update was provided

12. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt thanked all the MPOs for attending the high speed rail board meeting held on February 18th in Sacramento. The next high speed rail 2020 Business Plan dates are, March 16th in Sacramento, March 24th in Sacramento, and April 21st in Fresno. In addition, the JPA Business plan will be coming out Friday, March 6th.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

F. Cardoza

No update was reported

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items

15. 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)
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
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin JPA
Samer Shaw	Caltrans D6
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Marco Sanchez	Caltrans D6
Caroline Rodier	UC Davis
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Scott Carson (ph)	Federal Highway Administration
Dan McElhinney	Caltrans D10
Bill Higgins (ph)	California Council of Governments
Ken Baxter (ph)	Caltrans D10
Laura Gordon (ph)	Caltrans D6
Gus Khouri (ph)	Khouri Consulting
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Matt Fell (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments