



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Directors	MPOs
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi	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
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 7, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Terri King

There was a motion to approve the January 7, 2021 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi
Second Motion: Diane Nguyen
 Motion Carried

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 Association of
 Governments
 Terri King - Chair

Kern
 Council of
 Governments
 Ahron Hakimi - Vice Chair

Tulare County
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 Ted Smalley

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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. Terri King reported no changes for KCAG at this time. Stacie Guzman (MCAG) reported one of their two operations that are on the outbreak list was removed because the positivity case rate is improving. There were no other updates provided.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported Kings and Merced are on track for 2018 RTP/SCS approval. Tashia Clemans, of FHWA, is moving to the Office of Infrastructure Asset Management Unit. Steve Cliff, of California Air Resources Board, is moving to NHTSA National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. All completed documents passing conformity are out for public review for the 2021 FTIP. CMAQ documentation was circulated to staff to accompany the 2021 FTIP and includes updated methodology. Five of eight MPO's continue to struggle with conformity with EMFAC 2017. A few options were recommended to help with this issue: 1) issue latest planning assumptions update to the IAC group by middle of this year utilizing EMFAC 2014, 2) combine Valley budget or emission trading among Valley MPOs, or 3) apply TCMs or off model strategies in the conformity analysis. Ahron Hakimi had some questions regarding conformity, modeling and the options. Ryan will be preparing a letter from the Directors regarding utilization of Option 1.

4. California Transportation Funding

T. King

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCAG)**
There was no update provided.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
There was no update provided.
- **State Transportation Improvement Program**

Terri King noted Local Transportation fund estimate are due by February 1st. There was discussions about the increase in gas sales tax revenue for this past year. The Wayfare decision seems to be the major impact in the increase in revenue. Gus Khouri noted a \$1.5 billion short fall cumulative through the end of fiscal year 2024-2025. However, the STIP increases because of the CPI adjustment per SB1. Ahron inquired about the 60/40 split of the \$900 million legislation passed in December and asked if the state would use that to augment the STIP. Further discussion ensued. Diane Nguyen spoke of the rail projects funded in Stockton. The ATP recommendation for awards will be out on Monday, Kristine Kai noted.

5. Valleywide Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants

T. Boren / K. Cai

Tony Boren noted they are submitting a Strategic Partnership Planning Grant application for the Inland Port Study and the deadline is on the 12th. A letter of support was sent out to the Valley COGs. The grant will fund Phase 3, and an RFP was done for Phase 2. California Forward noted that the Regional Accelerator program might be a good fit for this study. Local MPOs will be need to come up with their share of financial contributions for FY 2021-2022. Kristine Kai gave a brief update on The Household Travel Survey. They will be pursuing \$500k from HCD and \$600k from a Caltrans Grant. Fresno COG has prepared the grant application, they will send out a draft to staff for review, and a letter of support. Kristine reviewed a spreadsheet of various cost scenarios with the group. Kristine asked for approval for the following items; 1) Fresno COG to submit application for San Joaquin Valley Travel Survey 2) to use \$500k of REAP regional funds with the expectation of technical assistance and training could absorbed through the REAP regional program 3) Cost share scenario number 1. Ahron asked about the use of local REAP funds. The letters of support are due by Feb 11th.

There was a motion to approve the first two proposed items and support the funding distribution of the third item that allows to each MPO to choose how to fill the funding gap.

First Motion: Ted Smalley
Second Motion: Stacie Guzman
Motion Carried

- 6. SJV REAP Committee for Housing** R. Phipps/M. Sigala
Robert Phipps noted Fresno COG approved the two contracts for the Comprehensive Valleywide Housing report. They are still negotiating with Raimi Associates. They will be looking for multiple consultants for Technical Assistance including the Household Travel Survey. There is a REAP workshop on Tuesday, February 23rd. All invoices from each of the seven COGs for the initial regional shares have been received. A draft third application was filed with HCD for the final round of funding. Elizabeth Hann suggested asking HCD to use unused LEAP funding for workshops.
- 7. Valley Voice Sacramento 2021** M. Sigala
Michael Sigala noted a follow-up meeting with the Regional Policy Council on February 26th. They are continuing to move forward with the four targeted platform concepts. Gus Khouri has set the virtual Valley Voice Sacramento trip dates for March 3rd and 10th. Appointment meetings with Senator Egman, Assembly member Gray, Assembly member Villapadua and Chad Edison have been secured. Senator Caballero is confirming and we are waiting to hear back from Senator Hurtado and Assembly member Salas' office today. Gus will put together an itinerary to share with the electeds. Gus will work with Michael to schedule a date for pre-briefing. Gus is reaching out to Senator Borgeous and Senator Fong and Senator Patterson.
- 8. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study** A. Hakimi
Linda Urata noted UC Davis will provide a report to today or tomorrow. Once received they will send out to the group.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 9. Caltrans Directors' Report** D. Gomez/D. Agar
Diana Gomez, District 6 Director, noted offices are now open to the public, however they are consolidating space and moving into one office. They are working on replacing office phones with cell phones. Furloughs will end at the end of June. Diana discussed Project Off Ramp. The Sustainable Planning grant is due February 12th. Last week there was a CTC safety project workshop. Marlon Regisford, District 10 Deputy Director, reported Caltrans active transportation plan will be released to the public for review, this should be completed by June. State Highway System Management Plan is available to the MPOs and local RTPAs for review and deadline for comments is February 26th. The Active Transportation Plan awardee list will be out shortly.
- 10. California High Speed Rail** G. Fernandez
There was no update provided at this time.
- 11. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
Michael Sigala noted the High-Speed Rail 2021 Draft Business Plan will be released February 9th and San Joaquin JPA 2021 Draft Business plan will be released this month. Dan Leavitt is taking to the JPA Board their business plan at their March 26th board meeting.

12. Valley GO (MioCar) and Valley Flex (Vamos & VoGo)

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted expansion of MioCar into Stockton due to the STEP grant award.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

S. Gonzales

Shelby Gonzales noted the next board meeting is scheduled on March 12.

OTHER ITEMS**14. Director Items**

Terri King discussed upcoming presentations and discussions. There was a request from Egon to meet to meet one on one with the directors. There seems to be a consensus from all the directors of a virtual retreat to discuss items within the next month. The 99 Summit is on February 19. Michael will coordinate dates for the virtual retreat.

15. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:11 P.M.**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Kristine Cai	Fresno Council of Governments
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Bill Higgins	California Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Brenda Veenendaal	Fresno Council of Governments
Trai Herr	Fresno Council of Governments
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
Nabeelah Abi-Rached	Caltrans
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Steven Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Shelby Gonzales	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Braden Duran	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Grace Magsayo	Caltrans
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments