



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 5, 2020

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
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 1, 2020 Directors' Meeting

T. King

There was a motion to approve the October 1, 2020 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ted Smalley
Second Motion: Andy Chesley
 Motion Carried

Kings County
 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 KCAG staff is still rotating workdays at the office and continue to hold board meetings remotely. Elisabeth Hann reported that Stan COG continues to work under restricted orders and most are working remotely. Stacie Guzman noted that MCAG opened on October 1st, however the public and vendors are not allowed in the office. They are maintaining about a third reduction with only six staff working on site. Ted Smalley reported that Tulare County adopted a county wide telecommute policy and TCAG will be working with the county to track the amount of people telecommuting. Patricia Taylor noted that MCTC is continuing to work remotely and will be phasing in staff back into the office. Andy Chesley reported no change for SJCOG as they are working remotely and will continue through the end of the year.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported the Air Quality contract with Trinity is up and will circulate an RFP to the group shortly for review. Ryan noted that San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare have all received approvals for their 2018 SCS in October. Ryan reported there have been several meetings with CalSTA, CalCOG and MPO staff to share their concerns regarding SB 375. Patricia Taylor noted that Madera County has received their approval notice for their SCS. Ryan noted that everyone is moving forward with the 2021 FTP and on track to meet the March 1st deadline. Additional testing was done for EMFAC 17 with the revised implementations and PM 2.5 seems to be a common area where everyone is struggling. There was a call with CARB staff to discuss results and agreed to bring EPA in to find ways to make up the difference in the conformity analysis. Patricia Taylor commented on keeping Trinity in since they are more familiar by extending their contract. Ryan had some questions about sole sourcing and further discussion ensued. There was a consensus with all the directors to continue with the RFP process.

4. CTP, ITSP, EO N-19-19, EO N-79-20

T. King

Madam Chair Terri King reminded everyone of the workshop in November and noted that they have not received a response to their letter (EO N-19-19). Ted Smalley suggested compiling a list of projects the Valley is doing, a list of investment projects throughout the Valley over the next five years and note examples of types of help that is needed to achieve the completion of the projects. Bill Higgins noted that CalCOG will do its part to highlight the Valley projects. Andy Chesley reminded everyone that at some point in time they are anticipating a revision to SB 375 through administration or legislation action, and to start discussing their positions on various policies. Andy will be meeting with MTC and SACOG to discuss the time frame of the developments of SCS's, syncing RTP's among the three MPO's, and supporting legislation to increase availability funding at a regional level.

5. California Transportation Funding

T. King

Program and Project Funding Updates:

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

Ryan Niblock reported that at the moment the only communication is regarding the amount of funding that may be available this year. Ryan noted the Obligation Authority cannot be used to help fund the federal portion of the STIP.

6. SJV REAP Committee for Housing

R. Phipps

A. Receive Update

Michael Sigala noted that the Housing RFQ will go out tomorrow for thirty days. Robert Phipps reported they have received authorization from all seven counties on the MOU. It is scheduled to go through the committee process tomorrow and to the board on the 19th for approval. Robert expects to expedite funds immediately following the board meeting and everyone should have it before December 1st. Michael Sigala provided the group with the LEAP Planning Grant status that is due at the end of December and highlighted the numerous jurisdictions in the Valley that are still eligible to apply. Michael will be outreaching to the highlighted jurisdictions about the LEAP program and asked for the director's approval to move forward. There were some additional comments from the directors.

B. Presentation by HDR/Calthorpe on the Urban Footprint analytical tool

Peter Calthorpe, HDR Calthorpe, gave a presentation on the Urban Footprint analytical tool that is designed to allow you to simultaneously look at all the impacts of various scenarios. This tool is available to cities, counties and MPO's throughout the United States. This tool can map different layers such as housing, economic stress and food scarcity during the Covid pandemic. Peter summarized a study of unutilized arterial lanes in five counties in the Bay Area and displayed various housing, transit, and financial scenarios. Andy Chesley asked about approaches and scenarios that are geared toward smaller communities. There was further discussion regarding the dynamics of smaller communities and how to utilize the analytical tool.

7. California Inland Port

T. Boren

Tony Boren provided a brief update and noted that there needs to be a Phase 2 of the California Inland Port Feasibility Analysis. The estimated cost is projected to be around \$400k and they are looking to go after various funding sources. The challenge is that the deadline for the application is mid-January. There was some suggestion that all ports that participated in the first study should be involved in the application process. There seems to be some concern with the COG's being the lead on Phase 2, partnerships and funding. Andy Chesley suggested setting up a follow-up meeting with key stakeholders involved in Phase 1.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Michael Navarro, District 6 Planning Director, reported the emergency telework orders were extended through the end of the year. District 6 ranks number two in terms of Covid cases out of twelve districts. Traffic volume is ten percent lower than last year, however there is a one percent increase from last month to this month. The Central California workshop is scheduled for November 17th. Planning Grant are coming out later this month.

Dennis Agar, District 10 Director, was officially appointed as District 10 Director. District 7 Director retired and District 4 Director will take over District 7. Caltrans continue to deal with homeless and fire prevention. Caltrans have been prepping for winter conditions. Lastly, the Caltrans Strategic Plan is almost completed.

Tom Dumas, District 10, noted public outreach for the Strategic Plan in the next few weeks. The state was awarded \$500 million from the August redistribution of FHWA funds.

9. California High Speed Rail

G. Fernandez

There was no update provided at this time

10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Rene Gutierrez reported the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation ended the forty-five day public scoping meeting period and they received over 400 comments. Webinars for the Madera Station relocation are currently in progress. The next JPA board meeting is on November 20th. Rene is seeking recommendation to fill current job openings within the JPA.

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

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reported that the gap financing extension is going to ARB’s board this month. Diane Nguyen, announced they have received \$7.4 million from the STEP program for to expand shared mobility programs in Stockton.

12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzalez

Shelby Gonzales noted the next board meeting on December 11th. There were questions and comments about reappointments.

OTHER ITIEMS

13. Director Items

There were no updates provided at this time.

14. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

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
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin JPA
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 6
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Kristine Kai	Fresno Council of Governments
Jeff Findley	Madera County Transportation Commission
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
Bill Higgins	California Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Trai Herr	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Georgina Cardenas	CalVans
Evelyn Espinosa	Madera County Transportation Commission
Brandon Duran	Fresno Council of Governments
Steven Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Dennis Agar	Caltrans District 6
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Nabeelah Abi-rached	Caltrans District 10
Shelby Gonzales	OCD
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Gregoria Ponce	Caltrans District 10
Peter Calthorpe	HDR Calthorpe
Charles Hales	HDR Calthorpe
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Carrie Bowen	HDR/Calthorpe