



## Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, December 3, 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. November 5, 2020 Directors' Meeting

Terry King

There was a motion to approve the November 5, 2020 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Ted Smalley  
 Motion Carried

Kings County  
 Association of  
 Governments  
 Terri King - Chair

Kern  
 Council of  
 Governments  
 Ahron Hakimi - Vice Chair

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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 is currently updating their Covid plan and staff is working in the office one day per week. Andy Chesley had no update but noted that SJCOG is deciding if they will be doing the One Voice trip to Washington D.C. next spring. KCAG and MCAG both set aside funds in their budget for the trip. Everyone seems optimistic for the D.C. trip in the spring. Ted Smalley reported TCAG is only allowing required staff at the office and that all other staff are working remotely.

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

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported the 2021 FTIP is moving forward with receiving the IAC concurrence on conformity documents. Ryan reminded everyone to send conformity analysis for review. The CFP group circulated a template for addressing performance measures in the FITP. GM dropped out of their lawsuit against California on café standards. CARB held a public hearing on the 2018 2.5 SIP implementation and there was nothing new to update the group but will be monitoring it. Ryan noted that the RFP for the Air Quality contract is out and he will be sending out the submissions for review in the next week. ARB is currently working on Merced's SCS and Kings' SCS, as well as Merced's SCS. Andy Chesley noted that the VMT RFQ they have developed is in draft form and will be finalized today.

Kristine Cai presented a proposal for a Valleywide Household Travel Survey. In the past Caltrans had been the sponsor of the Statewide Survey. Caltrans has now decided to not do the survey in part because the cost is estimated to be over \$10 million. As a result, all regions are left to do their own survey and the four big MPOs in the state have decided to work together and develop an MOU. Kristine noted that there is an emphasis on the use of big data to replace the Household Travel Survey, however big data experts from various consultant firms say that cannot be done. Ryan Niblock affirmed the importance of the survey because it affects the data for mode splits and SCS reviews. The survey base year cannot be more than ten years old. Kristine reviewed the timeline and expressed the need to have a new Household survey completed by 2024-2025. The ideal start time to collecting Travel Household Survey samples is Spring 2022. After collecting the samples, it would take a year to finish and then another year to develop a new base year. Then in 2024 it will take a year to test the model, fix bugs and be ready for conformities. RSG quoted \$1 million for San Joaquin Valley region and it would consist of roughly 5000 samples. There were discussions on how MPOs would fund the cost to conduct the survey. There seems to be consensus with a Valleywide survey and further discussion ensued regarding sample size, data needs, merging big data, using PL funds or other funds and availability of grants. Kristine will coordinate a meeting with staff regarding this study.

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

T. King

There was no update provided at this time

### 5. California Transportation Funding

T. King

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

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

Madam Chair Terri King congratulated the counties that were recommended for funding. Ahron Hakimi briefly summarized the CTC meeting that was held yesterday. There were concerns with losing projects that are meant to address logistics in the Valley and discussion ensued.

- ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***  
There were no applications submitted
- ***State Transportation Improvement Program***  
There was no update provided at this time

**6. SJV REAP Committee for Housing**

R. Phipps

*A. Receive Update*

Robert Phipps reported that they have received six of seven MOU's back from the counties. Robert anticipates Tulare County to approve the MOU at their board meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>, and after they can distribute funds. There were ten RFQ responses from a range of different consultants. Michael Sigala is working on uploading them to SJCOG website to make it easier to find and review. The next steps are to schedule a meeting with the technical group and determine how they are going to assign the consultants. Robert and Michael will provide recommendation in the middle of the month. There is a meeting scheduled next week with the REAP Committee for the final application for the remaining funds. HCD is willing to consider some sort of revolving fund basis for the third application.

*B. Discuss December 10<sup>th</sup> Agenda for REAP Committee Meeting*

Michael Sigala reported that he is working on the agenda for the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and is circulating a draft to the group for comments. Robert shared a LEAP Planning Grant status with the group and advised that they are working in conjunction with HCD to encourage jurisdictions that have not yet applied. They will host LEAP workshops to discuss application tips, eligible expenses and provide any technical assistance. Stacie Guzman had questions about the committee's meeting to review all RFQ's and the follow-up discussion regarding pro rata share. Rosa Park echoed the same concern. Further discussion ensued regarding pro rata share and other proposals for allocating final application funds. Michael will send out the final agenda packet on Monday.

**7. California Inland Port**

T. Boren

Tony Boren provided a brief update noting the grant request will be \$300k and are waiting for Caltrans to identify the appropriate grant program to apply for. There two parts to the application Part A (funded by various supporting agencies who helped with the Phase 1 of the Feasibility Study) and Part B (how local grant and match funds will be used). The funds will be deposited with Fresno COG and they will enter a contractual arrangement with the consultant to deliver Part A. Tom Jordan noted that they have not received a request for funding yet and will need to go to their board. Tony will reach out to Pete Weber about SJVAPCD funding.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**8. Caltrans Directors' Report**

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Marlon Regisford, District 10 Deputy Director, acknowledged the following MPOs for receiving funding from various programs: StanCOG for the McHenry Ave Widening Project, San Joaquin COG for the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation and North County Corridor Express Way Project. The Annual Move Over Campaign launched recently. The first Caltrans Innovation Expo was held this year and the presentation is available for viewing on their website.

There was a ribbon cutting for first Diverging Diamond Interchange in the state, SR 120, on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The California Aviation System Plan is available for public review until December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Michael Navarro, District 6 Deputy Director, reported an increase in positive Covid rates and are looking to increase the percentage for teleworking. On December 16<sup>th</sup> District 6 will have a virtual grant workshop. There will be \$29.5 million available statewide for planning grants and \$4.5 million in strategic partnerships. They expect applications to be due January and awards in June. District 6 and District 10 are collaborating on a SR 99 Summit for February or March. Tony Boren had a question on how Caltrans views SR 99. Michael recognized the concerns and still believes the SR 99 Business Plan is the back bone for the San Joaquin Valley.

**9. California High Speed Rail**

G. Fernandez

There was no update provided at this time

**10. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail**

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt reported the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation environment report is moving well and they expect it to be completed by mid-next year. The Sacramento extension work was certified on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and final design will start in a couple of months. They are finishing up on the final design for the ACE extension from Ceres to Modesto, expected to be completed by the end of this year. The Madera Station relocation comment period is over and is on schedule.

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

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reported that all the Chevy cars were recalled because of battery issues and are now fixed. The trips and hours of driving are 60 percent of normal. Vamos has integrated Easy Hub to their program and working very nicely. VoGo has seven volunteers in their program and moving at 60 percent of normal.

**12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

E. Gonzalez

Michael Sigala noted the next board meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> and the agenda packet is going out tomorrow. There were no further updates provided.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**13. Director Items**

Andy Chesley announced that this is his last meeting as he is retiring this month and thanked everyone for their support.

**14. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**

**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
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
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Bill Higgins	California Council of Governments
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Diane Nuygen	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Trai Herr	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Brenda Veenendal	Fresno Council of Governments
Evelyn Espinosa	Madera County Transportation Commission
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Steven Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin JPA
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Christopher Jasper	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tom Jordan	SJVAPCD
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments