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Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 26, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:
ZOOM CONFERENCE

Meeting Attendees:

MEMBER	MPO/COG	TITLE	JURISDICTION
Chuck Winn (Chair)	SJ COG	Supervisor	San Joaquin County
Dan Wright	SJ COG	Vice-Mayor	City of Stockton
Gary Singh (alternate member)	SJ COG	Councilmember	City of Manteca
Amarpreet Dhaliwal	Fresno COG	Mayor	City of San Joaquin
Gary Yep	Fresno COG	Mayor Pro-Tem	City of Kerman
Bob Smith	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Bakersfield
Zack Scrivner	Kern COG	Supervisor	Kern County
Cathy Prout (alternate member)	Kern COG	Councilmember	City of Shafter
Andy Medellin	MCTC	Mayor	City of Madera
Robert Poythress	MCTC	Supervisor	Madera County
Bill Zoslocki	StanCOG	Councilmember	City of Modesto
Vito Chiesa	StanCOG	Supervisor	Stanislaus County
Daron McDaniel	MCAG	Supervisor	Merced County
Mike Villalta	MCAG	Mayor	City of Los Banos
Martin Devine	KCAG	Councilmember	City of Hanford
Doug Verboon	KCAG	Supervisor	Kings County
Linda Launer (alternate member)	TCAG	Councilmember	City of Dinuba
Dennis Townsend	TCAG	Supervisor	Tulare County
Rudy Mendoza	TCAG	Mayor	City of Woodlake
Tom Jordan (for Samir)	SJVAPCD	Senior Policy Advisor	SJVAPCD

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

A. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Winn

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a motion to approve the January 17, 2020 Regional Policy Council Meeting minutes.

First Motion: Rudy Mendoza

Second Motion: Bill Zoslocki

No Nays

Abstention: Chuck Winn

Motioned Carried

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. COVID 19, Transportation Funding

Chuck Winn

Bill Higgins, CalCOG, spoke about road funding and a presumed reduction in funding due to the pandemic. Gas consumption is down, yet vehicle registration fees remain in place, hence road funding is seeing a reduction but not at the same level experienced in transit funding. Transit ridership is very low at this time, the CARES Act relief funds have been helpful but do not close the gap in funding entirely. Grace Magsayo, Caltrans D-10, indicated a \$1.4 billion reduction in SHOPP funding over the next few years. Project delivery is remaining steady but with caution of impending budget shortfalls. Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting added that AB 90 was being voted on today, it would relieve fare-box recovery requirements through FY 2021. The prospect of additional federal funding was further discussed.

2. Valley Voice DC

Jen Covino/Michael Sigala

a. Discuss Federal Platform

Jen Covino encouraged flexibility in the platform given the pandemic and rapidly changing items in DC. The CARES Act provided \$150B for local and state governments, there is talk of additional local government funding the Senate is considering. Talk of additional impacts from COVID ensued. Talk of a \$1.5B infrastructure package is being discussed in the House. Investment in America Act (House) provisions were presented to the group, and the Senate transportation plan were highlighted and discussed. Jen Covino encouraged the group to look at both the Senate and House bills and identify policy in the two proposals as the Valley's federal platform. Jen Covino gave an overview of both proposals, substantial information was provided in the agenda packet.

b. Review Itinerary and Logistics

Due to the pandemic, no in person meetings will occur this year. Discussion ensued about potential meeting attendees, formats and timing using "Zoom" virtual meetings. Andy Chesley noted the September SJ COG One Voice meeting dates. A group meeting in late August to prepare for Valley Voice was noted.

3. Passenger Transportation Updates and Discussion

a. High Speed Rail

Diana Gomez gave a brief update. She noted she is leaving HSR and will be the Caltrans District 6 new Director. The HSR business plan has been delayed due to COVID. Cap and Trade auction proceeds are down which will impact HSR funding. Bob Smith of the City of Bakersfield asked about the status of HSR to Bakersfield. Diana Gomez noted a contract from Wasco to the F Street station will be issued in about a year. Chair Winn asked about timing and cost to complete the HSR system.

b. SJ JPA, Amtrak

Dan Leavitt presented a series of maps highlighting the status of the San Joaquins and ACE passenger rail networks. Mr. Leavitt spoke about the projected completion dates for some of the extensions noted, and discussed the impact of COVID to operations. He also highlighted need for the Stockton-Diamond grade separation project. Dan Wright, Vice-Mayor of Stockton, spoke about the local efforts and regional benefits of the project. Bob Smith, Councilmember of the City of Bakersfield, asked about the status of Bakersfield-Sacramento service. Dan Leavitt noted with COVID, it is hard to implement new service/trains, and they are focused on the Merced north routes at this time. Ridership on ACE is about 90 percent down, discussion ensued about ridership during the pandemic.

c. Other

Chair Winn spoke about the hyperloop system being developed in Missouri and Texas. He noted the speed, efficiency, geographic coverage, and lower relative construction cost of hyperloop versus HSR. Bob Smith asked for more information on the Hyperloop systems.

4. Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

Chair Winn

Approve letters of support for multiple valley projects

Policy Members provided brief updates and project descriptions for proposed support letters. Letters of support were approved for all noted projects.

5. SB 743

Vito Chiesa

Discuss and receive update

Supervisor Chiesa spoke about SB 743 and its impact to capacity improving projects. Gus Khouri also provided information, he noted Caltrans has acknowledged receipt to the concern letter from the Policy Council regarding SB 743 implementation. Discussion ensued.

6. Valleywide Overall Work Program, FY 2020-21

Michael Sigala

Consider Approving

Michael Sigala briefly provided an overview of the valleywide work program, a shared eight-county program document.

First Motion: Vito Chiesa
Second Motion: Amarpreet Dhaliwal
No Nays
Motioned Carried

7. Meeting Calendar for FY 2020-21

Michael Sigala

Consider Approving

A review of salient dates for the coming fiscal year was discussed and approved.

First Motion: Bill Zoslocki
Second Motion: Robert Poythress
No Nays
Motioned Carried

8. San Joaquin Valley Multiagency Working Group for Housing

Robert Phipps

Receive update

Robert Phipps provided a brief status update. The initial funding agreement has been received by Fresno COG from HCD (state housing and community development). A program manager RFP has been issued, and a subsequent RFQ for additional valleywide activities is planned.

9. California Safety Performance Target Achievement Determination

Ted Smalley

Receive Update

Ted Smalley updated the group on a memo from the US DOT regarding the Valley meeting safety targets. Mr. Smalley noted the importance of widening projects to improve safety, and the completion of SR 99 and other major corridors in the Valley.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Written summaries of Informational Items are included in the agenda packet.

1. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/ARB Grant Michael Sigala
Michael Sigala gave a brief update on noting both MioCar in the South Valley (car sharing) and Vamos in the North Valley (transit app) are moving along but are at risk given the budget crisis.

2. California Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley Frida Cardoza
Supervisor Chiesa provided an update. He noted at their last meeting, COVID was the main topic of discussion and its impact to vulnerable disadvantaged communities.

E. OTHER ITEMS

1. Executive Directors Report Patricia Taylor
Patricia Taylor noted the two new appointments to the California Transportation Commission. Commissioner Von Konynenburg was not reappointed. EO 19-19, the state's climate goals for transportation was also noted.

2. Policy Council Member Comments
Supervisor Chiesa asked for a letter from the Policy Council to former commission Von Konynenburg thanking him for his service, and a letter to the incoming CTC commissioner Lee Ann Eager.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Public Comment will be allowed during the Discussion/Action Item above

There were no public comments.

Appendix: A – List of other meeting attendees.

On the Phone:	
Individual(s)	Organization
Michael Sigala	SJV Coordinator, Sigala Inc.
Rosa Park	Stan COG
Ahron Hakimi	Kern COG
Robert Phipps	Fresno COG
Sandy Ebersole	MCTC
Becky Napier	Kern COG
Ken Baxter	Caltrans District 10
Rudy Serrato	Sigala Inc.
Jennifer Khy	Sigala Inc.
Ben Kimball	TCAG
Michael Navarro	Caltrans District 10
Dan Levitt	San Joaquin PRA
Patricia Taylor	MCTC
Amelia Davies	MCTC
Diane Nguyen	SJ COG
Tony Boren	Fresno COG
Kristine Cai	Fresno COG
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Diana Gomez	High Speed Rail
Terri King	KCAG
David Gellman	Simon and Co.
Jen Covino	Simon and Co.
Ted Smalley	TCAG
Evelyn Espinosa	MCTC
Stacie Guzman	MCAG
Bill Higgins	CalCOG
Meg Prince	Fresno COG
Dylan Stone	MCTC
Grace Masagyo	Caltrans District 10
Dylan Stone	MCTC
Elisabeth Hahn	Stan COG
Andy Chesley	SJ COG
Matt Fell	MCAG
Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
Christina Fugazi	Councilmember, City of Stockton