



# Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 1, 2021

**ITEM 1**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting Location:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

Directors	MPOs
Terri King - Chair	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. March 4, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Terri King

There was a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 Directors' Committee Minutes.

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

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 Governments  
 Terri King - Chair

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 Ahron Hakimi - Vice Chair

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## DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

### 2. MPO Activity During Coronavirus

T. King

Madam Chair Terri King noted Kings County is still in red tier and will open their office when they drop to orange. Stacie Guzman noted that Merced County is one of the last counties in purple tier. They are working with limited staff but starting Monday executive staff will return. No other updates were provided.

### 3. Draft 2021 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP)

Scott Sauer, Caltrans Office Chief for Multi-Modal System Planning, provided a presentation on the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP). Scott reviewed the California Regions and Strategic Interregional Corridors, Priority Interregional Facilities, implementation, and funding opportunities. He briefly discussed CAPTI and went over strategies and identified objectives. In August, the Draft 2021 ITSP will be released for public comment and workshops will begin. The final ITSP will be presented to the CTC in December. Ahron Hakimi had comments about I-40 and investments on SR 46 and gap funding for those projects. Ted Smalley echoed similar comments and further discussion ensued.

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

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported Kings County is nearing approval of its 2018 SCS and Merced County has submitted its last set of files. Fresno received approval of a TCM substitution. The 2022 RTP conforming modeling documents will be circulated later this month. EMFAC 2014 is expected to switch to EMFAC 2017 on August 15. Valley and SCAG staff are coordinating a joint meeting for May.

### 5. Remnant SR 99 Bond Savings

T. Smalley

Ted Smalley noted Delano North SHOPP project has 13.5 miles of temporary lanes and needs \$25-\$30 million to convert those lanes to permanent. There is roughly \$18-\$25 million remaining of the SR 99 Saving Bond money. There would be to be letter needed from the directors making the request.

There was a motion to use the remaining funds from the SR 99 Bonds Savings to convert the lanes to permanent.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi  
Second Motion: Stacie Guzman  
Motion Carried

### 6. Federal Infrastructure Proposal (American Rescue Plan)

T. King

Terri King briefly reviewed the NARC summary for the American Rescue Plan, which was emailed to all the directors previously. Ted Smalley recommended backing Patricia Taylor's earmark request for SR 99 to Congressman Jim Costa. Patricia noted that Madera has received letters of support for their project. Terry King requested a Valleywide list of submitted request for all earmarks or any request for the Reauthorization Bill. Kings Transit Center and Merced YARTS are also seeking earmarks. Bill Higgins noted \$25 billion available for eclectic vehicles will be for bus retrofits, maybe for YARTS. State shares are unknow at this time and transportation is on a five-year plan. Michael Sigala noted an estimated eight thousand EV chargers are coming to the Valley. There were additional comments regarding funding.

### 7. California Transportation Funding

T. King

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

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

Ted Smalley recommends bringing modelers together for recommendations in anticipation of this program.

- **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**  
There was no update provided.
- **State Transportation Improvement Program**  
Terri King noted the CTC released the criteria for availability of federal funds. The CTC adopted the STIP formula criteria for a mid-cycle STIP. Ryan Niblock noted project nominations for the mid-cycle STIP are due by April 23.

**8. Pending California Legislation**

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala briefly reviewed various California bills pending legislation: 1) AB 106 (Salas) Regions Rise Together Grant Program, 2) SB 261 (Allen) Regional Transportation Plan: Sustainable Communities Strategies, 3) AB 786 (Cervantes) California Transportation Commission: Executive Director, 4) SB 542 (Limon) Zero-Emission Vehicles: Fees, and 5) SB 475 (Cortese) Transportation Planning: Sustainable Communities Strategies. Discussion ensued with Bill Higgins from CalCOG offering additional information on these bills.

**9. SJV REAP Committee for Housing**

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Robert Phipps recapped the annual report that was submitted to HCD. HCD would like to see fifty percent of expenditure before releasing funds in the next round. There are ongoing negotiations around how allocated funds are released and distributed. Michael Sigala noted Mintier Harnish is currently working on the housing report. Jim Harnish from Mintier Harnish will be reaching out to all the districts as they conduct their survey. The next REAP meeting will be in June to go over existing conditions to date from the housing report, and to review the Valleywide activity budget.

**10. FY 2021-22 Valleywide OWP**

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala reviewed the Valleywide major activities from last year's OWP and asked for suggestions to this year's program. Stacie Guzman had a comment on the year-round legislative support in terms of the budget.

**11. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study**

A. Hakimi

No update was provided at this time

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**12. Caltrans Directors' Report**

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Michael Navarro, District 6 Director, noted that they are continuing to work remotely. They released the Strategic Plan that identified six goals and they are working with district to support those goals. The Caltrans Planning Grants have been sent out for scoring and expect awards to be announced in June. Request for letters of support have been received for all the earmark projects. The NOFA for BUILD is expected to come out this month. Caltrans is targeting an in person summit in September centrally located. Marlon Regisford, District 10, noted that they received ten submissions for the Planning Grant and twelve requests for letters of support. The Caltrans Active Transportation Plan draft was released and invitations will be sent out for review.

**13. California High Speed Rail**

G. Fernandez

No update was provided at this time.

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

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt noted the High Speed Rail Business Plan was approved last week. The next JPA board meeting is on May 21. The San Joaquin JPA has been the highest ridership in terms of service throughout the country. Considering the reduction in service they have managed to hold about forty percent ridership.

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

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala will send an update via email

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

E. Gonzales

No update was provided at this time

**OTHER ITEMS**

**17. Director Items**

Ted Smalley suggested inviting Darwin Moosavi, Egon Terplan and Kate Gordon back quarterly.

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

**Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:11 P.M.**

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

<b>In Attendance:</b>	
<b>Individual(s)</b>	<b>Organization(s)</b>
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
Trai Herr	Fresno Council of Governments
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin JPA
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Steve Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Branden Duran	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Derek Winning	Tulare County Association of Governments
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Scott Sauer	Caltrans HQ
Egon Terplan	Senior Advisor to Governor Newsom
Toni Tinoco	High Speed Rail
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments