



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 4, 2021

ITEM 1

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
Isael Ojeda for 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
Steve Dial for Diane Nguyen	San Joaquin Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 4, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Terri King

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

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

Kings County
 Association of
 Governments
 Terri King - Chair

Kern
 Council of
 Governments
 Ahron Hakimi - Vice Chair

Tulare County
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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. **MPO Activity During Coronavirus** T. King
No updates provided at this time.

3. **Draft Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)**
Darwin Moosavi, California State Transportation Agency, gave a power point presentation on CAPTI. Darwin briefly discussed actions that will help meet state climate goals, various approaches and framework. There are seven CAPTI strategy areas and thirty actions under these strategies. Darwin identified several actions of importance; 1) fast track new CAPTI-Aligned projects in early planning phases by adding them to the ITIP, 2) how to mainstream zero-emission infrastructure investments under TCEP, 3) re-focus Caltrans Corridor Planning Efforts to prioritize sustainable multimodal investments in key corridors of statewide and regional significance. The full draft plan will be released and start of public comment period will begin on March 10. There will be a public workshop this month, CTC-CARB-HCD joint meeting presentation in April, and final CAPTI will be released in June. Kate Gordon, Director of the Office of Planning and Research gave an introduction and underlined the importance of group planning and goals for bigger initiatives. Ted Smalley opened discussion and discussed the future of SR 99, innovation, micro transit and rail. Stacy Guzman echoed the same thoughts and concerns.

4. **RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality** R. Niblock
Ryan Niblock reported CARB is leaning on approving the 2018 RTP/SCS for Merced. All eight Valley 2021 FTIP documents are finalized and submitted to Caltrans and passing conformity. No amendment will be approved that accompany the 2021 FITP. Tomorrow is the last day to submit a Caltrans approved amendment to FHWA for review. EMFAC 2017 is being utilized by other regions. There was a question about RTP coordination. Ryan will take the lead in the RTP Valleywide chapter.

5. **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 that they are waiting on fund estimates for local transportation. There has been great participation on Covid funding and distribution scenarios. There were questions regarding distribution of funding received and if there was any guidance. Other MPO's shared some things that they have done or considered in anticipation of receiving stimulus funds.

6. **SJV REAP Committee for Housing** R. Phipps/M. Sigala
Robert Phipps noted that they had their kickoff meeting with Mintier Harnish and Raimi Associates for the comprehensive Valleywide Housing report. Jim Harnish from Mintier Harnish and Ron Whitmore from Raimi Associates gave an introduction and discussed their roles on the Valleywide housing report. The third application has been submitted and HCD responded with follow-up questions. There are discussions with HCD regarding \$8.7 million funding as a revolving fund format on a quarterly basis. Robert clarified that there is a requirement that \$2.3 million of the entire share from the initial application be set aside for direct or indirect allocations to the jurisdictions. There were some concerns with the timing of expenditures on a Valleywide and local levels for reporting purposes. Discussions ensued regarding types of expenditures. Michael Sigala briefly went over a two page report attached in the agenda packet which summarized available REAP funding, the Comprehensive Housing Report and a list of consultants for technical assistance. There was a request for approval of up to \$1.5 million in contracting authority for these various Valleywide activities.

There was a motion to approve the request as stated.

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

7. Valley Voice Sacramento 2021

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala briefly noted that the first set of meetings flowed very well and there was nothing else to report. Stacie Guzman anticipates a discussion around lobbyist and a closed session will be scheduled for April. Robert Phipps expressed his concern for SB 261 and the implication it has for everyone statewide. Fresno COG and CalCOG are in opposition of the bill. Robert recommended discussing this bill further at next month's meeting. Michael will provide a list of pending and will work with Bill Higgins and Robert Phipps. There was further discussion on SB 261 and others.

8. I-5 Freight ZERO Pilot Study

A. Hakimi

No update was provided at this time

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Michael Navarro, District 6 Planning Director, noted they are relocating in the next couple of weeks. The 2024 Strategic Plan was released yesterday with the six goals of supporting strategies; 1) safety first, 2) cultivate excellence, 3) enhance and connect the multimodal transportation network, 4) strengthen stewardship and drive efficiency, 5) lead climate action, and 6) advance equity and livability in all communities. The CTP 2050 was released this week. ATP staff recommendations came out February 8th and they anticipate them to be adopted at the next CTC meeting. Caltrans is holding a DBE statewide summit on March 30th. Dennis Agar, District 10 Director, noted that they are providing additional funding to focus on high litter areas and homelessness encampments.

10. California High Speed Rail

G. Fernandez

Garth Fernandez went over a few slides and gave a brief overview of the Business Plan. The plan is on a 30 day public review period and the final plan will be submitted on April 15th.

11. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Rene Gutierrez noted the JPA released the 2021 Business Plan and its up for public comment. It will be presented at the next board meeting March 26. The social media outreach media is available on their platform.

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

M. Sigala

No update to report at this time

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzales

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

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items

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

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
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
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
Dennis Agar	Caltrans District 10
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin JPA
Dan Leavitt	San Joaquin JPA
Nabeelah Abi-Rached	Caltrans
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Isael Ojeda	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Shelby Gonzales	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Branden Duran	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Jennifer Solis	Fresno Council of Governments
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Rick Rust	Mintier Harnish
Jim Harnish	Mintier Harnish
Ron Whitmore	Raimi Associates
Tony Dang	Caltrans HQ
Egon Terplan	Senior Advisor to Governor Newsom
Darwin Moosavi	California State Transportation Agency
Jean Ward Waller	Caltrans HQ
Toni Tinoco	High Speed Rail
Garth Fernandez	High Speed Rail
Kate Gordon	Director, OPR