



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 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
Matt Fell for 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. April 1, 2021 Directors' Meeting

Terri King

There was a motion to approve the April 1, 2021 Directors' Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi
Second Motion: Terri King
 Motion Carried

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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 nothing has changed for Kings County. There were no other updates provided.

3. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Ryan Niblock reported no updates regarding the 2018 SCS approvals. Terri King noted that ARB has reached out to Kings County. There was a Valleywide staff call and they provided the 2022 Planning Schedule. There is a plan to submit a Valleywide letter for Inter-Agency Consultation to document the start of the Modeling Emission Analysis by August 1. RTP amendments need to be submitted by this date. Ryan is developing a template and will circulate to everyone once complete. Ryan noted that there is an email asking for anything to add or delete to the RTP Valleywide Chapter. Fresno and San Joaquin have both gone through federal recertification with FHWA and FTA.

4. CAPTI and Mobile Source Rule

R. Ball

Rob Ball discussed CAPTI and Mobile Source Rule in which it shifts from GHG reduction goal to VMT. As a result, this will impact rural, small and mid-sized communities. Rob reviewed several issues that Valley MPO staff foresee; 1) VMT in rural growth areas may get worse before it gets better 2) Congestion-pricing/VMT fee has a disproportionate impact on low- congestion/rural & mid-size communities 3) Impacts on Large Families 4) Congestion-Pricing/VMT fee on trucks instead of cars can work in both rural and urban areas, avoiding direct financial impacts to disadvantaged households 5) VMT-reducing transportation projects will not be able to address the increased commuting impact of Bay Area residents relocating into the northern San Joaquin Valley and Angelenos in the south, assuming many are not able to telecommute 6) VMT is becoming a less effective metric for measuring public health impacts related to climate change 7) GHG Monitoring Network. Staff would like the SJV Policy Council to prepare a letter to document the issues discussed. Ted Smalley is in support of writing a letter highlighting the issues and suggested making item six as the number one issue.

There was a motion for staff to draft a letter with the modification stated.

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

5. California Transportation Funding

T. King

Program and Project Funding Updates:

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

Roberto Brady gave a brief update and noted CTC is in public review of its guidelines for the program. The modelers agreed to submit Valleywide truck VMT numbers.

- ***Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)***

There was no update provided.

- ***State Transportation Improvement Program***

Terri King noted STIP mid-cycle is approaching. Ryan Niblock noted that SJCOG is having their mid-cycle STIP shares carry over for the next STIP update. Kings County is in a similar position and they plan on programming in the next STIP. Madera County submitted their mid-cycle STIP and have requested to use Measure T funding on the current project. Ted Smalley reported that Tulare County is using the majority of the mid STIP on the SR 99 project.

6. Pending California Legislation

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala briefly reviewed various California bills pending legislation. AB 1147 The bill includes provisions for supporting the "15-minute city" policy. The bill was moved to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on April 14. Bill Higgins added the author made amendments to the bill and

requested a budget of \$250 million. The concern is the 2035 Target Action Plan, an additional plan imbedded in the SCS. The author has taken language from two studies, SB150 report and 285 report. The 15 minute and the Active Transportation will become studies. AB 106 switched from Go BIZ to Office of Planning and Research and this bill moved to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on April 29th. SB 640 moved to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on April 13th and AB 1499 moved to the Assembly Appropriations Committee on April 5th. SB 475 and SB 261 was moved to two year status. AB 786 and SB 542 do not seem to be moving forward at this time.

7. SJV REAP Committee for Housing

R. Phipps/M. Sigala

Robert Phipps reported that they have issued an abridged RFP to the nine consultants for technical assistance. There is a lot of work on the Comprehensive Housing Report, stake holders and jurisdictional surveys have commenced. A meeting with staff was held on April 13th to discuss information needed by HCD for the final round of REAP funding. The next REAP Committee meeting for Friday June 25th. Michael Sigala noted HCD would like to focus on RHNA coordination across the Valley and improved methodology for the allocation of housing. There will be a RHNA subcommittee meeting to be held monthly for the next year. Michael identified website changes and marketing items such as logo ideas. Tony Boren briefly summarized the REAP funding guidance. There was further discussion regarding funding, Valleywide shares and suballocations.

There was a motion is to approve the revised funding guidance for additional RHNA planning.

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

8. DOE Grant Opportunity to Expand Rural EV Car Sharing

Caroline Rodier, UC Davis ITS, discussed a funding opportunity for Mio Car and Vamos. The DOE grant requires a fifty percent match however, to help offset cost UC Davis will secure vehicle donations from major auto makers, charger make ready cost from PG&E and there is a possibility of securing cost share from ARB and other agencies. The teaming arrangement is UC Davis will be the administrator, Mio Car will provide the car sharing service, Vamos vendors will expand the application and Sigala Inc. will be responsible for the overall installation of the electric vehicle infrastructure. The final proposal is due July 15th and they will move forward with that if they can secure fifty percent cost share and Valley support. Ahron Hakimi voiced his support and suggested scaling back fixed route service by enhancing car sharing service.

There was a motion is to approve the concept of submitting for the DOE Grant.

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

9. FY 2021-22 Valleywide OWP

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the Valleywide Overall Work Program. There are vacancies that need to be filled in Fresno and San Joaquin. There were no changes to the major items other than the activities for the year coming up. Michael noted that they do need to appoint someone to the California Freight Advisory Committee. There are still some minor modifications to the budget. Terri King suggested seeing the Valley Swap Meet working group active again.

There was a motion is to approve FY2021-22 Valleywide Overall Work Program.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi
Second Motion: Tony Boren
Motion Carried

10. June 25th Regional Policy Council Meeting

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted that items for discussion are the Washington D.C. trip, the OWP, the calendar of meeting for next year and a few other items to be determined. Ted Smalley suggested including a discussion of the state's surplus efforts and the 99 effort. Tony Boren asked for inclusion of the Inland Port study to the meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Caltrans Directors' Report

D. Gomez/D. Agar

Diana Gomez, District 6 Director, noted that they held a vaccination clinic for maintenance workforce and sixty percent are vaccinated. Chief Deputy Jim Davis stepped down as of May 1st. Caltrans has hosted a series of meetings to address concerns around homeless encampments. Caltrans has released their Homeless Encampment Guidelines. Caltrans received additional funding to expand maintenance agreements with various cities. The SR 99 summit is in progress and are working on the draft invite list and draft topics. There was discussion regarding letters of support from Caltrans. Marlon Regisford, District 10, noted continuing progress on the Caltrans Active Transportation Plan. District 10 is kicking off their Advance Mitigation Efforts and workshops are underway.

12. California High Speed Rail

G. Fernandez

Tony Tinoco reported that they are working with the Biden administration for continued support. Construction continues between Madera and Wasco and further work will continue in Fresno. They are coordinating their efforts with CHP regarding homelessness. Construction tours are opening back up in the summer.

13. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Rene Gutierrez noted the next JPA board virtual meeting is on May 21. They expect to adopt the JPA Business Plan for the next fiscal year. The ridership in the San Joaquin is improving and are looking to restore their fifth round trip June 28th. In addition, covid restrictions will be lifted on the same date.

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

M. Sigala

Michael Sigala noted that there is continual need for operational support. Michael will send a more detailed update via email.

15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

E. Gonzales

No update was provided at this time. However, the next Partnership virtual board meeting is on June 11th and they will feature updates from CDC, vaccines and a water work group discussion.

OTHER ITEMS

16. Director Items

No update was provided at this time.

17. 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)
Tom Dumas	Caltrans District 10
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Diana Gomez	Caltrans District 6
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
Rene Gutierrez	San Joaquin JPA
Meg Prince	Fresno Council of Governments
Tom Jordan	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Sam Becker	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Steve Dial	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Steve Ingoldsby	Tulare County Association of Governments
Marlon Regisford	Caltrans District 10
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Linda Urata	Kern Council of Governments
Rachelle Invina	Kern Council of Governments
Christine Corrales	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Toni Tinoco	High Speed Rail
Eric Olson	Caltrans District 6
Caroline Rodier	UC Davis