



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 5, 2024

10:00 am

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

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| 1. August 1, 2024, Directors' Meeting | Stacie Guzman, Vice Chair | ☒ |
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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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| 2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality Update and discussion. | Ryan Niblock | |
| a. Request for Additional Budget for Contract # C-21-062 Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination Services | | ☒ |
| 3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates | | |
| a. California | <i>Gus Khouri</i> | |
| b. Federal | <i>Jen Covino</i> | ☒ |
| 4. Committee Updates | | |
| a. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC) | <i>Stacie Guzman</i> | |
| b. SJV Swap Meet | <i>Gabriel Gutierrez</i> | |
| c. Housing and Land Use | <i>Kim Anderson</i> | |
| d. Travel Modelers Group - (See attached draft meeting notes) | <i>Rob Ball</i> | ☒ |

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| 5. SJV REAP Program
Receive update. | Michael Sigala | ☒ |
| 6. San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference 2025 | Stacie Guzman | |

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Listed individuals will provide a brief verbal update at the meeting.

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| 7. Caltrans Directors' Report | Diana Gomez/Grace Magsayo |
| 8. California High-Speed Rail | Toni Tinoco |
| 9. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority – Passenger Rail
<i>a. Request to add a page on the Policy Council's website highlighting planning updates of the Rail, Transit, & TOD Working Group</i> | Michael Hanebutt |
| 10. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District | Tom Jordan |
| 11. Miocar Car Sharing | Michael Sigala |
| 12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | |

OTHER ITEMS

13. Director Items
14. Public presentations for items not on the agenda.
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to three minutes. The public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

ADJOURN MEETING

Directors only closed session if necessary.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, October 3, 2024

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AGENDA ITEM 1

August 1, 2024, Directors' Committee

Meeting Minutes



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 1, 2024

10:00am

Meeting Location: Via Zoom Video Conference

Directors'	MPO
Robert Phipps, Chair	Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)
Stacie Guzman, Vice Chair <i>(Elizabeth Forte was present for Stacie Guzman)</i>	Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)
Ahron Hakimi	Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments (KcAG)
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)
Diane Nguyen <i>(Ryan Niblock was present for Diane Nguyen)</i>	San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)
Rosa De León Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments (Stan COG)
Ted Smalley	Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 11, 2024, Directors' Meeting

Robert Phipps

There was a motion to approve the July 11, 2024, Directors' Committee meeting minutes.

First Motion: Ahron Hakimi,

Second Motion: Ted Smalley (TCAG)

Motion Carried

Fresno Council of Governments
Robert Phipps - Chair

Kern Council of Governments
Ahron Hakimi

Madera County Transportation Commission
Patricia Taylor

Stanislaus Council of Governments
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2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality**Ryan Niblock**

Ryan Niblock provided an update on conformity issues related to adopting the 2025 FTIPs, stating that there will be a grace period approved by the EPA and partner agencies to use EMFAC2017 until November 2024, with mandatory use of EMFAC2021 after December for RTP amendments. Hot Spot concurrence meetings with Caltrans/FHWA/EPA are ongoing. One of the main challenges with the Hot Spot assessment process has been the lack of consistency across different Valley MPOs. Leslie from the California Air Resources Board requested MPO target recommendations by October 31st for the next round of SB 375 greenhouse gas targets. The Committee agreed on a valley-wide vs. individual MPO approach for GHG reduction targets. Ryan will coordinate with MPO staffs, focusing on the impact of slower population growth on meeting future targets and focusing on the positive actions taken to date by each MPO, trying to make the targets as realistic as possible. The group will revisit the previous analysis, identifying issues beyond their control affecting their ability to meet the targets. Each MPO will need to update their sections. The modeling teams from all eight MPOs will need to produce work.

Gus Khouri expressed concerns about the state's Air Resources Board's GHG figures, noting that they unfairly penalize the region for issues beyond their control, such as the through-put of goods movement and agriculture. Robert and Ryan agreed, pointing out that the state's housing policies exacerbate vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and GHG emissions due to the jobs-housing imbalance. Terri King discussed the challenges of meeting future targets due to stagnant or declining population growth.

Lastly, Ryan mentioned the need for additional funding for the Trinity Consulting contract to cover additional costs resulting from the additional work related to EMFAC, Hot Spot, and target setting. The group agreed to allow Trinity to use up to \$20,000 of existing contingency and to prepare an updated cost estimate for a refined scope of work for review at the next meeting. The group also provided direction to MPO technical staff to work with Ryan on a valley-wide response to the CARB request.

3. Budget, Policy, and Legislative Updates***State of California*****Gus Khouri**

Gus Khouri provided an update on the legislative front, highlighting three main bills: AB 1335 (Zbur), which would require MPOs to include in the SCS the total number of new housing units necessary to house all the population of the region over the course of the planning period of the RTP in addition to the total number of new housing units necessary to house the 8-year RHNA projection; and AB 2290 (Friedman) and SB 1216 (Blakespear), which would prohibit Class 3 bikeways from being built in ATP-funded projects. Gus mentioned that there was robust opposition to these bills and that they were not expected to move forward. He also noted the Legislature would reconvene on August 5 and that the Governor has until September 30 to review and sign bills. In addition, Gus proposed kicking off the 2025 legislative platform exercise earlier in the year to build better relationships with legislators and staff and discuss gas tax successor options. Gus recommended adding a placeholder for the next Directors' meeting to discuss these items.

Washington D.C.**Jen Covino**

Jen Covino discussed political developments in Washington, DC, including President Biden's announcement not to run for reelection and Vice President Harris's expected selection of a running mate this week. Trump's Vice-Presidential candidate JD Vance was in Fresno this week, talking with Valley farmers. Jen will advise Directors on preparations for transitions on Capitol Hill in January 2025, regardless of who is elected. She also provided an update on the FY 2025 budget and

appropriations process, noting that there were likely to be issues between the House and Senate. She shared that the Senate had scaled back some requests from California's 2 Senators in the THUD bill, and that only one of the projects is related to transportation. Jen also emphasized the importance of including space in the legislative platform to advocate for plan approvals from federal agencies.

4. Committee Updates

a. Valley Legislative Affairs committee (VLAC)

Robert provided updates on committee reports and the VLAC meeting. Gus mentioned an upcoming Senate Rules Committee hearing for Leanne Eager's reappointment to CTC, which Robert will attend in person.

b. SJV Swap Meet

Ofelia introduced herself as the new chair of the Swap Meet, which serves as a resource platform for programming personnel from the MPOs. Last month, the group discussed FTIPs. The next meeting will focus on RTPs and future plans to improve the OA process. Ryan provided a heads up about a guidelines workshop for the Solutions for Congested Corridors program and emphasized the importance of advocating for projects not to be ineligible based on timing of plan adoptions.

c. Housing and Land Use

Kim Anderson shared that there were no updates on housing but expected more to report in the coming months.

d. Travel Modelers Group

Rob Ball announced that the Modelers group would be meeting on August 19th. The group will discuss the Rural Induced Travel Study, which has received pushback. He reminded Directors of the match requirement for each MPO ranging between \$5k and \$30k.

5. SJV Reap Program

Robert Phipps

Robert discussed the REAP program, which officially ends on December 31st. He emphasized the need for invoices from jurisdictions by September 30th to facilitate the closeout report. He also announced that an additional \$732,829 would be used to complete TCAG's full allocation for the REAP program and a housing element implementation guide. Robert warned that any unspent funds would be clawed back after December 31st. He also mentioned ongoing work on the small lot planning study and the objective design standards guide. Finally, he reported that 24 jurisdictions had requested technical assistance, and the next technical advisory committee meeting was scheduled for August 13th.

6. San Joaquin Valley Annual Policy Conference

Stacie Guzman

Elizabeth Forte reported for Stacie Guzman that the tentative dates for the Annual Policy Conference are April 9-11, 2025, with UC Merced and Downtown Merced as possible venues. MCAG will begin coordinating with VRPA, and the official dates will be released soon.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Caltrans Directors' Report

**Michael Navarro |
Grace Magsayo**

Michael Navarro, District 6, announced Jim Perault's promotion, the hiring of an engagement coordinator Mimi Odemi, and the launch of Caltrans' engagement portal. He stated that the SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) virtual public workshops have been completed

and public feedback is currently being reviewed and project lists compiled. Terri mentioned the reopening of State Route 41 after bridge replacement work. Grace Magsayo, District 10, congratulated MCAH and SJCOG on recent grant awards of over \$3 million. Discussions with MCAG on gap closures are underway.

8. California High-Speed Rail

Toni Tinoco

No update provided.

9. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority – Passenger Rail

Michael Hanebutt

Michael Hanebutt noted that he has completed a summary highlighting rail projects in the Valley and is working on RTT Vision one-page summaries for each MPO. He discussed the need for strategic messaging around California's high-speed rail project in light of upcoming elections and added that these summaries can be used in the letter to CARB discussed in Item 2. Jen Covino highlighted the potential scrutiny of the HSRA projects given the election cycle and emphasized the importance of focusing on local benefits in the Valley.

10. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Tom Jordan

Tom Jordan reported on the approval of a 2.5 PM plan by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a rescinding of the plan, its resubmittal, and a pending ozone contingency plan. Tom Jordan noted the 2012 Attainment Plan for PM 2.5 standards is going to their board this month for approval. They are still working on the contingency issue with EPA. Approval by the EPA is needed by November; otherwise, there will be highway sanctions.

11. Miocar EV Car Sharing

Michael Sigala

No formal report was provided; however, Kim Anderson shared the success of the Sustainable Transportation Equity Program in San Joaquin County.

12. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

No report provided.

OTHER ITEMS

13. Director Items

None

14. Public Presentations for items not on the agenda

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:27 AM

Next Meeting September 5, 2024, 10:00 AM (Meeting will be run by Vice Chair Stacie Guzman)

A Valley Voice Pre-Trip Planning Meeting will be held on August 23, 2024, between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Speaking roles for the Valley Voice Washington D.C. trip will be identified at this meeting.

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Participants

Individual	Organization
Brenda Thomas	Fresno Council of Governments
Ofelia Abundez	Fresno Council of Governments
Paul Herman	Fresno Council of Governments
Simrah Jhutti	Fresno Council of Governments
Becky Napier	Kern Council of Governments
Rob Ball	Kern Council of Governments
Dylan Stone	Madera County Transportation Commission
Jeff Findlay	Madera County Transportation Commission
Elizabeth Forte	Merced County Association of Governments
Meg Prince	Merced County Association of Governments
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Monica Streeeter	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Nick St. Cook	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Ben Kimball	Tulare County Association of Governments
Roberto Brady	Tulare County Association of Governments
Tom Jordan	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Michael Hanebutt	San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Michael Navarro	Caltrans, District 6
Grace Magsayo	Caltrans, District 10
Tom Dumas	Caltrans, District 10
Jen Covino	Covino, Smith & Simon
David Gellman	Covino, Smith & Simon
Georgiena Vivian	Valleywide Coordinator, VRPA
Carolina Ilic	Valleywide Coordinator, VRPA

AGENDA ITEM 2a.

***Request for Additional Budget for Contract # C-21-062 Valley-wide Air
Quality Planning and Coordination Services***

August 1, 2024

SJV RPA Directors' Committee
555 E. Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202

Re: Request for Additional Budget for Contract # C-21-062 Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination Services

Dear San Joaquin Valley RPA Directors' Committee,

Trinity Consultants, Inc. (Trinity) requests that the Directors' Committee authorizes an additional **\$35,000** under the Valley-Wide AQ Planning and Coordination Services Contract.

Additional funds are needed during this budget year to accomplish the following tasks:

- Development of the SJV Second PM10 Maintenance Plan, including coordination with the Air District and CARB on conformity budget development and implementing a revised road dust calculation methodology for future conformity analyses.
- Additional coordination with CARB and EPA to resolve EMFAC2021 conformity issues for the 2026 RTP which may include an ozone SIP budget update.
- Participation in CARB workshops on the development of the latest EMFAC202Y model and testing the beta version to ensure that the Valley MPOs can continue to demonstrate conformity post 2026.
- Development of the final project-level conformity guidance, POAQC checklist, and other templates to streamline conformity determinations and ensure timely project delivery.
- Provide technical support for SB375 target setting, including assistance with auto operating cost methodology update, off model strategies, and other socioeconomic elements affecting VMT.

We hope to continue our work with you and your staff and to continue providing support in a timely fashion and within budget. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,



Alex Marcucci

Principal Consultant
Project Manager

AGENDA ITEM 3b.

Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update



Covino Smith & Simon
1155 15th Street NW Suite 405
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To: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee
From: Jen Covino, President
David Gellman, Senior Advisor
Date: August 28, 2024
Subject: Federal Budget, Policy, and Legislative Update

See below for a review of developments at the federal level of interest to the Central Valley. Topics include Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget and appropriations, a reminder on Direct Pay from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and current and upcoming federal funding opportunities from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Please let us know if we can answer any questions or provide further information.

FY 2025 Budget and Appropriations

Congressional leaders are deliberating the length of a Continuing Resolution (CR) that the House of Representatives and the Senate intend to consider upon the return of Members of Congress from the August recess. Lawmakers in both chambers are scheduled to return to Capitol Hill on September 9, 2024 and will have just three weeks to pass a stopgap measure before funding for the current fiscal year is set to expire on September 30, 2024. Some conservative members, including the House Freedom Caucus (HFC), have advocated to keep the federal government funded through the first or second quarter of early 2025, providing lawmakers elected to serve in the 119th Session of Congress the opportunity to finalize Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations working with a new presidential administration. However, the move would put House Republican leadership at odds with House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole, as well as Senate and House Democrats, who have remained steadfast in their preference to pass spending bills leading up to or during the lame-duck session. Leadership is also debating which policy provisions, if any, will be included in the CR, including the current extension of the Farm Bill that will also expire on September 30, extensions of other expiring expirations requested by the Administration, and immigrant voting legislation requested by conservative Republicans. We will be sure to keep you updated on the status of the CR over the weeks ahead.

Direct Pay

As the Biden-Harris Administration celebrated the recent second anniversary of the *Inflation Reduction Act* (P.L. 117-169), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [reminded](#) local governments and other entities interested in claiming tax incentives available through the





Direct Pay provisions of the law for projects placed in service in 2023 to complete the mandatory pre-filing registration process. As a reminder, Direct Pay (or "elective payment") was authorized by the IRA to allow units of local government and other tax exempt and governmental entities to receive a payment equal to the value of new and expanded tax credits authorized by the law for a variety of clean energy projects. Eligible incentives are organized by project area and outlined in a [fact sheet](#). This comprehensive White House [website](#) outlines the process to claim those payments, while this [table](#) offers a review of eligible projects and the amounts of the corresponding tax credits.

Pre-filing registration is a requirement for eligible taxpayers to receive direct or elective payment of these tax credits. The registration number generated by the pre-filing registration tool must be included on a taxpayer's annual return and filed before any payments can be received. IRS recommends that taxpayers submit pre-filing registration "at least 120 days prior to when the organization or entity plans to file its tax return on which it will make its election." The agency continues to host office hours to assist project sponsors in navigating the pre-filing registration process, and we have included information and registration links for upcoming sessions below:

- September 4, 2024 (1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET): [Registration](#)
- September 18, 2024 (1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET): [Registration](#)
- October 2, 2024 (1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. ET): [Registration](#)

The National League of Cities (NLC) and Government Finance Officers Associations (GFOA) [published](#) a [brief](#) highlighting how communities can take advantage of tax incentives for clean energy projects eligible under the Direct Pay. We encourage all units of local government, special district governments, and your partners in tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to review this opportunity and consider how these tax credits may be applicable and beneficial to your clean energy projects under development.

Current Funding Opportunities

U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary

[DOT FY 2024-2026 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program](#)
(Deadline: September 30, 2024)

Federal Highway Administration

[DOT FHWA FY 2024-2026 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program](#)
(FY 2024 and 2025 Deadline: September 4, 2024)
[DOT FHWA Charging and Fueling Discretionary Grant Opportunity: Round 2](#)





(New Application Deadline: September 11)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)

(FY 2023 Deadline: September 23, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)

(FY 2025 Deadline: October 1, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2024-2026 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program](#)

(FY 2024 Deadline: October 16, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)

(FY 2025 Deadline: November 1, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2022 Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program](#)

(Deadline: November 25, 2024)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)

(FY 2025 Notice of Intent Deadline: April 15, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)

(FY 2025 Full Application Deadline: May 27, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)

(FY 2024 Application Opens: June 23, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Large Bridge Project Grants](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: August 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2024-2026 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: August 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2024-2026 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program](#)

(FY 2025 Deadline: August 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)

(FY 2024 Deadline: August 25, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Planning Grants](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: October 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program: Bridge Project Grants](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: November 1, 2025)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)

(FY 2026 Notice of Intent Deadline: April 14, 2026)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 Accelerated Innovation Deployment Demonstration Grants](#)

(FY 2026 Full Application Deadline: May 26, 2026)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)

(FY 2025 Application Opens: June 22, 2026)

[DOT FHWA FY 2024-2026 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: August 1, 2026)



[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)

(FY 2025 Deadline: August 24, 2026)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)

(FY 2026 Application Opens: June 21, 2027)

[DOT FHWA FY 2023-2026 National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program](#)

(FY 2026 Deadline: August 23, 2027)

Federal Transit Administration

[DOT FTA FY 2024 Enhancing Mobility Innovation Program](#)

(Deadline: August 30, 2024)

Federal Railroad Administration

[DOT FY 2023-2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program](#)

(Deadline: September 23, 2024)

[DOT FRA FY 2021-2024 Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program](#)

(Deadline: September 30, 2024)

Federal Aviation Administration

[DOT FAA FY 2025 Contract Tower Competitive Grant Program](#)

(Deadline: September 18, 2024)

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has shared a [calendar of upcoming notices](#) for your awareness and planning. Please let us know if you have any interest in applying for these upcoming solicitations as soon as possible.

September

OST Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

OST Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Demonstration Program

FHWA Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT)

FRA Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (National)





Fall

OST Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)
FHWA Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities

AGENDA ITEM 4d.
Committee Updates
Travel Modelers Group

DRAFT MEETING NOTES
Valley COG's Travel Modelers Group Meeting
1pm Monday August 19, 2024

Introductions:

Fresno COG: Paul Herman, Pankaj Joshi, Santos Bhattarai, Shichen Fan
Kern COG: Ben Raymond, Rob Ball, Ed Flickinger, Karl Davisson, Vincent Liu
KCAG : Terri King, Anusha Musunuru, Sravya Kamalapuram
MCTC: Dylan Stone
MCAG: Elizabeth Forte, Rui Mai
SJCOG: Travis Yokoyama, Ryan Niblock
StanCOG: Elisabeth Han, Lawrence Liao
TCAG: Kasia Poleszczuk, Roberto, John Washam, Steven Ingoldsby

Caltrans: David Berg, Steven Vo, Kalin Pachecho, Stephen Driver

Consultants:

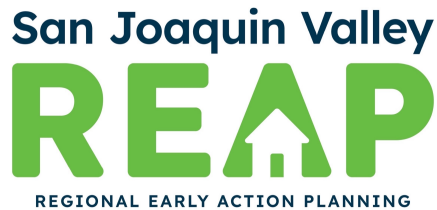
Mike Wallace F&P + MCAG
John Gibb – DKS + Kern COG
Sri Desikan, Steve Ferguson - StreetLight

1. Valley Models Assessment - Update from F&P (Mike Wallace)
Mike Wallace reported on the status of the model assessment. There are a number of pieces still being worked on. Mike will send out an email requesting some additional information from the MPOs and is reviewing ARB comments on SCSs to help address them.
2. ARB SCS updates check-in (Rob Ball)
 - i) 2022 SCS Review & Technical Methodology (Update from each MPO/open discussion) & Target Setting Recommendations Deadline Oct 31st.
Each MPO reported on Status of CARB 2022 SCS Review Process. Only a few MPO's (Kern, Fresno, Stanislaus) have received email approvals (not a formal approval), some more than 1-year ago, many are waiting on a response from ARB on their first submittal. Each MPO reported on Technical Methodology for the 2026 RTP. Many MPOs are beginning to develop with a few further along. Kern has submitted theirs.
Each MPO reported on Target Setting Recommendations **Deadline Oct. 31**. MPOs are hopeful to incorporate latest model updates and data, but would definitely need more time. The Group would like to push for a later date to submit recommendations to ARB. Ryan Niblock mentioned that they and Trinity will be working on a joint submittal for the Valley COGs. Only Fresno COG thought that they would be able to do their target setting using their 2026 RTP/SCS model. The rest are likely to use their 2022 models if more time is not granted by ARB.
 - ii) SB 150 Dashboard – Response Letter/s
Deadline for comment letters is August 28th, 2024. Kern COG raised concerns about the difference between the dashboard and the RTP/SCSs requiring a disclaimer or footnote to avoid potential confusion between the two numbers. No volunteers to try to compile comment letters by the deadline. Kern COG said they would bring the issue up to CALCOG and request that they submit a letter with our concerns.

3. Auto Operating Cost & Conformity Outreach/ Other conformity updates (Alex Marcucci)
Alex will be sending out an email update later this week.
 4. Valleywide Traffic Count Program vs Big Data – Streetlight Demo (Rob Ball/Steve Ferguson - StreetLight)
A presentation was made by StreetLight. TCAG, MCTC, and Stanislaus County have licenses for StreetLight Data. The V-TRANSFRM Climate Adaptation grant from Caltrans will include the purchase of big data like that provided by StreetLight.
 5. Rural Induced Travel Study – Announcement (Rob Ball)
The final report should be released this month. Here is the website:
<https://www.nctc.ca.gov/Reports/RCTF-Rural-Induced-Demand-Study/index.html>
 6. Update on V-TRANSFRM Climate Adaption Grant (Roberto Brady)
Roberto provided an overview of the project and emailed a table of each agency’s match amount. The up-coming Kick-off meeting with Caltrans is soon. The grant includes funding for each MPO to do pre-environmental 30% conceptual design and cost estimation on a freight related climate adaptation/co-benefit project to be selected in part by the public outreach process.
 7. Modeling Micro-Transit (Kasia Poleszczuk/open discussion)
Discussed possibility for modeling Micro-Transit. The Group consensus along with input from consultants, was to use data to adjust off-model for Micro-Transit.
 8. Statewide Travel Model Updates (Caltrans update – Steven Vo) – New combined statewide travel model and freight model scheduled to be released in March 2025. Here is the link for making a travel model request
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/66ec1d99679c4fc3b49e46870fca5ef0>
 9. Other Items / Updates from Staff
- Next meeting November 4, 1pm**

AGENDA ITEM 5

SJV REAP Program



REAP Update September 5, 2024

- **The REAP program will end on December 31, 2024. All invoices from MPOs to Fresno COG are due by September 30, 2024.**
- A July 2024 advance invoice request for \$732,829 has been approved HCD. This amount will be used for an Objective Design Standards guide for Valley jurisdictions, and for TCAG's multijurisdictional housing element.
- An August advance invoice request for \$749,000 has been submitted to HCD. This amount will be used for multijurisdictional housing element cost overruns in Tulare (\$519k), Kings (\$80k) and Merced (\$150k) counties.
- **ADU and AFFH only Technical Assistance** to Valley jurisdictions is available utilizing the following consultants:
 - Precision Engineering (ADU)
 - VTA (AFFH)

28 jurisdictions have requested technical assistance to date: *Arvin, McFarland, Atwater, Kingsburg, Bakersfield, Clovis, Stanislaus County, Hughson, Wasco, Stockton, Madera County, Madera, Merced County, Tulare County, Kings County, Selma, Lodi, Parlier, Porterville, Merced, Gustine, Dos Palos, Lemoore, Woodlake, Lindsay, Dinuba, Farmersville, and Exeter.*

Jurisdictions can request technical assistance via a web site portal:

<https://sjvcogs.org/reap/reap-technical-assistance/>

- **Additional Valleywide work efforts include:**
 - Comprehensive Housing Report; status – complete and available on-line.
 - Housing Element Data Sets; status – complete and available on-line.
 - ADU Template Program; status – complete, on-line, ongoing TA.
 - Guide to Recent California Housing Laws and Policies Affecting Local Land-Use Planning; status – complete and available on-line. *Update pending.*
 - RHNA Insights GIS Tool (UF); status – complete, 11 jurisdictions/COGs are utilizing.
 - Condo Construction Analysis (EPS); status – complete and available on-line.
 - Inclusionary Housing Analysis (EPS); status – complete and available on-line.
 - Water Supply/SGMA Analysis (Mintier/Rincon Consultants); status- complete and available on-line.
 - Small lot planning study is underway with Mintier Harnish, complete.
 - Residential Objective Design Standards Guidebook, pending.
 - REAP Workshop Series -
 - ***Next workshop is scheduled for October 22, 2024. Topic is Small Lot Planning Study for the SJV.***
- **REAP TAC Committee** meeting was held on August 13th. The next TAC meeting will occur on September 10th.