

San Joaquin Valley Regional Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 6, 2026
10:00 am



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☐	☐	Jay Schlosser Vice Chair Kern COG	☐	☐	Ted Smalley TCAG
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☐	☐	Amber Collins StanCOG	☐	☐	Samir Sheikh SJVAPCD
☐	☐	Stacie Guzman MCAG	☐	☐	Ahdel Ahmed SJJPA

ITEM	PRESENTER	ENCLOSURE
A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Taylor	
B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
1. July 2, 2026, Directors' Meeting	Chair Taylor	Yes
C. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS		
1. RTP/SCS Updates and Air Quality Issues	<i>Ted Smalley, Ryan Niblock & Alex Marcucci</i>	
<i>a. SB 375 – 2026 GHG Reduction Targets</i>	<i>Ryan Niblock</i>	
<i>b. Federal Air Quality Conformity</i>	<i>Ryan Niblock & Alex Marcucci</i>	
2. SJV Air Quality and State Implementation Plan (SIP) Update	<i>Samir Sheikh</i>	
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3. Legislative Updates		
<i>a. State</i>		
1). State Legislative Update	Gus Khouri	

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<i>b. Federal</i>		
1). Federal Legislative Update	Jen Covino	
2). Planning Status: Washington, D.C. Valley Voice Trip – September 15-16, 2026	Jen Covino & Georgiena Vivian	
4. Status – Project Delivery Road Map Planning Process	Chair Taylor & Georgiena Vivian	
5. Committee Updates		
<i>a. SJV Swap Meet</i>	<i>Blake Dunford</i>	
<i>b. Housing and Land Use</i>	<i>Kim Anderson</i>	
<i>c. Travel Modelers Group</i>	<i>Rob Ball</i>	
D. INFORMATION ITEMS		
<i>The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. The individuals listed will provide a <u>brief</u> verbal update at the meeting.</i>		
1. Caltrans Directors' Report	Michael Navarro, D6 Grace Magsayo, D10	
2. California High-Speed Rail	Allison Rodriguez, Augie Blancas, CHSRA	
3. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority – Passenger Rail	Ahdel Ahmed	
4. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	Mark Montelongo	
5. Future Meetings/Agenda Items: <i>a. August 21, 2026 - Policy Council Meeting – Pre Valley Voice Meeting</i> <i>b. September 3, 2026 - Directors' Committee Meeting</i> <i>c. Valley Voice Washington D.C. Trip – September 15-16, 2026</i> <i>d. October 1, 2026 – Directors' Committee Meeting (Tentative – Meeting date may change)</i>	Georgiena Vivian	
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E. DIRECTOR ITEMS	Chair Taylor	
F. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Chair Taylor	
<i>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.</i>		
G. ADJOURN MEETING	Chair Taylor	
H. NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETING: Thursday, September 3, 2026.		
I. DIRECTORS' ONLY SESSION – SCHEDULED		

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OTHER ATTENDEES:

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☐	☐	Stephan Sanchez Kern COG	☐	☐	Georgiena Vivian SJV Coordinator VRPA
☐	☐	Rob Ball Kern COG	☐	☐	Carolina Ilic VRPA Technologies
☐	☐	Kayley Clay KCAG	☐	☐	Dena Graham VRPA Technologies
☐	☐	Ben Kimball TCAG	☐	☐	Ryan Vivian VRPA Technologies
☐	☐	Steven Ingoldsby TCAG	☐	☐	Gus Khouri Khouri Consulting
☐	☐	Roberto Brady TCAG	☐	☐	Jen Covino Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☐	Ben Giuliani TCAG	☐	☐	David Gellman Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☐	Aime Kane TCAG	☐	☐	Aly Hernandez Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☐	Kasia Poleszczuk TCAG	☐	☐	Alex Marcucci Trinity Consultants
☐	☐	Paul Herman Fresno COG	☐	☐	Allison Rodriguez CHSRA
☐	☐	Ofelia Abundez Fresno COG	☐	☐	Augie Blancas CHSRA
☐	☐	Simran Sangha Fresno COG	☐	☐	Michael Navarro Caltrans D6
☐	☐	Brenda Thomas Fresno COG	☐	☐	Braden Duran Caltrans D6
☐	☐	Mykia Byrd Fresno COG	☐	☐	Harpreet Binning Caltrans D6
☐	☐	Erin Haagenson Fresno COG	☐	☐	Shane Gunn Caltrans D6
☐	☐	Blake Rincon Fresno COG	☐	☐	Nabeelah Abi-Rached Caltrans D6
☐	☐	Santosh Bhattarai Fresno COG	☐	☐	Grace Magsayo Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Dylan Stone MCTC	☐	☐	Caleb Brock Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Jeff Findley MCTC	☐	☐	Eric Mather Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Evelyn Espinosa MCTC	☐	☐	Tom Dumas Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Nav Bagri MCAG	☐	☐	Duper Tong Caltrans, D10
☐	☐	Elizabeth Forte MCAG	☐	☐	Gurwinder Sekhon Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Meg Prince MCAG	☐	☐	Gregoria Ponce Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Stephanie Jackson MCAG	☐	☐	Gabbie Sefranek Caltrans D10
☐	☐	Jose Luis Caceres StanCOG	☐	☐	Natalia Castillo Deleon Caltrans
☐	☐	Monica Streeter StanCOG	☐	☐	Bill Higgins CALCOG
☐	☐	Nick St. Cook StanCOG	☐	☐	Sabrina Bradbury CALCOG
☐	☐	Shannon Silva StanCOG	☐	☐	Gregory McAteer CALCOG
☐	☐	Josephine Oshana StanCOG	☐	☐	Vincenzo Caporale CALCOG
☐	☐	Jean Foletta StanCOG	☐	☐	Michael Sigala Sigala, Inc.
☐	☐	Cindy Malekos StanCOG	☐	☐	Rene Gutierrez ACE Rail
☐	☐	Ryan Niblock SJCOG	☐	☐	Peter Whippy CHSRA
☐	☐	Kim Anderson SJCOG	☐	☐	Kristine Cai LSA
☐	☐	Yvette Davis SJCOG	☐	☐	
☐	☐	Christine Corrales SJCOG	☐	☐	
☐	☐	Blake Dunford SJCOG	☐	☐	
☐	☐	Mark Montelongo SJVAPCD	☐	☐	
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AGENDA ITEM 1

July 2, 2026 Directors' Committee

Meeting Minutes

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A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Taylor	
Chair Patricia Taylor, MCTC, called the July 2, 2026, meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Agencies' Directors' Committee to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. She welcomed the Directors and attendees and thanked SJCOG for hosting the in-person Directors' Retreat Outcome Workshop held the previous day.		
B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
1. June 4, 2026, Directors' Meeting	Chair Taylor	Yes
The Committee reviewed the June 4, 2026, Directors' Committee meeting minutes. Robert Phipps, Fresno COG, moved approval of the minutes, and Stacie Guzman, MCAG, seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion or proposed corrections, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes as presented.		
C. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS		
1. RTP/SCS Updates and Air Quality Issues	<i>Ted Smalley, Ryan Niblock & Alex Marcucci</i>	
a. SB 375 – 2026 GHG Reduction Targets	<i>Ryan Niblock</i>	

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Ryan Niblock, SJCOG, reported that CARB continues to indicate that it intends to maintain the existing greenhouse gas reduction targets as the regions begin preparing their 2030 RTP/SCS documents. CARB has suggested that factors making target attainment more difficult could be offset statewide by other factors, including methods for crediting state investment in zero-emission vehicle deployment. Ryan cautioned that statewide assumptions may not reflect the San Joaquin Valley's circumstances because several conditions affecting travel behavior and emissions disproportionately burden the Valley compared with coastal and larger metropolitan regions.

Ryan advised that CARB is also expected to receive advocacy comments seeking stronger targets. To provide a defensible technical record supporting the Valley's position, the Thursday morning working group directed him to coordinate with the Valley Travel Modelers Group to compile a catalog of Valley-specific challenges, supporting data, and technical justification. Rob Ball, Kern COG, had already begun organizing the modeling group, and staff from each MPO would be asked to contribute information. The initial technical coordination was expected to occur during July, with follow-up work as needed.

b. Federal Air Quality Conformity

*Ryan Niblock &
Alex Marcucci*

Ryan Niblock, SJCOG, provided an update on the pending EPA action associated with adjustments to the 2008 ozone motor-vehicle emissions budgets. Based on information from the Air District, EPA was preparing a proposed action that would initiate a 30-day public-comment period. If no significant issues arise, final approval could follow approximately two weeks later, potentially in mid-August.

Ryan explained that this timing creates a potential issue for MPOs scheduled to approve their RTP/SCS, environmental documents, FTIP, and conformity determinations in early August. Board resolutions and environmental findings generally refer to the latest approved SIP and emissions budgets. Agencies adopting before EPA's final action may need carefully reviewed explanatory language or may need to consider whether approval should be deferred until September. Staff will continue monitoring the federal action and provide updates as additional information becomes available.

*c. ACTION: Request for Additional Budget for
Contract # C-21-062 Valley-wide Air Quality
Planning and Coordination Services, Trinity
Consulting*

Ryan Niblock

Ryan Niblock, SJCOG, requested authorization to use the \$25,000 contingency portion of Contract No. C-21-062 for Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination Services provided by Trinity Consultants. He explained that the annual contract authorizes \$200,000, but only \$175,000 is immediately available unless the Directors' Committee releases the contingency. Due to the extensive air-quality and conformity work required during the 2026 RTP/SCS cycle, Trinity had nearly exhausted the available budget by the beginning of July.

Ryan advised that additional consultant work would remain necessary after adoption of the RTP/SCS documents, particularly if approval of the 2015 ozone SIP causes the Valley to transition to a Valley-wide conformity budget before the individual subareas are able to demonstrate conformity independently. He therefore expected to return with a scope and budget proposal for services needed through the remainder of the calendar year.

Ted Smalley, TCAG, moved to authorize use of the \$25,000 contingency and directed Ryan to return with a proposal for the remaining 2026 services. Robert Phipps, Fresno COG, seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion. Chair Taylor and Ted thanked Ryan Niblock, Alex Marcucci, and the participating staff for their leadership during the technically demanding conformity process.

**2. SJV Air Quality and State Implementation Plan (SIP)
Update**

Samir Sheikh

Mark Montelongo, SJVAPCD, provided the Air District update on behalf of Director Samir Sheikh. He stated that the District was monitoring publication of EPA's proposed action on the motor vehicle emissions budgets and would notify the MPOs when the action appeared in the Federal Register.

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Mark reported that EPA proposed granting the Valley a five-year extension of the attainment deadline for the 2012 annual PM2.5 standard, from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2030. The proposed extension was subject to a 30-day public-comment period and reflected extensive coordination among the Air District, CARB, EPA, and the regional agencies. He also reported that EPA finalized an action correcting a prior attainment-date extension for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 standard and determined that the Valley did not attain that standard by the December 31, 2019, deadline. The District was evaluating the implications with CARB and EPA and would continue updating the Committee on SIP and rulemaking actions.

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3. Legislative Updates		
a. State		
1). State Legislative Update	Gus Khouri	
Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting/Actum, State Legislative Advocate, reported that the Legislature was completing policy-committee deadlines before adjourning for summer recess on July 3. Legislators were expected to return August 3 for a compressed final month of session ending August 31, after which the Governor would have until the end of September to sign or veto bills. Gus summarized transportation-related budget actions. The Legislature deferred the larger Cap and Invest discussion but extended the temporary transit farebox-recovery-ratio relief through Fiscal Year 2026/27, providing noncompliant operators an additional grace period before penalties would be assessed. He noted continuing uncertainty regarding the remaining SB 125 appropriations, the proposed treatment of Tier 3 transportation programs, declining diesel sales tax revenue supporting the State Transit Assistance Program, and the long-term stability of transit funding. The budget included approximately \$150 million for the AB 617 community air-protection program, which was viewed as a positive development amid the broader structural deficit. Gus also discussed AB 2168. Earlier language would have encouraged RTPAs to direct a larger share of STIP funds to active transportation in order to improve competitiveness for State ATP funding. That provision was removed. The revised bill instead emphasizes timely expenditure of ATP funds and stronger connections to transit stops, school-bus stops, and Safe Routes to School. Gus stated that the bill no longer presented the same concern and could be monitored or supported at the Committee's discretion. The majority of the discussion concerned SB 1087. Gus explained that the bill had advanced from the Assembly Transportation Committee and was expected to be considered by the Appropriations Committee after recess. He identified several benefits, including deadlines for CARB review of an SCS, integration of the Alternative Planning Strategy into the SCS process, a potential shift from a four-year to an eight-year SCS preparation cycle, and a regional target-setting process. He also identified unresolved concerns: agencies that document an inability to meet targets should not become less competitive for SB 1 funding; a required four-year progress report should not become a rigid CARB checklist; and reporting on capacity-increasing projects should recognize safety, funding availability, project readiness, and adopted State and regional plans. Ted Smalley, TCAG, emphasized that the State cannot reduce funding for transit, housing, and other measures needed to meet 2035 targets while expecting the Valley to achieve the same outcomes. Stacie Guzman requested greater clarity regarding the certification provisions for smaller MPOs and expressed concern that language intended to provide flexibility could later be narrowed or removed. Robert Phipps, Fresno COG, acknowledged the bill's deficiencies but stated that, on balance, it could provide a net benefit compared with the status quo. Bill Higgins, CALCOG, discussed strategies for defending the smaller MPO provisions and potentially pursuing a future environmental-review approach that would reduce litigation exposure without eliminating meaningful analysis. The Committee did not take a formal position on SB 1087. The Committee directed Gus Khouri and Bill Higgins to work with the Directors over the next several weeks to identify specific amendments and prepare a potential support-if-amended position. Jay Schlosser, Kern COG, recommended that the Valley clearly define its requested language before communicating a position, and the Committee concurred with that approach.		
b. Federal		

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1). Federal Legislative Update	Jen Covino	
David Gellman, Covino, Smith & Simon, provided the Federal Legislative Update on behalf of Jen Covino. Congress had adjourned for the Independence Day recess and was expected to return July 14. He reported that Senate appropriations work remained stalled because of disagreements over top-line funding and other scheduling issues. If the Senate resumed markups after recess, the Valley would learn whether its requested projects were included in Senate appropriations measures. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee continued negotiating surface transportation reauthorization legislation, but time was becoming limited before the current authorization expires at the end of September. David said an extension through the end of the calendar year appeared increasingly possible if Congress could not complete a new bill. He also noted House and Senate work on the biennial Water Resources Development Act and offered to continue tracking water-infrastructure authorizations relevant to Valley agencies. At the U.S. Department of Transportation, initial BUILD grant notifications were beginning to emerge. Several grant programs had July deadlines, including ATTAIN technology grants, the truck-parking component of INFRA, the Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage Program, and the Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program. FHWA has also released guidance and design resources for America 250 highway signage. In response to a question from Jay Schlosser, Kern COG, regarding a pending Federal Railroad Administration grant program, David agreed to research the anticipated award schedule.		
2). Planning Status: Washington, D.C. Valley Voice Trip – September 15-16, 2026	Jen Covino & Georgiena Vivian	
Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies, SJV Coordinator, reported that travel and lodging reservations for the September 15-16 Valley Voice Washington, D.C., trip were substantially in place. She requested final attendee information from a couple of member agencies. Ahdel Ahmed confirmed that he and SJPA Chief Executive Officer Chris Orlando expected to attend, subject to final confirmation following the agency's Board meeting. David Gellman, Covino, Smith & Simon, reported that a room-reservation request had been submitted for many of the delegation meetings. Georgiena stated that VRPA would continue coordinating with David and Jen on the federal platform, meeting brochure, priority projects, and delegation logistics. Directors and their staff were asked to send platform comments by close of business July 15 so revisions could be presented to the Executive Committee on July 17. Project and appropriation information could continue to be refined thereafter, but early comments on organization and policy priorities were requested.		
3). Review Preliminary Draft Federal Platform	Jen Covino	
David Gellman reviewed the preliminary federal platform for the 2026 Valley Voice trip. The principal section addresses surface transportation reauthorization and begins with provisions in the House proposal that benefit the Valley, including efforts to strengthen the Highway Trust Fund, expand formula funding, empower MPOs, guarantee bridge funding, and address goods movement and farm-to-market routes. The platform would also request stronger Federal support for passenger rail because the House proposal would reduce funding for several rail programs. Space was reserved to incorporate and compare a future Senate bill. Other sections address further NEPA and permitting streamlining; air-quality SIP and conformity issues, including changes arising from Federal waiver actions; continued investment in State Route 99; pending U.S. DOT grant applications; and Federal appropriations and community-project-funding requests. David requested that agencies provide any pending projects or earmark requests not already reflected in the draft. Ted Smalley, TCAG, specifically asked that the platform more strongly emphasize the importance of the new farm-to-market program and the Valley's long-standing advocacy for agricultural freight routes. David agreed to strengthen that language. The Committee directed agencies to submit written platform comments to Georgiena Vivian and the federal advocates by the end of July 15. The revised platform would then be reviewed by the Executive Committee and later by the Policy Council in preparation for the September trip.		

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4. Information/Discussion, Direction may be provided: Support of California Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles	Chair Taylor	
Chair Taylor, MCTC, discussed the California Surface Transportation Reauthorization Principles and noted that the sign-on deadline was July 31. CALCOG intended to sign the principles after consulting with AMPO and NARC, and the Central Coast region was also considering support. Bill Higgins explained that he had weighed concerns about differences between State and MPO priorities against California's unusually strong partnership with regional agencies, including substantial local discretion over Federal transportation funds. Robert Phipps, Fresno COG, moved that the Directors' Committee, or preferably the Policy Council, sign the principles. No second was offered, and the motion failed. Jay Schlosser, Kern COG, and Chair Taylor expressed concern that some State principles could conflict with MPO priorities advanced by AMPO, including direct access to planning funds and other regional provisions. Stacie Guzman, MCAG, indicated that she shared those concerns but had not completed a detailed review. The Committee agreed not to submit a separate Valley signature at the time and to rely on CALCOG's participation unless circumstances changed before the July 31 deadline.		
5. Brief Recap – Directors' Retreat Outcome Workshop (held July 1, 2026)	Georgiena Vivian	
Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies, SJV Coordinator, summarized the Directors' Retreat Outcome Workshop held July 1 at SJCOG. She thanked SJCOG for hosting and reported that the workshop generated substantial participation from both in-person and virtual attendees. Because SB 1087 had already been discussed earlier in the meeting, she did not repeat that portion of the workshop. She noted that the Directors reviewed the vision statement developed during the April/May retreat. Following an edit proposed by Stacie Guzman, MCAG, the group approved the revised vision statement and the associated goals and strategic priorities. These elements will be incorporated into the Valley-wide FY 2026/27 Overall Work Program when the next set of amendments is prepared and approved by the Policy Council. Georgiena noted that Diane Nguyen, SJCOG, led discussion of a Regional Transportation Project Priorities Roadmap intended to strengthen Federal advocacy by identifying a limited number of regionally significant, competitive, and project-ready priorities. Directors supported objective selection criteria and a standardized nomination process while continuing to support existing congressional requests. Georgiena also noted that SJCOG would provide its project-nomination template, and staff would develop a Valley-wide selection and evaluation process over the following several months to improve competitiveness for Federal discretionary funding and support future Valley Voice efforts.		
6. Committee Updates		
a. SJV Swap Meet	Kayley Clay	
Kayley Clay, KCAG, reported that the SJV Swap Meet had recently discussed preparation of the 2027 FTIP, including comments received from Caltrans by MPOs already in public review and lessons for agencies preparing to release their documents. Members also recapped the June legislative day and reviewed issues that could affect regional agencies in the near term. The group discussed STIP programming and project-delivery coordination because KCAG and Caltrans had experienced differing interpretations of certain requirements. Kayley also announced the annual leadership transition: Blake Dunford, SJCOG, would become Chair, and Aime Kane, TCAG, would serve as Vice Chair. Chair Taylor, MCTC, thanked Kayley for her service and regular reports during the previous year.		
b. Housing and Land Use	Kim Anderson	
Kim Anderson, SJCOG, reported that the Housing and Land Use Committee had not met since the previous Directors' meeting and was scheduled to meet in August. HCD had released the template for final REAP 2.0 reporting, giving agencies		

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time to begin preparing even though the report would not be due until the following year. Agencies were also continuing to work with HCD on annual reporting requirements.

Kim reported that the SJCOG Board had approved the first recommendations from the San Joaquin Regional Housing Fund. Established using REAP 1.0 and REAP 2.0 resources, the fund would provide gap financing for 421 affordable housing units in San Joaquin County.

Bill Higgins, CALCOG, encouraged agencies to cooperate with HCD requests for REAP 1.0 and REAP 2.0 success stories and noted that a proposed State housing bond could include approximately \$500 million for local housing trust funds. He also reported that AB 2002, sponsored by SCAG and CALCOG, continued to advance and could provide funding for the RHNA process and potentially a limited successor to REAP 1.0. Robert Phipps stated that Fresno COG was already coordinating with HCD and a local recipient to document a REAP success story in the City of Firebaugh. Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting/Actum, State Legislative Advocate, added that restoration of truck-weight fees could help sustain Tier 3 transportation programs as Cap-and-Invest negotiations continue.

c. Travel Modelers Group

Rob Ball

Rob Ball, Kern COG, announced that the next Valley Travel Modelers Group meeting will be held the following Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The meeting was intended primarily for modeling staff, although agency consultants could participate as needed. Ryan Niblock, SJCOG, and Alex Marcucci, Trinity Consulting, would review the status of each MPO's modeling and conformity work.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Caltrans Directors' Report

Michael Navarro, D6
Grace Magsayo, D10

Michael Navarro, Caltrans District 6, reported that CalSTA submitted its formal response to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Freedom to Move initiative on June 16. The response identified four priority California corridors, including State Route 99 through the Central Valley because of its importance to freight, agricultural distribution, and passenger travel. Michael agreed to circulate the letter following the meeting.

Caltrans expected the next Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant cycle to begin in August, with applications anticipated in October and awards in spring 2027. Draft guidelines had been released for comment, and two additional virtual workshops were scheduled for July 15 and 16. Michael encouraged agencies considering applications to coordinate with District staff.

Michael noted that the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 13 call for projects had opened with approximately \$370 million available and applications due November 2. Caltrans and FHWA planned a July 21 webinar. Michael also reported that District 6 submitted an Active Transportation Program application for a shared-use path in Kettleman City and that 43 ATP applications were submitted from within District 6. Caltrans was working with Kings County regarding a possible California Transportation Commission meeting in Hanford in October. Additional CTC workshops on alternative delivery methods and efficient land use and housing were scheduled for July 15.

Silvia Dayak, representing Caltrans District 10, reported that she had no additional announcements and invited agencies to contact her or Caleb Brock with District 10 questions.

2. California High-Speed Rail

Allison Rodriguez,
Augie Blancas, CHSRA

Allison Rodriguez, California High-Speed Rail Authority, reported that the Authority Board approved the release of the Madera-to-Merced request for qualifications on June 24. The Board was expected to consider releasing the request for proposals in December 2026; proposals were anticipated in September 2027, with a proposed award and Board

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presentation later in 2027. She also noted the announcement of a co-development partnership intended to identify ways private investment could help accelerate the project.

A July pre-bid meeting was planned for the Madera-to-Merced contract to provide small businesses with small businesses an opportunity to network with prospective prime bidders and support the Authority's small-business participation goals. Allison offered to arrange future presentations by Authority specialists on topics of interest to the Committee and agreed to send the event information to Georgiena Vivian for distribution when released.

3. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority – Passenger Rail

Ahdel Ahmed

Ahdel Ahmed, SJJPA, highlighted the Authority's Thruway bus study and shared a link for stakeholder participation. The study is intended to inform possible adjustments or expansion of Thruway bus service beyond the rail network. A more detailed presentation was anticipated later in July, with the study process expected to continue into September.

Ahdel also announced an upcoming Stockton ribbon-cutting for a street-improvement project in which the Authority had played a leading role. The event was being kept primarily local, but information would be provided to members who expected to be in Stockton the following week.

4. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Mark Montelongo

No separate informational report was provided under this item. The Air District's substantive update was presented earlier under Item C.2, SJV Air Quality and State Implementation Plan Update.

5. Miocar Car Sharing

Michael Sigala

Michael Sigala was not present, and no Miocar Car Sharing update was provided.

6. Future Meetings/Agenda Items:

- a. July 17, 2026 – Executive Committee Meeting **(Tentative)**
- b. July 31, 2026 – Policy Council Meeting – Pre Valley Voice Meeting **(Tentative)**
- c. August 6, 2026 – Directors' Committee Meeting
- d. August 21, 2026 - Policy Council Meeting – Pre Valley Voice Meeting **(Tentative)**
- e. September 3, 2026 - Directors' Committee Meeting
- f. Valley Voice Washington D.C. Trip – September 15-16, 2026

Georgiena Vivian

Georgiena Vivian confirmed the upcoming meeting schedule. The Executive Committee meeting on July 17 and the Policy Council meeting on July 31 will proceed as planned. The next Directors' Committee meeting was scheduled for August 6. The August 21 Policy Council meeting would serve as the pre-Valley Voice Washington, D.C., meeting, followed by the September 3 Directors' Committee meeting and the September 15-16 Valley Voice trip. Georgiena emphasized that the summer meetings were important for finalizing the platform, projects, delegation assignments, and presentations.

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PRESENTER

ENCLOSURE

E. DIRECTOR ITEMS

Chair Taylor

Chair Taylor invited Director items. No Director items were presented.

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F. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Chair Taylor	
Chair Taylor invited public presentations on matters not listed on the agenda. No public comments were received.		
<i>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.</i>		
G. ADJOURN MEETING	Chair Taylor	
Chair Taylor adjourned the public portion of the Directors' Committee meeting at approximately 11:43 a.m.		
H. NEXT DIRECTORS' MEETING: Thursday, August 6, 2026.		
The next regularly scheduled Directors' Committee meeting will be held Thursday, August 6, 2026.		
I. DIRECTORS' ONLY SESSION – SCHEDULED		
A Directors' Only Session was convened immediately following adjournment of the public meeting. The recording ended before the session began; therefore, no summary of the confidential discussion is included in these minutes.		

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OTHER ATTENDEES:

Yes	No	Director Agency	Yes	No	Director Agency
☐	☒	Stephan Sanchez Kern COG	☒	☐	Georgiena Vivian SJV Coordinator VRPA
☒	☐	Rob Ball Kern COG	☐	☒	Carolina Ilic VRPA Technologies
☒	☐	Kayley Clay KCAG	☐	☒	Dena Graham VRPA Technologies
☐	☒	Ben Kimball TCAG	☐	☒	Ryan Vivian VRPA Technologies
☐	☒	Steven Ingoldsby TCAG	☒	☐	Gus Khouri Khouri Consulting/Actum
☒	☐	Roberto Brady TCAG	☐	☒	Jen Covino Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☒	Ben Giuliani TCAG	☒	☐	David Gellman Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☒	Aime Kane TCAG	☐	☒	Aly Hernandez Covino, Smith & Simon
☐	☒	Kasia Poleszczuk TCAG	☒	☐	Alex Marcucci Trinity Consultants
☐	☒	Paul Herman Fresno COG	☒	☐	Allison Rodriguez CHSRA
☐	☒	Ofelia Abundez Fresno COG	☐	☒	Augie Blancas CHSRA
☐	☒	Simran Sangha Fresno COG	☒	☐	Michael Navarro Caltrans D6
☐	☒	Brenda Thomas Fresno COG	☒	☐	Braden Duran Caltrans D6
☐	☒	Mykia Byrd Fresno COG	☒	☐	Philip Vallejo Caltrans D6
☒	☐	Erin Haagenon Fresno COG	☐	☒	Shane Gunn Caltrans D6
☒	☐	Blake Rincon Fresno COG	☐	☒	Nabeelah Abi-Rached Caltrans D6
☐	☒	Santosh Bhattarai Fresno COG	☐	☐	Grace Magsayo Caltrans D10 (S. Dayak)
☐	☒	Dylan Stone MCTC	☐	☒	Caleb Brock Caltrans D10
☒	☐	Jeff Findley MCTC	☐	☒	Eric Mather Caltrans D10
☐	☒	Evelyn Espinosa MCTC	☐	☒	Tom Dumas Caltrans D10
☐	☒	Nav Bagri MCAG	☐	☒	Duper Tong Caltrans, D10
☐	☒	Elizabeth Forte MCAG	☐	☒	Gurwinder Sekhon Caltrans D10
☒	☐	Meg Prince MCAG	☐	☒	Gregoria Ponce Caltrans D10
☐	☒	Stephanie Jackson MCAG	☒	☐	Sylvia Dayak Caltrans D10
☐	☒	José Luis Cáceres StanCOG	☐	☒	Natalia Castillo Deleon Caltrans
☐	☒	Monica Streeter StanCOG	☒	☐	Bill Higgins CALCOG
☐	☒	Nick St. Cook StanCOG	☒	☐	Sabrina Bradbury CALCOG
☐	☒	Shannon Silva StanCOG	☐	☒	Gregory McAteer CALCOG
☐	☒	Josephine Oshana StanCOG	☐	☒	Vincenzo Caporale CALCOG
☐	☒	Jean Foletta StanCOG	☐	☒	Michael Sigala Sigala, Inc.
☐	☒	Cindy Malekos StanCOG	☐	☒	Rene Gutierrez ACE Rail
☒	☐	Ryan Niblock SJCOG (for D. Nguyen)	☐	☒	Peter Whippy CHSRA
☒	☐	Kim Anderson SJCOG	☐	☒	Kristine Cai LSA
☐	☒	Yvette Davis SJCOG	☐	☒	Michael Hanebutt SJJPA
☐	☒	Christine Corrales SJCOG	☐	☒	
☒	☐	Blake Dunford SJCOG	☐	☒	
☒	☐	Mark Montelongo SJVAPCD	☐	☒	
☒	☐	Tim Franquist SJVAPCD	☐	☒	

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