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**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
**1111 I Street, Suite 308**  
**Modesto, CA**

**Minutes of October 1, 2013 (Tuesday)**  
**5:30 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Bonrepos, RJ Corwin, Amy Lucas, Leisser Mazariegos, Chuck Shoup

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carla Alviso, Mike Costa, Jeanette Fabela, Charles Turner (StanCOG); Charles Vasquez, (Stanislaus County); Marisol Aguilar, Jason Dominquez (CRLA); John Gerling (Modesto BAC)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair RJ Corwin called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Gerling, Chair of the Modesto Bicycle Advisory Committee, addressed the BPAC regarding the need for a Bicycle Connection/Route from MJC East to West (Item 7C was discussed at this time). He passed out information that had been drawn up by the City of Modesto in response to complaints they had received. It illustrated suggestions for new bicycle lanes or minor improvements that would make the commute between the East and West campuses easier. He also gave suggestions that he had for improvements. A discussion followed where members expressed their ideas and also had their questions answered. It was also stated that this would be an on-going item on the monthly BPAC agenda.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes of 9/10/13**

**\*By Motion (Leisser Mazariegos/Steve Bonrepos)**, and a unanimous vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

**6. PRESENTATIONS – None**

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Bicycle/Pedestrian Funding Update**

Jeanette Fabela stated that new Senate Bill 99 (SB99) Active Transportation Program (ATP), was signed into law on September 26<sup>th</sup> and that it would encompass the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), Recreational Trails Program, Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) and Safe

Routes to School Program (SRTS & SR 2S). She explained that the next step would be for the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to come up with guidelines, and that there was a six month period to do so. She also said that because ATP was a new program, she would update the BPAC as needed. She passed out a sheet of information regarding all of the bicycle/pedestrian Federal and State funding sources, gave an overview of each one and explained how the funds were distributed. A discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

**B. Valley Vision Stanislaus Update**

Mike Costa provided a brief overview of Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) and its requirements for a land use element for all future Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) updates. He gave background information on the development process and briefly explained that StanCOG, in coordination with the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee (VVS), had drafted four land use and transportation scenarios. He stated that at the September Policy Board meeting, Scenario 3 called Moderate Change was identified as the preferred scenario. He said that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process would begin and that it was anticipated the draft plan would be available for a 55-day public review and comment period in late November. The completed VVS plan was expected to go before the Policy Board for adoption at their March 2014 meeting.

Mike Costa said that the State Department of Housing and Community Development had given StanCOG a final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) determination number of 21,300 units. He also said a 60-day public review period for the methodology on how the RHNA units would be distributed was taking place. A brief discussion followed.

**C. Bicycle Connection/Route from MJC East to West**

This item was discussed during Item 4 above.

**D. Bicycle Share the Road Signs**

Charles Vasquez gave a brief update on the signs that had already been installed and there was a discussion about which locations still needed signs to be posted. He encouraged BPAC members to meet with County staff so that work orders could be made to install the remaining signs. He also asked members to copy him on emails sent to County staff regarding the Share the Road Signs.

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items are for information only.*

**A. Potential Development of a Transportation Expenditure Plan Framework for the Stanislaus Region**

**B. FY 2014/15 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment**

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None**

**10. MEMBER'S REPORT**

Charles Vasquez passed out the schedule for the 2013 Chipseal Road Order and Stockpile. There was a request for an electronic version so that it could be sent out to the various bike clubs. Mike Costa stated he would send a copy to the BPAC members.

Member Chuck Shoup passed out a brochure and gave a brief description of an upcoming biking event, the Fruit Yard Century, hosted by the Stanislaus County Bicycle Club on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Member Steve Bonrepos requested that an item be put on the next agenda regarding safe bicycle access on Sisk Road. There was also a discussion regarding the three-foot rule that was recently signed into law by the Governor, requiring cars to keep at least 36 inches from cyclists when passing, or to slow to a safe speed if for some reason they are prevented from keeping their distance.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair RJ Corwin adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:**

**December 3, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 5:30 pm**

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

**Modesto, CA 95354**

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