



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

Minutes of August 3, 2016 (Wednesday)
10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Bonrepos, RJ Corwin, Jim Dosenbach, Leisser Mazariegos, Chuck Shoup

ALSO PRESENT: Carla Alviso, Elisabeth Hahn, Stephen Hanamaikai, Isael Ojeda, Dave Reed, Marcus Tucker (StanCOG); Kyle Fliflet (HSA); Meg Gonzalez (Tuolumne River Trust)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair RJ Corwin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTSS - None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes of 6/1/16

***By Motion (Member Leisser Mazariegos/Member Chuck Shoup)** and a unanimous vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

6. NOTICE OF UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

A. Upcoming Public Hearing for Draft 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft "Exempt Project" 2017 FTIP scheduled for the Policy Board Meeting on August 17, 2016

Marcus Tucker stated that there would be a Public Hearing regarding the Draft 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft "Exempt Project" 2017 FTIP at the August 17th Policy Board meeting.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Bike to Work Month 2016 Results

Stephen Hanamaikai reported on National Bike to Work Month, which took place in May. He stated that the cities of Oakdale, Modesto and Newman all had events. He also said that there were 202 commuters that had pledged to bike to work, and reviewed the prizes that were awarded.

B. Measure L/Transportation Expenditure Plan for the Stanislaus Region Update

Elisabeth Hahn reported that the Expenditure Plan would be on the November ballot as Measure L. She stated that educational materials would be available soon. She also encouraged members to attend a special meeting of the Policy Board being held at the DoubleTree Hotel on August 11th at 3:30 p.m. where information about the Expenditure Plan would be presented.

C. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's 2015 PM2.5 Plan

Elisabeth Hahn provided background on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's 2015 PM2.5 Plan, which was in response to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reclassification of the Valley in May 2015 as serious nonattainment. She stated that in late June, the EPA notified the District that they would not act to approve the plan. The inaction requires the Air District to adopt a new plan referred to as a 5% plan by December 31, 2016. If it does not, the EPA would issue a Failure to Submit Notice and the Valley would be subject to highway sanctions (loss of federal funding). She said staff would provide additional information when it becomes available.

D. Senate Bill 375-Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets

Elisabeth Hahn provided background information on Senate Bill 375, also known as the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act, which set regional targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from passenger vehicle use. SB 375 requires ARB to update targets a minimum of every eight years. New targets will be established and effective starting in 2018. StanCOG's next RTP/SCS update will be subject to these updated targets. She said that a recent Executive Order by the governor in April established a more aggressive statewide GHG reduction goal. ARB is asking the MPOs for input on new targets, with the expectation that MPOs will reduce GHG emissions even more than what was attained in the 2014 RTP/SCS. She said that staff was coordinating with the Valley Air Quality liaison and other San Joaquin Valley MPOs to address ARB's request for MPO input on new targets.

E. Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

Stephen Hanamaikai reported that in June, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that would result in potentially significant changes to the structure and functioning of a large number of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). He reviewed some of the potential impacts to StanCOG and said that staff would be presenting this item to the Policy Board for their consideration of submitting a letter to formally request that FHWA and FTA withdraw the jointly proposed rulemaking from further consideration. A discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

8. MANAGEMENT REPORT - None

9. MEMBER REPORTS

Member Chuck Shoup announced that the Stanislaus County Bicycle Club would be holding their annual fundraising biking event, the 2016 Golden Hills Gran Fondo in Knights Ferry, on October 8th. He outlined the event and stated that a majority of the profits would benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank and their Food for Thought program. He also provided pamphlets with information. Chair RJ Corwin stated there would be a discount coupon code available on the Stanislaus County Bike Club website.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair RJ Corwin adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:

October 5, 2016 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 am

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