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**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**STANCOG BOARD ROOM**  
**1111 I STREET, SUITE 308**  
**MODESTO, CA**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018**  
**10:00 AM**

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**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to five minutes or at the discretion of the Chair.*

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes of 6/6/18

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- B. 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA)

**6. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**7. MEMBER REPORTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:**  
**October 3, 2018 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 am**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
**1111 I Street, Suite 308**  
**Modesto, CA 95354**



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# CONSENT CALENDAR

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

**Minutes of June 6, 2018 (Wednesday)**  
**10:00 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kari Casey, RJ Corwin, Jim Dosenbach, John Gerling, Greg Jacquay

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carla Alviso, Elisabeth Hahn, Stephen Hanamaikai, Isael Ojeda,  
(StanCOG); Kyle Fliflet (Stanislaus County HSA)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kari Casey called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes of 2/7/18**

**\*By Motion (Member Jim Dosenbach/John Gerling)** and a unanimous vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Public Review and Comment Period Schedule for the StanCOG Draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)**

Arthur Chen provided an overview of the RTP/SCS and PEIR process. He explained that there had been a total of three public workshops, which were held in the cities of Turlock, Patterson, and Modesto. He stated that there would be two public hearings, the first one on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the regularly scheduled Policy Board meeting, in the StanCOG Board Room, and the second, on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the StanCOG Policy Board meeting to be held at the Ceres Community Center. He said that the 2018 RTP/SCS and PEIR would be brought to the Policy Board for adoption at their August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. A brief discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

**B. Public Review and Comment Period Schedule for the StanCOG Draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)**

Debbie Trujillo provided an overview of the Draft 2019 FTIP, which programs projects in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2018/19 through 2021/22. She reported that StanCOG staff had worked with local agencies to discuss the programming of projects for the 2019 FTIP. She stated that the draft 2019 FTIP was out for a 30-day public review from June 5<sup>th</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup> and that a public hearing was scheduled at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Policy Board meeting. She also said that the 2019 FTIP would be brought to the Policy Board for adoption at their August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and that it would be submitted to Caltrans by September 3<sup>rd</sup>, with final adoption in December.

**C. 2019 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 Statewide Call for Projects**

Debbie Trujillo reported that the ATP state call for projects began on May 16<sup>th</sup> and that applications were due to StanCOG and Caltrans by July 31<sup>st</sup>. She said that there were five different applications available, depending on the project type and size. She also stated that ATP applications from the Stanislaus region that were not selected for funding in the state wide call for projects would be advanced for consideration in the regional ATP regional call for projects. A discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

**D. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the 2018 Public Participation Plan (PPP)**

Debbie Trujillo provided an overview of the 2018 PPP and summarized updates to the document. She stated the draft PPP had been released for a 45-day public review and comment period on April 29<sup>th</sup> that would conclude on June 12<sup>th</sup>. She stated that a public hearing was held in the StanCOG Board Room on May 30<sup>th</sup> to get public input. She also stated that comments and responses to comments would be included in the final document, which would be brought to the Policy Board at their June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**\*By Motion (Member Jim Dosenbach /Member John Gerling)** and a unanimous vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory recommended that the Policy Board adopt by resolution the 2018 Public Participation Plan (PPP).

**E. Motion to Nominate FY 2018/19 Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Chair and Vice-Chair**

**\* By Motion (Member John Gerling/Member Jim Dosenbach)** and a unanimous vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee nominated Kari Casey to continue on as FY 2018/19 BPAC Chair.

**\* By Motion (Member Jim Dosenbach/Member Greg Jacquay)** and a unanimous vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee nominated RJ Corwin to continue on as FY 2018/19 BPAC Vice-Chair.

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items are for information only.*

**A. The Morning Express Train to Sacramento**

**7. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Stephen Hanamaikai provided an update on the Interregional Bike Plan. He stated that Caltrans awarded \$360,000 to the interregional project team to prepare the plan and he outlined the routes to be included. He also stated the plan was scheduled to begin in July 2018 and that it was to be completed within 18 months. He also provided a hand out of the estimated time line. Members' questions were answered.

Stephen Hanamaikai also reported that June 14<sup>th</sup> would be his last day at StanCOG and that he had accepted a job at San Luis Obispo Council of Governments.

**8. MEMBER REPORTS**

Member John Gerling expressed his concern about the lack of bicycle parking at the courthouse even though there was a sign posted stating that bicycles must be parked in the designated bicycle rack or be impounded. He provided a hand out to the members showing the posted sign.

Stephen Hanamaikai reported that Kyle Fliflet had submitted an application to become the BPAC representative for the City of Modesto, and that his application would be presented to the Executive Committee at their next meeting.

**9. ADJOURMENT**

Chair Kari Casey adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

***Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:***

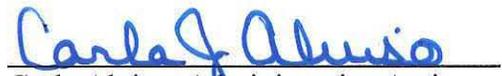
**August 1, 2018 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

**Modesto, CA 95354**

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# DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS



**TO:** Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee **Staff Report**  
Discussion

**FROM:** Elisabeth Hahn, Principal Planner  
Arthur Chen, Associate Planner

**DATE:** July 24, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Final 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

**Recommendation:**

Consider information presented.

**Background**

Every four years the State of California and the federal government require that regional transportation planning agencies/metropolitan planning organizations update their respective Regional Transportation Plans/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) and prepare an accompanying Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The RTP/SCS is the region's 25-year financially-constrained blueprint for future transportation investments based on specific transportation goals and objectives defined by StanCOG with input from the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee (VVS), the general public and other stakeholders. The Final 2018 RTP/SCS will guide development of the Regional and Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (RTIP and FTIP, respectively) as well as transportation programming documents and plans throughout the Stanislaus region. The 2018 RTP/SCS is intended to present StanCOG's goals and policies to meet current and future mobility needs through the year 2042. If a project is not in StanCOG's adopted RTP, it is not eligible for certain state, local, or federal funding.

Pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (SB 375), the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008, each MPO must prepare an enhanced land use element called a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the RTP. The SCS sets forth a vision for the region's anticipated growth, taking into account the transportation, housing, environmental, and economic needs of the region. The SCS is a proposed plan by which the region will meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets established by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

CARB's current GHG reduction targets for StanCOG's 2018 RTP/SCS are a 5 percent per capita reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) by 2020, and 10 percent by 2035 relative to 2005 levels. With the application of off model strategies and CARB's CO2 adjustment methodology, the Preferred Scenario (Scenario 2) meets the GHG emission reduction targets established by CARB.

The RTP/SCS is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Per CEQA, StanCOG must prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the purpose of providing information to residents and policymakers on any likely impacts to the environment as a result of the construction of the transportation projects or implementation of the programs listed in 2018 RTP/SCS. The EIR is considered "programmatic" in that it covers the potential effects of the Plan in total; it does not assess the specific impacts of each listed project, individually. Project-specific environmental analyses are performed by the agency constructing or "sponsoring" a project prior to its final approval and implementation. The EIR presents the program level analysis of potential environmental impacts related to the implementation of the 2018 RTP/SCS, as required under CEQA.

## **Discussion**

StanCOG released the Draft 2018 RTP/SCS and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report on May 11, 2018 for a 55-day public review and comment period, which closed on July 5, 2018. Two public hearings were conducted as part of regularly scheduled StanCOG Policy Board meetings. The first public hearing was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the StanCOG boardroom in Modesto. The second public hearing was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Ceres Community Center. Spanish translation services were available at the public hearings.

A total of 16 public comments were submitted by public agencies, special interest/advocacy groups, and private citizens. In addition, members of the public also made comments during the two public hearings on the RTP/SCS and EIR.

The Final 2018 RTP/SCS, Programmatic EIR, and response to comments will be made available at least 10 days prior to StanCOG's Certification of the Final EIR, scheduled for August 15, 2018. The documents will be distributed to the 13 public libraries within the Stanislaus Region and be accessible on StanCOG's website at <http://www.stancog.org/>.

Should you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Elisabeth Hahn, Principal Planner, by phone at (209) 525-4633 or via e-mail at [ehahn@stancog.org](mailto:ehahn@stancog.org).



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**TO:** Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee **Staff Report**  
Discussion

**FROM:** Elisabeth Hahn, Principal Planner  
Debbie Trujillo, Assistant Planner

**DATE:** July 23, 2018

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA)

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**Recommendation**

Consider information presented.

**Background**

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is a federally mandated four year program of all transportation projects that will receive federal funding or are subject to a federally required action. It includes all federally funding projects and regionally significant projects for which approval from federal agencies is required, regardless of funding source. Through collaboration with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the California Transportation Commission (CTC), StanCOG's member agencies, and the four public transit operators, the FTIP is updated every two years.

The FTIP implements the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to accomplish improvements in mobility and air quality. Per federal legislation, no project may receive federal funding unless it is contained in an approved FTIP.

The Clean Air Act Section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR 93 Subpart A) require that each new FTIP demonstrate conformity to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) before the MPO considers it for adoption. The analysis demonstrates that the criteria specified in the transportation conformity regulations for a conformity determination, are satisfied by the 2019 FTIP.

The FTIP is a financially constrained program of transportation projects that identifies the current and pending uses of federal and state transportation funds. The FTIP demonstrates fiscal constraint by including sufficient financial information to confirm that the projects can be implemented using committed or available resources. Projects contained in the FTIP are derived from the following sources:

- The 2018 RTP;
- The adopted State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the State Highway Operation and Protection Plan (SHOPP) Program approved by the CTC;
- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP), formerly RSTP and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program projects approved by the MPO, and Federal Demonstration (DEMO) projects;
- Federal transit projects and programs funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA);
- Highway Bridge Program (HBP), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and other maintenance, seismic retrofit, and safety programs;
- Active Transportation Program (ATP), and;
- Locally funded projects on state highways, and other "regionally significant", non-federally funded projects that have committed funding sources.

## **Discussion**

On June 5, 2018 StanCOG staff released the Draft 2019 FTIP and the corresponding Draft Conformity Analysis for a 30-day public review and comment period. A public hearing was held on June 20, 2018 at the regularly scheduled Policy Board meeting to provide the public and other interested stakeholders with an opportunity to comment on the Draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and the corresponding Draft Conformity Analysis.

Following the 30-day public review and comment period, StanCOG received one comment letter on the Draft FTIP document. Staff has reviewed and addressed the public comment received and provided a response to comment in Appendix V of the final Draft 2019 FTIP document. The StanCOG Policy Board will consider adoption of the Draft 2019 FTIP and corresponding Draft Conformity Analysis at their meeting on August 15, 2018. The document is available on the StanCOG website at: <http://www.stancog.org/pdf/ftip-amendments/2018/draft-2019-ftip-june-5-2018.pdf>.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Debbie Trujillo, Assistant Planner, at 209.525.4639 or via e-mail at [dtrujillo@stancog.org](mailto:dtrujillo@stancog.org).