

**BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Minutes of October 7, 2020 (Wednesday)**  
**10:00 am**

**Important Notice Regarding COVID 19**

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Board Room was closed, and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members and staff participated in this meeting via GoToMeeting. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing measures, members of the public were provided the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment during the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shivaugn Alves, Kari Casey, Jim Dosenbach, Kyle Fliflet, John Gerling, Ann Strahm, Larry White

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carla Alviso, Chris Jasper, Cindy Malekos, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kari Casey called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Minutes of 8/5/20**

**\*By Motion (Member John Gerling/ Member Jim Dosenbach)** and a 6-1 roll call vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. FY 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Process Kick-Off**

Chris Jasper provided an overview of the Unmet Transit Needs process and reviewed the outreach methods which, due to COVID-19, would be conducted virtually, by mail and by telephone. He reported that beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, comments for FY 2021/22 could be submitted using the StanCOG Unmet Transit needs form available on the StanCOG website at <http://www.stancog.org/utn-comments.shtm> and emailed to [unmettransitneeds@stancog.org](mailto:unmettransitneeds@stancog.org). He

stated that more information would be available on the StanCOG website and Facebook page, and that information would also be provided to the local transit operators to share with riders. Member Strahm asked if the survey would be available in other languages. Member Gerling asked if there was outreach or questions on the survey focused on medical transport needs and if there was any special consideration being given to how COVID-19 had impacted transit needs. The members were informed that those questions would be provided to Edith Robles who was overseeing the Unmet Transit Needs process.

**B. Upcoming Schedule for the Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Update and the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Amendment 2**

Debbie Trujillo provided background on the FTIP and stated that StanCOG staff had conducted meetings with member agencies in August and received input regarding current projects that would carry over into the 2021 FTIP. She reviewed the upcoming schedule which included a 30-day public review and comment period, a public hearing, and a recommendation for adoption at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Policy Board meeting. She also stated that the Draft 2021 FTIP was anticipated for State and Federal approval in April 2021.

**C. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update**

Chris Jasper provided a presentation on the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan which included progress updates on technical work that had been completed, next steps, virtual “pop-in” public outreach events that would be held in October and December, and information on a virtual mapping tool. He stated that the anticipated draft plan would be shared with the BPAC members and would go to the Policy Board for adoption in late 2020 or early 2021. A conversation followed and members’ questions were answered.

**6. MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Cindy Malekos on behalf of Rosa Park thanked the members for participating in the BPAC meeting. She stated that the Stanislaus County Active Transportation Summit would be held as a Zoom Webinar on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and encouraged the members to attend. She also provided an update on the discussions taking place between the City of Modesto, the City of Turlock and Stanislaus County to form a new regional transit agency which could be established in 2021 to serve the region.

**7. MEMBER REPORTS**

Member White reported that there were areas within the County that had a lot of remaining chip seal on the shoulder of the roads which made bicycle riding hazardous. He asked if there would be any shoulder sweeping done and who would be in charge of doing that. Chris Jasper indicated that he would check with Stanislaus County Public Works.

Member Strahm reported that the City of Turlock had Measure A on the ballot, which was a three-quarter of a cent sales tax which included helping to improve roads. She stated that there were several roads that could use improvement to make bicycle riding safer.

Member Fliflet reported that it was National Walk to School Day. He also asked for an update on the Bicycle Tourism Plan which would improve bicycle tourism opportunities across Tuolumne, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Alpine counties. Chris Jasper stated that there was a meeting scheduled the following day and provided the members with the website <https://www.bikevalleytosierra.com/> where they could receive more information.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kari Casey adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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

**December 2, 2020 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 am**

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