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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA
FEBRUARY 15, 2012 (WEDNESDAY)
5:00 PM**

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may comment on each item on the agenda as it arises.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 10/19/11

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to Appoint New Citizens Advisory Committee Member**
- B. FY 2011/12 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Transit Apportionments and Allocations: City of Modesto**
- C. 2012 San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies' Legislative Platform**

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Executive Committee Meeting:

March 21, 2012 (Wednesday) @ 3:30 pm

StanCOG Board Room

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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**Minutes of October 19, 2011 (Wednesday)
5:00 pm**

PRESENT: Chair Bill O'Brien (Stanislaus County); Vice-Chair Charles Goeken (City of Waterford); Virginia Madueno (City of Riverbank)

ALSO PRESENT: Rod Attebery (Neumiller and Beardslee); Vince Harris, Cindy Malekos, Rosa Park (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bill O'Brien called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 9-28-11

***By Motion (Member Charles Goeken/Member Virginia Madueno),** and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funding Recommendation

Vince Harris explained that this item was to be brought before the Policy Board that night; this conversation was a precursor to that discussion. He stated that there was \$25.3 million in funding available for the Stanislaus Region in the 2012 STIP, and that this was significant since there had not been funding in the last two STIP cycles (2008 and 2010). He described the process that had taken place, working with the 10 StanCOG Member Agencies, to determine which projects were recommended for funding. He indicated that the projects were included in the Regional Transportation Plan, and that the prioritization of projects sometimes changes dependent upon the criteria of the funding source. There was considerable discussion regarding the projects, their prioritization, and the STIP process and timeline.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Meeting was adjourned by Chair Bill O'Brien at 5:27 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Executive Committee Meeting:

November 16, 2011 (Wednesday) @ 3:30 pm

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Minutes Prepared By:





Cindy Malekos

Personnel & Administration Manager/Public Information Officer



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TO: Executive Committee Staff Report
THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director  Motion
FROM: Cindy Malekos, Personnel and Administration Manager,
Public Information Officer 
DATE: February 8, 2012
SUBJECT: New Member to Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Recommendation

By Motion:

Appoint Terhesa M. Gamboa as a new member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

Background

The CAC is one of the StanCOG standing committees. It meets once monthly, on the first Wednesday evening of the month, to review and provide input on agenda items before those items reach the Policy Board at its monthly meeting.

The CAC Bylaws state that the CAC is to be comprised of up to 15 residents of Stanislaus County that are appointed by the Executive Committee. Each appointment is for a term of four years, with no member serving on the CAC for more than eight consecutive years.

Discussion

Terhesa Gamboa resides in the County. She expressed interest in joining the CAC through attendance at several recent public meetings regarding the State Route 132 West project. She was provided with a CAC Membership Application and submitted it to StanCOG for consideration.

Ms. Gamboa is retired after 25 years working in the hospital operating room. She lists State Route 132 and traffic issues within Woodland West as areas of particular interest/concern to her.

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**Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Membership Application**

The CAC is a standing committee of the Stanislaus Council of Governments. The Committee advises the Council. Any resident of Stanislaus County may apply for membership.

CAC Members are expected to attend meetings on a regular basis. Meetings are held at 6pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the StanCOG office, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, in downtown Modesto.

Name TERHESA M GAMBOA Home Phone 209-576-8484 Alt. Phone none
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City Modesto State CA Zip 95358
Occupation retired Work Phone none

Background, Education, and Experience: 25 years hospital operating room + sterilization experience, certified. Some college, MJC. Oakdale High School graduate.

What planning issues are of particular interest/concern to you? SR 132, traffic issues within Woodland West + Modesto.

What group/groups (i.e. low-income, minority, professional and civic, educational and religious, business and industrial, etc.) if any, do you feel you represent?
Woodland West Community Neighborhood
Modesto Church of the Brethren

Comments: _____

Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

Terhesa M Gamboa _____
Signature Date 12-1-11



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**The Staff Report
for Item 5B
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TO: Policy Board **Staff Report**
Resolution

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

FROM: Cindy Malekos, Personnel and Administration Manager/
Public Information Officer *CM*

DATE: February 8, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies'
Legislative Platform

Recommendation

By Resolution:

Adopt Resolution 11-46 to adopt the 2012 San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies' Legislative Platform (attached).

Background

The eight Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in the San Joaquin Valley establish a Legislative Platform each year. This includes the San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, Merced County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, Fresno Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Tulare County Association of Governments and Kern Council of Governments.

The Legislative Platform is intended to address issues of Valleywide significance and provide guidance to the eight Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and their advocating partners when reviewing and taking action on legislative proposals. It reflects the Valley's priorities regarding state and federal issues, and was developed to provide a united or "one voice" for the Valley when conveying our common opinions to our legislative delegation and associated state and federal agencies. The StanCOG Policy Board last adopted the Legislative Platform for 2011 in November 2010.

Discussion

The eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies are signatories to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that encourages working cooperatively on common issues that affect the Valley. This MOU was amended in 2006, and created the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Agencies Policy Council. This Council is composed of two elected officials from each of the eight Planning Agencies' governing boards. The StanCOG representatives are Chair William O'Brien and Vice-Chair Charles Goeken. The Policy Council last met in Turlock on December 9, 2011 for their quarterly meeting when they adopted the 2012 Legislative Platform.

Since that time, references in support of High Speed Rail (HSR) were removed at the direction of the COG Directors Committee on February 2nd due to the recent decision not to support HSR by the Kings County Association of Governments. The attached Legislative Platform differs from the 2011 Legislative Platform in that it does not mention HSR but does include a provision to support the shift of Amtrak's San Joaquin line from state to regional administration.

Additionally, staff would like to reiterate for Members that the 2012 Legislative Platform continues to include support for reducing the threshold to pass local transportation sales tax measures in California. As previously provided in the 2011 Legislative Platform, the 2012 Platform indicates support for lowering the percentage from 66.67% to 55% to pass a measure.

The Policy Council's annual Valley Voice trip to Sacramento is March 7-8 this year. The legislative platform will be used as a basis for discussions with area legislators and administration staff.

Advisory Committee Action

Due to the timing of the recent (February 2nd) change to the Legislative Platform, this item was not taken through the Advisory Committees, and is proceeding directly to the Policy Board because of the upcoming Valley Voice trip to Sacramento.

Attachment

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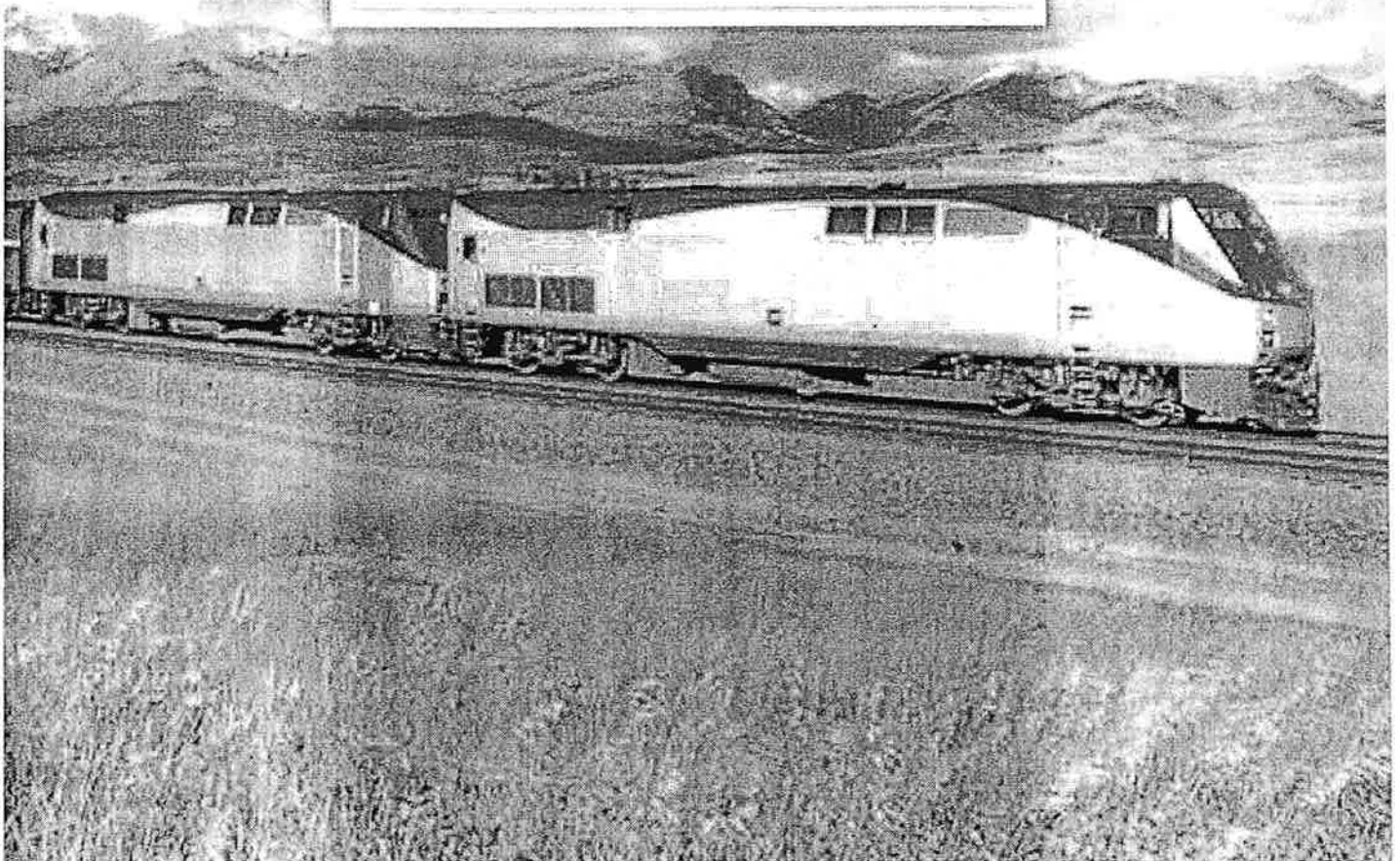
The Legislative platform of the

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INTRODUCTION

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies include the Fresno Council of Governments, Kern Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, Merced County Association of Governments, San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, and Tulare County Association of Governments. In 2006, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies expanded their Memorandum of Understanding to form a Regional Policy Council, comprised of two elected officials from each of the eight Valley counties, to discuss and build consensus on issues of Valleywide importance.

The Regional Policy Council, in coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, has established a San Joaquin Valley Legislative Platform that reflects the Regional Policy Council's priorities in state and federal legislative matters. The Legislative Platform provides guidance to the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and their lobbying partners when taking action on specific legislative proposals. The platform is intended to provide a unified voice when communicating legislative issues of regional importance to the Valley's state and federal legislative delegation as well as to relevant state and federal agencies.

This brochure identifies the legislative agenda of the Regional Policy Council and the Valley Transportation Planning Agencies for the upcoming session.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Protect and enhance current state and federal funding levels for transportation related programs.
- Continue to advocate as a region to advance common goals for improvements in state and federal legislation and policies.

VALLEY VOICE ADVOCACY EFFORTS

- Continue to pursue federal and state support for the projects and legislative priorities identified through the Regional Policy Council's advocacy program called "Valley Voice".

2012 Legislative Priorities

- Support legislation that lowers the threshold required to pass transportation initiatives to 55%.
- Continue to protect and solicit funding for Highway 99, a major trade corridor in the San Joaquin Valley, and other regionally significant corridors.
- Promote legislation to shift Amtrak's San Joaquin line from state to regional administration.

TRANSPORTATION

Funding – Federal

- Work with Caltrans, California Association of Councils of Governments, National Association of Regional Councils, and other interests to develop state and national principles and priorities that will be favorable to the San Joaquin Valley for the next Federal Surface Transportation Program.

- Support Federal Surface Transportation Program authorizations and FY 2012-2013 appropriation requests for Valley Voice projects and priorities.

Funding – State

Support legislation to implement and maximize the San Joaquin Valley's regional share of bond funding provided by Proposition 1B (includes 99 Corridor improvements and local match programs), and Proposition 84 (includes the sustainable communities and climate change reduction grants).

- Oppose state project cost shifts or changes in responsibility to local transportation entities.
- Ensure that federal transportation planning funds are available to regional agencies throughout the year and are not made unavailable due to delays or changes in enacting the state budget.
- Oppose revisions to state transportation programming and funding reform legislation not consistent with SB 45 (1998).



Funding – Local

■ Continue to support legislation to authorize design/build and expand public/private partnerships and other innovative financing opportunities to fund transportation improvements.

Goods Movement

■ Support goods movement legislation that includes the entire San Joaquin Valley region as a recipient of any new port container fees collected at the ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Oakland in order to mitigate the burden imposed by the overland movement of cargo through the San Joaquin Valley as related to the ports.

■ Support including the Central Valley Trade Corridor in legislation pertaining to goods movement funding and programs and that identifies all eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies as stakeholders.

■ Support legislation that would implement the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Action Plan.

■ Support rail preservation through additional funding and policy changes at the state and federal level in the next Federal Surface Transportation Program, the annual budget appropriations, and in state and federal regulations and guidelines.

■ Preserve and enhance short-haul rail as a vital tool for goods movement and air quality improvement throughout the state.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Senate Bill 375 (2008)

■ Support ongoing negotiations between Valley transportation agencies and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop new greenhouse gas emissions targets. These targets should be based on the best available methodology as developed by CARB and the Valley transportation agencies.

■ Advocate for local agencies to be able to use the EIRs and EISs prepared for the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy when

performing project-level CEQA analysis for transportation projects. This will reduce the analytical burden and cost for transportation projects and eliminate duplication of effort.

Sustainable Communities

■ Support legislation and administrative policies for continued support from state Prop. 84, federal HUD Sustainable Communities and other funding sources for comprehensive revitalization strategies and projects that enhance the long term prosperity of urbanized valley cities and communities.

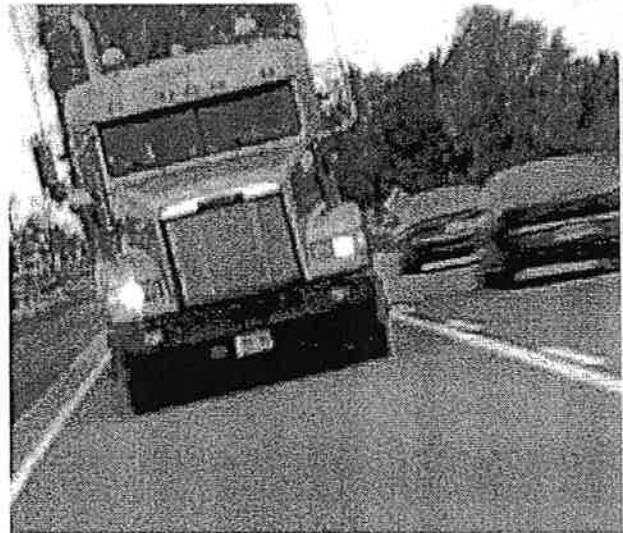
Blueprint Planning

■ Support consistent and ongoing funding in the state budget for the development, implementation, and update of regional blueprints.

■ Support consistency with regional blueprints as a major factor in allocating bond funds from state agencies and in developing legislation and state policies on climate change.

Federal Surface Transportation Act

■ Support the existing 50,000-population threshold for federal metropolitan planning organization designation.



Housing

- Support legislation that would provide flexibility for rural housing trusts in the San Joaquin Valley to better participate in the Proposition 1C Local Housing Trust Fund program.
- Support legislation and administrative policies for a fair share allocation of Prop 1C housing funds, and state funded CDBG programming for valley projects and programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Promote the inclusion of transportation funding in any proposal for a national economic stimulus package.
- Advocate for Department of Energy Conservation Block Grant Program funds to be utilized for regional energy planning purposes.
- Increase income caps in State and Federal grants so that qualified mid-income entrepreneurs may participate. Current guidelines provide financial aid for only those in the low to very low income brackets.

PROCESS STREAMLINING

- Support legislation and/or administrative reforms to streamline the federal and state government's project delivery process and to eliminate unnecessary and/or duplicative requirements.
- Support integrating state and federal environmental impact studies without compromising environmental standards, to avoid project cost increases that occur due to lengthy processes.

AIR QUALITY

- Support a new designation for the San Joaquin Valley as an Air Quality Enterprise/Empowerment Zone at the state and federal level.
- For any funds generated under a cap-and-trade program, support legislation that will provide adequate funding to disparately impacted regions such as the San Joaquin Valley for mitigating air quality or climate change impacts.

WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND RELIABILITY FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

- Support the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's Water Quality, Supply, and Reliability advocacy efforts. Their mission is to ensure a reliable, adequate quality water supply to sustain a high quality of life, and a world-class agricultural sector, while protecting and enhancing the environment.

CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

- Support efforts to provide a continuing stream of funding the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

OTHER

- Oppose unfunded federal and state mandates on local and regional governments.



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