



Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 5, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Host and Location:
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Teleconference Number: 1-515-739-1015
Participant Code: 432-600-639

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. March 1, 2018 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren



DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality
Update and Discussion

R. Niblock

3. Valley Voice Sacramento 2018
Post Trip Discussion

S. Dabbs

4. California Transportation Funding – SB 1

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SICOG & MCAG)
- Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)
- ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)

5. Regional Project Prioritization

Continued Discussion of Project Evaluation Matrix

A. Chesley/

T. Smalley



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| 6. Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2018-19 | Michael Sigala | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>a) Discuss and Receive Input for Content</i> | | |
| <i>b) Moving Forward: Cost Sharing for Valleywide Projects</i> | Tony Boren | |
| 7. 2018 Annual Policy Conference (May 9-11) | Cindy Malekos | |
| <i>Receive Update</i> | | |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS



The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote. Written summaries of Informational Items are included in the agenda packet.

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| 8. Caltrans Directors' Report | S. Ehlert/D. Agar |
| 9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | D. Leavitt |
| 10. California High Speed Rail | D. Gomez |
| 11. Goods Movement Planning | M. Sigala |
| 12. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis | M. Sigala |
| 13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | I. Herrera |

OTHER ITEMS

14. Director Items
15. Public Presentations for Items Not on Agenda.
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to three minutes. The public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

ADJOURN MEETING.

Directors Only Closed Session if Necessary.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018 (Madera).

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

Meeting Location:
 Stanislaus Council of Governments
 1111 I Street, Suite 308
 Modesto, CA 95354

Directors	MPOs
Tony Boren	Fresno Council of Governments
Patrick Pittenger	Merced County Association of Governments
Ben Kimball for Ted Smalley (ph)	Tulare County Association of Governments
Ahron Hakimi (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Terri King	Kings County Association of Governments
Patricia Taylor	Madera County Transportation Commission
Andrew Chesley	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Rosa Park	Stanislaus Council of Governments

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 1, 2018 Directors' Meeting

T. Boren

There was a motion to approve the February 1, 2018 Directors Committee Minutes.

First Motion: Ms. Terri King
 Second Motion: Mr. Patrick Pittenger
 No Nays
 Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

Mr. Ryan Niblock reported that ARB has requested three statewide conference calls on March 15th, 20th, 29th to brainstorm the future of SB 375 analysis. At this time, no agenda or materials for review have been circulated, and the goals of these meetings have not been laid out. Mr. Niblock also reported that ARB released their staff report ahead of their March meeting which included acknowledgement that the models are faulty, acknowledgement that there are elements in the model that SCS's cannot affect, discussion on SB 375 being refocused on only those things that SCS's can control, and the same 3rd round targets that have been acknowledged since June 2017. Mr. Niblock announced that he will be attending the ARB meeting on March 22nd in Riverside, and requested feedback on the best approach to communicate concerns, discussion followed. In person appearance at the March 22 meeting, and written communication with ARB was encouraged.

3. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee

S. Dabbs

Valley Voice Sacramento, March 7, 2018

Ms. Stacie Dabbs provided an update on logistics and reviewed the itinerary. Ms. Dabbs requested feedback on the brochure, discussion followed. Directors agreed to remove the high-density housing item as long as it is discussed with the Strategic Growth Council. Ms. Patricia Taylor inquired about EnviroScreen issue as part of the platform, discussion followed regarding the Bay Area's position to reduce the weight given to environmental and air quality criteria for EnviroScreen scoring, this would adversely affect San Joaquin Valley communities. Lastly, updates on attendees was provided.

4. California Transportation Funding—SB 1

Program and Project Funding Updates:

- **Trade Corridor Enhancements (SJCOG & MCAG)**
Currently, the only TCEP project that was on the prioritized list is SR-99 northbound in Livingston (Merced County).
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors (Fresno COG)**
SJ COG submitted SR-99/SR-120 interchange project, and ACE rail has a project.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No report was provided.

5. Regional Project Prioritization

A. Chesley/ T. Smalley

Continued Discussion on Project Evaluation Matrix

Mr. Andrew Chesley recommends waiting until after the STIP, and continuing this discussion again at the next Directors' meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Madera SR-99 project and SB 1 projects. Mr. Tony Boren inquired about attaining a list of SHOPP projects from Caltrans.

6. 2018 Annual Policy Conference (May 9-11)

Rosa Park/Cindy Malekos

Receive Update

The conference will be hosted by StanCOG and held at the DoubleTree Hilton hotel in Modesto. A Save the Date announcement was distributed. Ms. Cindy Malekos announced that registration and sponsorship information would be available in the upcoming week (www.sjvcogs.org/events).

INFORMATIONAL ITIEMS

- 7. **Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. Agar
Ms. Laurie Berman appointed as the new Director for Caltrans.

- 8. **San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
A board meeting will be held March 23rd in Fresno to adopt updated business plan. SJJPA Morning Express train from Fresno to Sacramento will begin service in May 7, 2018. ACE Saturday Service pilot program from Stockton to San Jose will be rolled out June 2018.

- 9. **California High Speed Rail** D. Gomez
No report.

- 10. **Goods Movement Planning** M. Sigala
All work for the I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study, and San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan has been completed.

- 11. **Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis** M. Sigala
The ARB grant contract is under review with the SJVAPCD at this time. Team meetings will held in Modesto (StanCOG) on March 19th, and Visalia (Self Help Enterprises) on March 20th to discuss work to date and strategize for the implementation of the ARB grant.

- 12. **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** I. Herrera
No report.

OTHER ITIEMS

- 13. **Director Items**

- 14. **Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda**
There were no public presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 11:30 A.M.
Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2018 (Fresno)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Stacie Dabbs	Merced County Association of Governments
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ken Baxter	Caltrans D10
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Dan Leavitt	SJJPA
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Matt Fell (ph)	Merced County Association of Governments
Trai Her-Cole (ph)	Fresno COG
Michael Navarro (ph)	Caltrans D6
Elisabeth Hahn (ph)	StanCOG
Tom Jordan (ph)	SJVAPCD
Jeff Finley (ph)	Madera County Transportation Commission
Scott Carson (ph)	FHWA
Cindy Malekos	StanCOG

Project Fact Sheet

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1. **Project Title:** _____

2. **Applicant:** _____

3. **Implementing Agency:** _____

4. **Project Description:** *(Briefly describe the project location, purpose, and need. If the project is a component within a larger or multi-phase project, describe the "parent" project as well)*

5. **Screening Criteria:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide Significance | <input type="checkbox"/> Included in RTP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Included in TIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Freight Network | |

6. **Project Eligibility:** *(Select all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> STIP | <input type="checkbox"/> ATP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHOPP | <input type="checkbox"/> TIRCP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Partnership Program | <input type="checkbox"/> FTA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Corridor Enhancement Program | <input type="checkbox"/> TIGER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solutions for Congested Corridors Program | <input type="checkbox"/> INFRA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposition 1B | <input type="checkbox"/> Measure |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Funding |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Project Fact Sheet

7. Project Readiness:

	Start Date	Completion
Project Study Report or Equivalent	_____	_____
Environmental (PA&ED)	_____	_____
Design (PS&E)	_____	_____
Right of Way	_____	_____
Construction	_____	_____

8. Project Funding:

Total Project Cost: _____ **Funding Need:** _____

Committed Matching Funds: _____ **% of Total Project Cost:** _____

	Matching Funds Committed (\$1,000s)	Matching Sources	TOTAL COST (\$1,000s)	Funding Need (\$1,000s)
PSR				
PA&ED				
PS&E				
ROW Capital				
ROW Support				
CON Capital				
CON Support				
TOTAL				

9. Project Evaluation:

Traffic Volumes and Person Throughput			
	Base Year	20 Year Forecast (No Build)	20 Year Forecast (Build)
Average Daily Traffic			
Peak Volumes			
Percent Trucks			
Average Vehicle Occupancy - Non-Peak			
Average Vehicle Occupancy - Peak			

Actual 3-Year Accident Data		
	Count (Number)	Rate (per million vehicle miles)
Total Accidents		
Fatal Accidents		
Injury Accidents		
Property Damage Only Accidents		

Project Fact Sheet

Emissions Reduction				
	Tons		Value (\$ in millions)	
	Total over 20 Years	Average Annual	Total over 20 Years	Average Annual
CO Reduced				
CO ₂ Reduced				
NO _x Reduced				
PM ₁₀ Reduced				
PM _{2.5} Reduced				
SO _x Reduced				
VOC Reduced				

10. Project Benefits

Life-Cycle Costs (\$ in Millions)	
Life-Cycle Benefits (\$ in Millions)	
Net Present Value (\$ in Millions)	
Benefit / Cost Ratio:	
Rate of Return on Investment:	
Payback Period:	

Itemized Benefits (\$ in millions)				
	Passenger Benefits	Freight Benefits	Total over 20 Years	Average Annual
Travel Time Savings				
Vehicle Operating Cost Savings				
Accident Cost Savings				
Emissions Cost Savings				
TOTAL				

Person-Hours of Time Saved	
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ITEM 6

April 5, 2018

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

FROM: Michael Sigala, Valleywide Coordinator

SUBJECT: Valleywide Overall Work Program FY 2018-19

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies have stipulated in their memorandum of understanding the need to annually produce a Valleywide Overall Work Program (OWP). The purpose of this discussion item is to provide input for the 2018-19 OWP, and discuss the budget for the various valleywide activities identified in the OWP.

For reference, the OWP from last year is attached to this memo.

During the month of April, the Valleywide Coordinator will work with MPO staff to further refine the activities and cost. The final Valleywide OWP for FY 2018-19 will be submitted for approval at the May 3, 2018 Directors Meeting.

REQUESTED ACTION:

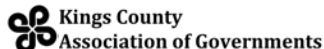
- 1) Discuss content and modifications to priority topics.
- 2) Discuss budget.



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies



Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Overall Work Program



San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council

Members and Staff as of April 2017

Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG)

Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin, Regional Policy Council Chair

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman

[Alternate:]

STAFF: Tony Boren, Executive Director – Fresno COG

Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)

Mayor Cheryl Wegman, City of Wasco

Councilmember Rueben Pascual, City of Delano

[Alternate: Mayor Jennifer Wood, California City]

STAFF: Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director – Kern COG

Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

Supervisor Doug Verboon, Kings County

Mayor Justin Mendes, City of Hanford

[Alternate: Supervisor Joe Neves, Kings County]

STAFF: Terri King, Executive Director – KCAG

Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)

Supervisor Robert Poythress, County of Madera,

Supervisor Brett Frazier, County of Madera

[Alternate: Councilmember Andrew Medellin, City of Madera]

STAFF: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director – MCTC

Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)

Supervisor Daron McDaniel, County of Merced

Mayor Mike Villalta, City of Los Banos

[Alternate: Mayor Mike Murphy, City of Merced]

STAFF: Stacie Dabbs, Interim Executive Director – MCAG

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJ COG)

Supervisor Chuck Winn, County of San Joaquin – **VICE CHAIR**

[Alternate: Councilmember Elbert Holman, Jr., City of Stockton]

STAFF: Andy Chesley, Executive Director – SJ COG

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

Supervisor Vito Chiesa, County of Stanislaus

Councilmember Bill Zoslocki, City of Modesto

[Alternate – Councilmember Jenny Kenoyer, City of Modesto]

STAFF: Rosa Park, Executive Director – StanCOG

Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Mayor Rudy Mendoza, City of Woodlake - **CHAIR**

Supervisor Kuyler Crocker, County of Tulare

[Alternate – Councilmember Linda Launer, City of Dinuba]

STAFF: Ted Smalley, Executive Director – TCAG

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director

Introduction

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) covers over 27,000 square miles and encompasses the eight-county region of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Since 1992, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies (Valley RPAs) have coordinated planning activities where interregional issues are involved, including air quality conformity, goods movement, funding for regional transportation projects, legislative advocacy, and recently, Sustainable Communities Strategies.

Planning efforts of Valleywide importance are conducted among the eight RPAs through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee (Directors' Committee) and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Policy Council (Regional Policy Council), a governing board including elected officials from each Valley RPA and the Executive Director of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

The FY 2017-2018 Valleywide Overall Work Program is a summary document and details major coordinated activities that all eight regional planning agencies are actively engaged in. The Valleywide OWP does not replace the need or requirements of each RPA to conduct their own OWP, rather it is a planning and budgeting tool for shared Valleywide activities.

{Note – the terms Regional Planning Agency (RPA), Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG) are used interchangeably in this document.}

Current Valleywide Major Activities

1. MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES

Objective: To develop and foster regional coordination and prioritization for SR 99, I-5, and other regionally significant corridor improvements.

Lead: Kern COG and MCAG

The Valley RPAs work in close consultation with Caltrans and other stakeholders to prioritize funding for SR 99 and other major highways and interstates. The 99 Business Plan helped the Valley achieve dedicated funding for SR 99 through Proposition 1B, the only transportation earmark in the bond placed before the voters. Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 have completed the necessary Corridor System Management Plans required by the State, updated the 99 Business Plan and Master Plan, and coordinated continued project selection and funding alternatives. The Directors, working in close consultation with Caltrans District 6 and 10 staff, routinely meet and discuss Prop. 1B bond savings, State funding priorities, FAST Act, and other funding strategies to enhance and improve SR 99, I-5, and other critical projects.

Activities for FY 2017-18:

- Continue to advocate for critical widening projects for SR 99 for six lanes of travel throughout the SJV.

- Explore SHOPP funding for the updated Business Plan and auxiliary lane concepts, as projects are eligible. Develop Master Strategy for the SHOPP. Kern COG to coordinate with Caltrans D6, SJ COG to coordinate with D10 on opportunities for additional programming.
- Continue to seek federal FAST Act funding and state funding for major SR 99 projects and coordinate pre-construction activities, when feasible, to ensure project readiness.

2. JOINT FUNDING STRATEGIES – STIP, IIP AND OTHER FUNDING

Objective: To develop and foster greater coordination across various funding programs to enhance and increase transportation funding to the Valley.

Lead: TCAG and San Joaquin COG

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a multi-year capital improvement program to assist the State and local entities to plan and implement transportation improvements, and to utilize resources in a cost-effective manner. STIP funded improvements include state highways, local roads, public transit, intercity rail, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, grade separations, intermodal facilities, etc. Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) funds are programmed by Caltrans on a statewide priority basis, for use primarily on the State highway system (outside urbanized areas) and projects that generate economic development.

In 2015, the Valley RPAs through the newly formed “Valley Swap Meet” working group, reached consensus on a coordinated Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and shifted programming to the outer years of the 2016 STIP in response to a request by the California Transportation Commission.

Activities for FY 2017-18:

- Establish a coordinated eight county effort to advocate for continued project funding considering the budgetary actions to reduce STIP funding
- Explore valley interest in developing a coordinated Valley STIP as part of the 2018 STIP cycle
- Develop a milestone timeline for IIP programming – establish a goal of 20 percent
- Discuss whether there is valley interest to pursue a regional set aside position
- Develop an optimized strategy for STIP/IIP funding for the next 20 years with the goal of all eight counties getting priority projects and therefore supporting the full 20-year plan
- Continue coordinated planning efforts through the “Valley Swap Meet”, including opportunities to partner on federal funding programs such as Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) so no funds lapse in the valley.
- Share information about any developments in federal funding opportunities that may come out of the new Administration.

3. SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY INTERREGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT

Objective: To prioritize, coordinate and implement goods movement planning and capital projects to improve the Valley’s economic competitiveness.

Lead: Fresno COG and TCAG

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) has always been California's geographic and agricultural production center generating more than \$35 billion every year in nuts, lettuce, tomatoes, wine, and other grains and agricultural products. It also plays a major role in the national and international distribution of processed foods and energy products, and has a burgeoning logistics and distribution industry. The region has relatively inexpensive land and low cost labor, good access to the national rail and interstate highway networks, connections to major deep-water ports in Oakland, Los Angeles, and Long Beach, and proximity to major consumer markets in Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Recognizing the importance of goods movement to the region, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans commissioned the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan completed in 2013. In FY 2014-15, the Valley RPAs were awarded two additional goods movement related planning grants from Caltrans to continue to identify strategies and recommendations for improving freight movement in the Valley, the San Joaquin Valley I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Plan and the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan. Both studies are anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2017.

Activities for FY 2017-18:

- Continue to coordinate project prioritization for FASTLANE goods movement funding under the federal FAST Act transportation authorization
- Continue to participate in the California Freight Advisory Committee, and statewide committees determining eligibility for FAST Act funding
- Provide input to the California's Freight Mobility Plan
- Provide input to the California Freight Investment Plan
- Continue to work with regional partners conducting logistics, economic development and other analysis related to goods movement
- Advocate and support efforts to maintain short line rail corridors
- Continue to explore alternative fuels and strategies for meeting the California's Sustainable Freight mandates

4. AIR QUALITY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Objective: To continue successful coordination of Valleywide air quality planning minimizing potential impacts to project delivery.

Lead: San Joaquin COG and StanCOG

Transportation conformity is required by the federal Clean Air Act and ensures that federal funding is given to transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. The Clean Air Act strengthened conformity requirements for transportation projects, necessitating a more enhanced level of technical analysis of plans, programs, and projects than in the past. Conformity determinations must be conducted at least every four years, or as amendments are made to plans or projects. The federal transportation conformity rule requires interagency consultation on issues that would affect the conformity analysis, such as the underlying assumptions and methodologies used to prepare the analysis. Consultation is generally conducted through the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC). The IAC has been established to provide a coordinated approach to Valley air quality, conformity and transportation modeling issues. Each of the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and the Air Pollution Control District are represented. In addition, the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board and Caltrans have members on the committee.

Coordination among the Valley RPAs, the Air District and other air quality and transportation agencies is proving to be a very effective process. The Valley RPA Directors have budgeted to continue joint funding for a valleywide Air Quality Coordinator, responsible to the Directors, to ensure that air quality conformity and related modeling within the Valley is accomplished on a consistent and timely basis.

Activities for FY 2017-18:

- Monitor state and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements
- Conduct conformity determinations to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan, FTIP, and subsequent amendments conform to the State Implementation Plans (SIPs), as required by federal laws and regulations
- Submit future-year travel forecasts to the SJVAPCD and the California Air Resources Board as requested
- Continue to utilize the Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC) for routine communication and coordination
- Assistance with the development of second round SB 375 targets, including ongoing coordination with California Air Resources Board staff related to SB 32 and its effect on SB 375 targets.

5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIES / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Objective: To develop and coordinate SB 375 compliant Sustainable Communities Strategies for the Valley

Lead: Fresno COG and San Joaquin COG

California's Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) requires each MPO to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of their Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A SCS outlines the plan for reducing per capita greenhouse gas emission by integrating the transportation network and related strategies with an overall land use pattern that accounts for projected growth, housing needs, changing demographics, and forecasted transportation needs among all modes of travel.

Under the Sustainable Communities Act, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) sets regional targets for GHG emissions reductions from passenger vehicle use. The ARB established these targets in the San Joaquin Valley as per capita GHG reductions of five percent by 2020 and 10 percent by 2035. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies have worked independently and collectively to meet these targets and have invested considerable resources towards technical staff, modeling, and scenario development

The Valley's Regional Planning Agencies are currently working with ARB to establish timelines and protocol for the next round of RTPs and associated targets.

Activities for FY 2017-18:

- Continue to implement the 2014 RTP/SCS
- Initiate 2018 RTP/SCS development efforts
- Continue to work with ARB staff on the second round of greenhouse gas reduction target recommendation and establish a "Valley" position for the 2018 RTP/SCS and associated targets
- Continue to advocate for increasing the RTP timeline from four years to up to ten years
- Assist with the implementation of performance measure targets in the 2018 RTP/SCS, including strategies for data collection and application.

6. RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT WITH EXTERNAL AGENICES AND ENTITIES

Objective: To develop and foster greater communication and coordination within Valley Regional Planning Agencies and with other related agencies and stakeholders.

Lead: TCAG and StanCOG

To maintain ongoing communication and cooperation with other external agencies, the Valley RPAs have included a relationship development component to foster routine “two way” communication with our related state and federal transportation agencies.

Federal entities include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Rail Administration (FRA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State entities include the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), California Transportation Commission (CTC), Caltrans Districts 6 and 10, Caltrans Headquarters, California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG), Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (ARB). Regional entities include the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Other stakeholders include the California Trucking Association, agricultural associations, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, colleges and universities, environmental groups, and the public.

Activities for FY 2017-18:

- Directors to coordinate and attend one-third of CTC meetings
- Directors to meet with at least two CTC Board Members they don't currently know
- Directors to continue to advocate for a CTC representative to be appointed from the Valley
- Directors to meet annually with CalSTA Director
- CTC staff to be invited to Directors' Committee meeting once a year
- RPA staff to be encouraged to take more leadership positions on Valleywide matters
- Valley Directors to develop and maintain relationships with Caltrans Director and Deputy for Planning
- Caltrans staff to be invited to attend “Valley Voice” advocacy trips
- All Valley Directors should attend and speak at each CALCOG meeting
- Valley Directors' Committee meetings should be moved to a time of the month where Valley Directors can review and discuss CALCOG agenda prior to CALCOG meeting to develop joint strategy on issues
- Request MTC or SCAG staff come to a Valley Directors' Committee meeting
- Valley Directors to meet annually with management of ARB
- Create Valley Brochure to highlight the various activities the Valley RPAs are engaged in

7. VALLEY LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Objective: To engage in a unified process that allows the eight county region to discuss and comment on legislative affairs and build consensus on issues of Valleywide importance.

Lead: TCAG and MCAG

The Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC) has been established at the staff level to track relevant legislation with a potential Valleywide impact to Regional Planning Agencies. VLAC also develops support/oppose/amend positions for each of the agencies and makes recommendations as warranted. When legislative positions appear to have a consensus within the Valley, the Regional Policy Council may make a unified statement to inform the state and federal governments that the Valley is actively engaged in the legislative process.

VLAC coordinates the annual “Valley Voice” advocacy visits to Washington D.C. in the fall and Sacramento in the spring.

Activities for FY 2017-18:

- Plan “Valley Voice” Washington D.C. visit for September 2017
- Plan “Valley Voice” Sacramento visit for early 2018
- Track legislation, communication with legislative offices, letter campaigns and other activities to develop a unified, Valleywide position.
- Develop the Valleywide Legislative Platform (state and federal)
- Facilitate discussions around controversial topics such as water and high speed rail among Regional Policy Council members
- Continue to meet monthly and make recommendations as warranted

8. VALLEYWIDE MODEL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process which is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Lead: Fresno COG

Fresno COG is the lead agency in the San Joaquin Valley Model Improvement Plan, which has updated all eight San Joaquin Valley transportation demand models. These improvements were required to respond to the requirements Assembly Bill 32 the Global Solutions Warming Act of 2006 and Senate Bill 375, which requires the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in Regional Transportation Plans (RTP).

Traffic model runs are made as necessary to support transportation planning, conformity analysis and greenhouse gas emissions analysis. The COG staff also runs the latest EMFAC emissions model for air quality in support of transportation conformity. This activity supports both highway planning activities and the air quality conformity process. Some MPO staff used the Envision Tomorrow visioning tool to help test various land use scenarios for SB 375 target setting and Sustainable Communities Strategies.

A related action is participation in activities related to coordination of valleywide modeling analysis and participation in the San Joaquin Valley model users group. These activities are critically important to an understanding of the role of the transportation sector in resolving serious air quality problems in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin.

Activities for FY 2017-18:

- Continue long-term model improvements
- Participate and monitor EMFAC 2017 development
- Continue to research off-model GHG reduction quantification methodology for technology strategies

- Continue development of advanced four step models, tour base models or activity based models in select counties
- Improve coordination and participation of the Valley model users group
- Coordinate with SJV Goods Movement planning efforts to develop a framework for a regional freight movement modeling tool

9. OTHER VALLEYWIDE ACTIVITIES

The Valley RPAs are also engaged in the following activities for FY 2017-18:

- SCS Implementation Alternatives for Meeting Transit Needs in the Rural San Joaquin Valley, a Caltrans planning grant administered by MCAG and conducted by the UC Davis Institute for Transportation Studies
- Technical Assistance providers for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program – pending
- Support for Intercity Passenger Rail (SJ JPA)
- Blueprint and Greenprint post project web maintenance
- Regional Policy Council meetings and Directors’ Committee meetings
- Producing the annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference (held in the Spring of 2017 in Fresno)

Directors’ Chair Rotation Schedule

Fresno Council of Governments, 2017-18
 Merced County Association of Governments, 2018-19
 Stanislaus Council of Governments, 2019-20
 Madera County Transportation Commission, 2020-21
 Kings County Association of Governments, 2021-22
 Kern Council of Government, 2022-23
 San Joaquin Council of Governments, 2023-24
 Tulare County Association of Governments, 2024-25

Annual Policy Conference Rotation Schedule (with past years shown in italics)

Modesto (StanCOG), Fall 2010
Bass Lake (MCTC), Fall 2011
Lemoore (KCAG), Fall 2012
Stockton (SJ COG), Fall 2013
Visalia (TCAG), Fall 2014
Tenaya (MCAG), Fall 2015
Fresno (Fresno COG), Spring 2017

StanCOG, 2018
 MCTC, 2019
 KCAG, 2020
 San Joaquin COG, 2021
 TCAG, 2022
 MCAG, 2023
 Fresno COG, 2024
 Kern COG – *subject to further discussion, may be available to host at some time*

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget

Valleywide Activities			Air Quality Planning ⁽²⁾	Valley Voice ⁽³⁾	Valleywide Coordinator ⁽⁴⁾	Total FY 2017-18
MPO Share By Population ⁽¹⁾						
Fresno	984,541	23.5%	\$46,342	\$5,877	\$27,033	\$79,252
Kern	886,507	21.2%	\$41,727	\$5,292	\$24,341	\$71,360
Kings	150,373	3.6%	\$7,078	\$898	\$4,129	\$12,104
Madera	155,349	3.7%	\$7,312	\$927	\$4,266	\$12,505
Merced	271,579	6.5%	\$12,783	\$1,621	\$7,457	\$21,861
San Joaquin	733,383	17.5%	\$34,520	\$4,378	\$20,137	\$59,034
Stanislaus	540,214	12.9%	\$25,428	\$3,225	\$14,833	\$43,485
Tulare	466,339	11.1%	\$21,950	\$2,784	\$12,805	\$37,538
Total FY 2017-18	4,188,285	100.0%	\$197,140	\$25,000	\$115,000	\$337,140

(1) DOF, January 2016 estimates

(2) SJ COG Staff (\$47,322) & Consultant (\$149,818)

(3) No PL Funds

(4) Sigala Inc

Budget amounts shown represent the total direct Valley RPA cost for this activity. SJ COG is the fiscal agent for Air Quality Planning. Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for Valley Voice and the Valleywide Coordinator contract.

In addition to the shared activities outlined above, the following grant programs represent additional Valleywide activities. These programs require no direct or shared RPA cost and are budgeted in the OWP of the respective lead agency.

- SCS Implementation Alternatives for Meeting Transit Needs in the Rural San Joaquin Valley (\$500,000) administered by MCAG
- *Both Goods Movement Studies were completed in FY 2016-17*



INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – April 5, 2018

8. Caltrans Directors' Report

S. Ehlert/D. Agar

Sharri Ehlert (District 6 Director) and Dennis T. Agar (District 10 Director), or their representatives, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail

D. Leavitt

Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, or his representative may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

10. California High Speed Rail

D. Gomez

Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, or her representative may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.

11. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Planning

M. Sigala

- All work for the I-5/SR 99 Goods Movement Corridor Study, and San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Sustainable Implementation Plan has been completed.
- Major deliverables including the final reports, and other information for both studies, are posted on the sjvcog's website: http://sjvcogs.org/valleywide_activities/good-movement/

12. Rural Transit Alternatives Study/UC Davis ITS

M. Sigala

The final draft report of the *Opportunities for Shared-Use Mobility Services in Rural Disadvantaged Communities in the California's San Joaquin Valley: Existing Conditions and Conceptual Program Development* has been completed: <http://sjvcogs.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Final-Report-Transit-Alternatives.pdf>

The ARB grant for shared mobility options will commence in 2018 and coincide with the ongoing implementation efforts. The ARB grant contract is under review with the SJVAPCD at this time. Team meetings were held in the Modesto (StanCOG) on March 19, and Visalia (Self Help Enterprises) on March 20 to go over work to date and strategize for the implementation of the ARB grant. We are still working with ARB and the Air District on contracting to initiate the project. Site assessments for solar installations at seven Self Help Communities will occur on April 4 and 6.

13. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

I. Herrera

Ismael Herrera, Lead Executive, may be in attendance to provide an update and answer any questions.



Save the Date!

13th Annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference
May 9 (evening), 10-11, 2018 Modesto DoubleTree Hotel



“The Annual San Joaquin Valley Planning conference is where issues that are critical to the Central Valley are debated and discussed. It is vital that the Valley speak with one voice as we engage with Sacramento and Washington DC to solve the issues that face our region. This is the conference that brings us together. I urge your attendance.”

– Paul Van Konynenburg