



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Meeting Agenda Thursday, July 11, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Host and Location:

Madera County Transportation Commission
2001 Howard Road, Suite 201
Madera, CA 93637

Teleconference Number: 1-515-604-9094

Participant Code: 432-600-639

TRANSFER OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PATRICIA TAYLOR AND TERRI KING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Enclosure

1. June 6, 2019 Directors' Meeting P. Taylor

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

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

3. Valley Voice D.C. (Sept. 11-12, 2019) M. Sigala
Discuss Priority Platform Items, Delegates, Itinerary and other info

4. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study A. Hakimi
Receive Update

5. California Transportation Funding P. Taylor
Program and Project Funding Updates:

- *Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCOG)*
- *Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)*
- *ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)*

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| 6. Governor's Housing Trailer Bill for Planning
<i>Receive Update, and Review and Approve Next Steps</i> | M. Sigala/
R. Phipps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Greenprint Gateway Site Maintenance
<i>Provide Direction to Staff for Continued Site Maintenance</i> | T. Her-Cole | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items are for informational purposes and require no action or vote.

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| 8. Caltrans Directors' Report | S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney |
| 9. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail | D. Leavitt |
| 10. California High Speed Rail | D. Gomez |
| 11. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley | I. Herrera |

OTHER ITEMS

12. Director Items

13. 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, August 1, 2019 (Fresno)

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

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

Please see Appendix A for a list of other attendees

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 2, 2019 Directors' Meeting

R. Park

There was a motion to approve the May 2, 2019 Directors Committee Minutes.


First Motion: Andrew Chesley
Second Motion: Tony Boren
 Motion Carried

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2. RTP/Sustainable Communities Strategies/Air Quality

R. Niblock

Update and Discussion

Ryan Niblock briefly reported on a joint California Air Resources Board, California Transportation Commission, and California Department of Transportation informational workshop on the Safe Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule held on May 16th. Mr. Niblock noted that Tanisha Taylor circulated a draft letter to MPOs outlining shared concerns and describing potential financial ramifications to the State. Discussion followed.

3. Valley Voice

M. Sigala

A) Discuss Planning Items for DC Visit

Michael Sigala announced that Jen Covino (Simon and Company) will present potential legislative platform items to the Policy Council at the June 14th Regional Policy Council meeting. Mr. Sigala also reported that he has a pending hotel contract with the Hyatt, and requested approval from the Directors to execute the contract.

There was a motion to approve executing the Hyatt hotel contract for Valley Voice DC 2019.

First Motion: Tony Boren
Second Motion: Stacie Dabbs
Motion Carried

B) Review Sacramento Trip Summary from Gus Khouri

Gus Khouri (Khouri Consulting) shared his observations from the Valley Voice Sacramento 2019 trip and provided some recommendations for Directors to consider to help make future trips more productive. Discussion followed.

4. I-5 Self-Driving Truck Study

A. Hakimi

Discuss Preliminary Scope, and Funding Opportunities

Rob Ball briefly reported on a Caltrans non-competitive funding opportunity for a truck platooning pilot project. More information can be requested from Mr. Hakimi.

5. California Transportation Funding

R. Park

Discuss and Receive Input for the Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan

- **Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (SJCOG & MCOG)**
No update was provided.
- **Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (Fresno COG)**
No update was provided.
- **ITIP (TCAG & StanCOG)**
No update was provided.

6. California's Economic Summit, November 2019

I. Herrera

Discuss and Receive Input for the Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan

The California Economic Summit will be held November 7-8, 2019 in Fresno, with activities leading up to the summit beginning November 6th. Ishmael Herrera noted that this will be the first time that the summit is hosted in the San Joaquin Valley. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

7. Governor's Housing Trailer Bill for Planning

M. Sigala/R. Phipps

Receive Update, and Review and Approve Critical Next Steps

Michael Sigala provided an overview of the Trailer Bill and discussed potential next steps. An estimated \$20.3m will be allocated to the San Joaquin Valley multi-agency working group for technical assistance, preparation and adoptions of planning documents, and process improvements to accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance to implement the Sixth Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Mr. Sigala recommended using the Regional Policy Council as a

foundation for creating the multi-agency working group, and selecting Fresno COG to be the fiscal agent.

There was a motion to conditionally approve using the Regional Policy Council as a standing committee for the working group and Fresno COG as the fiscal agent should the Trailer Bill be passed.

First Motion: Stacie Dabbs
Second Motion: Andrew Chesley
Motion Carried

- 8. Regional Policy Council** M. Sigala
Discuss Agenda Items for June 14, 2019 Meeting in Merced
Michael Sigala briefly reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting, and discussion followed.
- 9. Rural Transit Alternative Implementation** C. Rodier
Valley FLEX and Valley GO Update, and Future Funding Opportunities
Caroline Rodier (Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis) provided an update on the status of the cap-and-trade funded Valley FLEX and Valley GO pilot projects, and discussed upcoming funding opportunities from the Department of Energy and the Federal Transit Administration to expand these projects. Directors expressed interest in supporting both grant proposals.
- 10. Administrative** M. Sigala
Review and Approve Meeting Calendar for FY 2019-20
Approval of meeting dates was provided with a slight modification for the Merced meeting location date.
- 11. Annual Policy Conference, May 8-10 in Lemoore** T. King
Post Conference Update
Michael Sigala and Terri King gave a brief overview on the success of the conference.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 12. Caltrans Directors' Report** S. Ehlert/D. McElhinney
Ken Baxter gave a brief update.
- 13. San Joaquin JPA for Passenger Rail** D. Leavitt
Dan Leavitt provided an update (via text) that a new San Joaquins schedule was deployed on May 20. This "slotted" schedule returns all San Joaquins trains to full corridor service. SB 742 is now in the Assembly and is expected to be heard in the Transportation Committee soon. The SJJPA approved its final Business Plan at the May 31 board meeting, and approved the environmental contract for the Madera station relocation project.
- 14. California High Speed Rail** D. Gomez
No update was provided.
- 15. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** I. Herrera
The June 21 Partnership meeting in Hanford was noted.

OTHER ITEMS

- 16. Director Items**

17. Public Presentations for Items not on Agenda

Meeting Adjourned at Approximately 12:30 P.M.

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2019 (Madera)

Appendix A – Additional Meeting Attendees

In Attendance:	
Individual(s)	Organization(s)
Michael Sigala	Valleywide Coordinator, Sigala Inc
Ryan Niblock	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Elisabeth Hahn	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Kristine Cai (ph)	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Becky Napier (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Rob Ball (ph)	Kern Council of Governments
Frida Cardoza (ph)	Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development
Nick Martinez (ph)	Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development
Ken Baxter	Caltrans D10
Matt Fell	Merced County Association of Governments
Gus Khouri	Khouri Consulting
Robert Phipps	Fresno Council of Governments
Dan McElhinney	Caltrans D10
Caroline Rodier	UC Davis ITS
Josey Oshana	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Gail Miller (ph)	Caltrans D6
Ishmael Herrera (ph)	Fresno State Office of Community and Economic Development
Meg Prince (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments
Trai Her-Cole (ph)	Fresno Council of Governments



ITEM 3

July 11, 2019

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

FROM: Michael Sigala, Valleywide Coordinator

SUBJECT: Valley Voice DC Priority Advocacy Items for Brochure

Valley Voice DC is scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2019. At the June 14, 2019 Regional Policy Council meeting, there was a follow up discussion about advocacy items that should be prioritized for the visit. Below is the list of priority items discussed at the meeting. *The italic items are the additional priority items previously approved at the January 2019 Regional Policy Council meeting that were not discussed at the June 14 meeting.*

Infrastructure Funding

- BUILD regionally significant projects (awards pending during trip)
- INFRA regionally significant projects (awards announced before trip)
- Future CRISSY Federal Rail Grants
- Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (new program)
- Opportunity Zones: multiple grant programs serving opportunity zones (Need to identify regional significant projects that highlight opportunity zones).

- *Increase Federal Funding, Reauthorization Bill set to expire end of FY 2020*
- *Restore Highway Trust Fund Solvency*
- *Eliminate Rescissions of Contract Authority*
- *Protect CMAQ*
- *Fund Multimodal Mobility Solutions*

Regulatory

- SAFE Vehicles Rule – (position on proposed or final rule depending on timing)
- Buy America Waivers
- FAA 2014 Aviation Sales Tax
- Mobile Emissions Reductions
- Promote Dairy Digesters
- *Reduce Plans Required for New Air Quality Standards*
- *Categorical Exclusions for C-Listed Projects*

Legislative

- Farm to Market Program
- RTP Adoption Cycle (SMART Transportation Planning Pilot Program)
- *Expand Eligible Activities for National Highway Freight Program*
- *Increase MPO Flexibility and Decision Making Authority*

Appropriations *(goes to the end of September, so it's too late to bring new items)*

- Targeted Airshed Program, increase funding
- CMAQ, CDBG other federal programs that are important to the Valley

Requested Action: *Review and discuss priority items, and identify those items for placement, and or top placement, in the brochure for Valley Voice DC. Consider eliminating some items.*



ITEM 6

July 11, 2019

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

FROM: Robert Phipps, Fresno COG and Michael Sigala, Valleywide Coordinator

SUBJECT: California Budget – Housing Trailer Bill

On June 13, 2019, the California Legislature approved the 2019-20 state budget, which included \$900 million in housing incentive funds. On June 27, trailer bill language addressing the incentive funds was simultaneously placed into SB 102 and AB 101. Both companion bills designate \$250 million for cities, counties and COGs/MPOs to use toward preparing for the sixth cycle of Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

The \$250 million in housing planning funds is further divided in half, with \$125 million intended for COGs/MPOs to use, and or distribute, on a grant basis to local jurisdictions. Eligible expenditures include: education and outreach strategies, developing improved methodologies for RHNA funding distribution, technical assistance, infrastructure planning, housing location feasibility studies, and establishing regional or jurisdictional housing trust funds, among other uses.

Overseeing the entire process is a proposed multiagency working group that is required to include at least one large city representative, one small city representative and one county supervisor from each participating county. The city representatives are to be appointed through the county's city selection committee. The San Joaquin Valley is receiving an additional \$6 million to offset costs associated with convening this working group. The SJV's total funding allocation is anticipated to be somewhere between \$18.5 and \$20.5 million.

The proposed bill language will give regional entities approximately five months (November 30, 2019) to establish the working group. After that, funding allocations may be requested until January 31, 2021. Program funding needs to be expended by December 31, 2023, and by December 31, 2024 a final report shall be submitted to the State, according to the proposed bill language.

Staff is recommending an assertive timeline for determining: a) how to best complete the initial application for funding and working group administration (staff or consultant); b) how much funding will be held regionally, and how much will be passed down to jurisdictions, and; c) a process for equitable

distribution of funding across the region. How the COG Directors answer those questions will become the basis of the first staff reports and recommendations to the working group.

In June, the COG Directors were briefed on this issue and the associated critical timelines, with particular regard to working group assignments. The Directors also approved Fresno COG as the fiscal agent for this grant funding, following the bill's requirements. Over the last month, Fresno COG staff and coordinator Michael Sigala have brainstormed options and recommendations for the three immediate questions presented above.

This month, the Directors are being asked to consider and discuss the following, preliminary, proposals:

- A) That staff, with the Valleywide Coordinator's assistance, produce the initial funding application. What is still unknown is whether these initial costs are reimbursable from the program funds. Once this is known, we will return to the Directors with a better understanding of the scope and budget required for the initial application.
- B) A minimum of 20 percent, or approximately \$4 million, be set aside for Valleywide activities, apart from the suballocations to jurisdictions.
- C) Remaining funds would be distributed pro rata through cooperative agreements between Fresno COG each of the other seven MPOs.
 - a. From the pro-rata share, each MPO would pull its own administrative costs and engage in its own cooperative agreements with its individual jurisdictions. Guidance and support services will be provided by Fresno COG and consultant staff.

Request Action: Discussion and direction to staff. A short discussion pertaining to the City Selection Committee process for each county is also merited.



ITEM 7

July 11, 2019

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

FROM: Trai Her-Cole, Fresno COG

SUBJECT: Greenprint Gateway Site Maintenance Contract

In June 2018, the Directors approved a one year contract amendment of \$7,000 to Conservation Biology for the continued maintenance of the San Joaquin Valley Gateway Greenprint. Since then, staff has continued to provide technical trainings and try to encourage additional users. The latest year to date report indicates that only 462 users visited the site from January 2019 to May 2019, with a duration of less than 2 minutes per visit. Due to the low volume of users and future ongoing cost, staff is seeking direction from the Directors related to the continued maintenance of the gateway. The Analytics Overview is attached to this staff report.

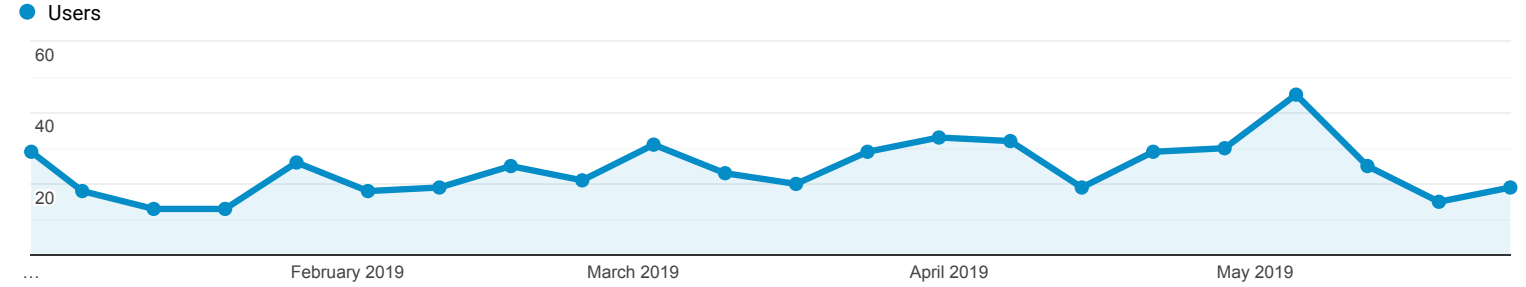
Request Action: *Discussion and direction to staff*

Audience Overview

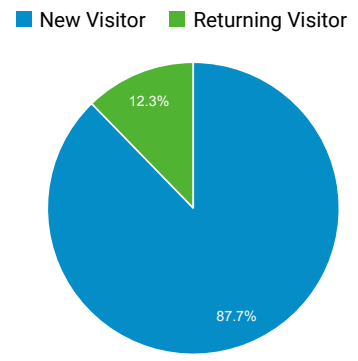
Jan 1, 2019 - May 31, 2019

All Users
100.00% Users

Overview



Users 462	New Users 450	Sessions 592
Number of Sessions per User 1.28	Pageviews 1,249	Pages / Session 2.11
Avg. Session Duration 00:01:56	Bounce Rate 61.49%	



Language	Users	% Users
1. en-us	433	93.72%
2. en	3	0.65%
3. en-gb	2	0.43%
4. fi-fi	2	0.43%
5. fr-fr	2	0.43%
6. ko-kr	2	0.43%
7. th-th	2	0.43%
8. de	1	0.22%
9. de-de	1	0.22%
10. el	1	0.22%