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# CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING StanCOG Board Room 1111 I Street, Suite 308 Modesto, CA

Minutes of June 4, 2015 (Thursday) 6:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Constance Anderson, Chris Esther, Terhesa Gamboa, Jeremy Rocha

ALSO PRESENT:

Cindy Malekos, Regina Valentine, Carlos Yamzon (StanCOG);

Jennifer Hidalgo (ACE); Stacie Morales (CTSA); Monty Thornburg, PhD. (John Muir Ecotourism Center); Charles Turner, Steve Bonrepos

(Members of the public)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terhesa Gamboa called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None
- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR
  - A. Motion to Approve Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 5/6/15
    - \* By Motion (Member Chris Esther/Member Constance Anderson), and a unanimous vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

# 5. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. ACE Rail

Jennifer Hidalgo provided an overview of the ACE services, and highlighted the benefits and the regional impact of a proposed expansion. She stated that the timeline for the expansion to Modesto would be by 2020 and to Merced by 2025. A discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

# B. John Muir Highway

Monty Thornburg provided historical background on John Muir, America's most famous and influential naturalist. He stated that there was a push to rename Historic California 132/Yosemite

Highway to John Muir Highway in hopes of providing a boost in tourism that sustains and reinforces the local culture and economy. Carlos Yamzon stated that this item would be presented to the Policy Board at their June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the Public Transit-Human Services Coordination Plan Interim Report

Regina Valentine provided a presentation outlining the 2015 Public Transit-Human Services Coordination Plan Interim Report. She discussed the purpose and requirements of the report, the public involvement process and the importance of the targeted demographic populations that would provide input. She also provided a copy of the report for the CAC members.

\* By Motion (Member Constance Anderson /Member Jeremy Rocha), and a unanimous vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the Public Transit-Human Services Coordination Plan Interim Report.

#### B. Motion to Nominate a FY 2015/16 Chair and Vice-Chair

- \* By Motion (Member Chris Esther/Member Terhesa Gamboa), and a unanimous vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee nominated and elected Elizabeth Claes and Constance Anderson as the FY 2015/16 Citizens Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.
- C. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the FY 2015/16 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionments for Transit and Other Purposes, and Adopt by Resolution the FY 2015/16 TDA Allocations for Transit

Carlos Yamzon provided background on the Transportation Development Act which provides two major funding sources for public transportation. Schedules included in the staff report outlined the proposed breakdown of the recommended amount of \$17,207.206 for Transit, leaving a remaining Local Transportation Fund (LTF) balance of \$1,446.114 for other purposes. A discussion followed and questions were answered.

\* By Motion (Member Chris Esther/Member Constance Anderson), and a unanimous vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the FY 2015/16 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionments for Transit and Other Purposes, and Adopt by Resolution the FY 2015/16 TDA Allocations for Transit.

# D. Congestion Management Process Steering Committee

Carlos Yamzon reported on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and outlined the steps needed to complete the process, one of which would be to form a CMP Steering Committee. He stated that they would like to have a Citizens Advisory Committee member as part of the Steering Committee. The CMP meetings would likely take place on the first Tuesday of the month; the time of the meeting was still being determined.

#### 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information only.

- A. Commute Connection Monthly Report April 2015
- B. Policy Board Minutes of 4/15/15

- C. Executive Committee Minutes of 4/6/15
- D. Management and Finance Committee Minutes of 4/1/15
- E. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 3/3/15
- F. Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee Minutes of 3/3/15

# 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Carlos Yamzon stated that the StanCOG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategies (RTP/SCS) was under review by the Air Resources Board and would be on the agenda at their June meeting. He also reported that he announced to the Policy Board his retirement date of August 21, 2015.

- 9. MEMBER REPORTS None
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terhesa Gamboa adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting:

August 5, 2015 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm StanCOG Board Room 1111 I Street, Suite 308 Modesto, CA 95354

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