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

**Minutes of September 30, 2015 (Wednesday)
6:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Claes, Chris Esther, Terhesa Gamboa

ALSO PRESENT: Carla Alviso, Jeanette Fabela, Regina Valentine (StanCOG); Sue Stevens, Lana Moore (Members of the public)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elizabeth Claes 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 8/5/15

* **By Motion (Member Chris Esther/Member Terhesa Gamboa)** and a unanimous vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) 30-Day Public Comment Period and Public Hearing Announcement (at Policy Board meeting on October 21, 2015)

Jeanette Fabela provided background on the 2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and explained that the 30-day public review and comment period was to commence on October 12, 2015, and conclude on November 11, 2015. She stated that a public hearing was to be held at the October 21st Policy Board meeting to solicit comments on the 2016 RTIP document, and that the RTIP would be presented for adoption by the StanCOG Policy Board at their November 18th meeting. A discussion took place and members' questions were answered.

B. FY 2016/17 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Public Hearings (at Policy Board meeting on October 21, 2015)

Regina Valentine provided an overview of the FY 2016/17 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment process. She stated that there would be four public hearings and provided the dates, times, and locations. She also said that all public comments received would be included in the final report that would go before the Policy Board at their March 2016 meeting. A brief discussion followed, and members' questions were answered.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the 2015 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 2 Project Selection

Jeanette Fabela reviewed the 2015 ATP Cycle 2 Regional Project Selection Process. She stated that the Stanislaus Region had been apportioned \$2.175 million in funding over three years (FFY 2016/17 - 2018/19). She reported that the region had received a total of 12 applications and that seven of those were submitted to the Statewide ATP call for projects. She stated that two of the projects submitted by the City of Turlock were being recommended for funding at the November 2015 California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, and briefly reviewed three other projects that were also being recommended for funding. A discussion followed and Chair Elizabeth Claes shared how she, as a citizen of Turlock, helped in getting letters of support for the Turlock projects.

*** By Motion (Member Terhesa Gamboa /Member Chris Esther)**, and a unanimous vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt by resolution the 2015 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 2 Project Selection.

B. Draft 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 8 and Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Amendment No. 1 and Corresponding Draft Conformity Analysis

Jeanette Fabela provided a brief overview of the recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) updates which triggered the need for the amendment. She stated that a 30-day public review and comment period started on August 31st and ended September 30th. In addition, a public hearing was held at the September 16th Policy Board meeting. She explained that any public comments received would be included in the final amendment document which would be brought to the Policy Board at their October 21st meeting. A list of projects was provided, a discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information only.

A. Commute Connection Monthly Report – July and August 2015

B. StanCOG E-Newsletter

C. Policy Board Minutes of 6/17/15, 8/13/15 and 8/19/15

D. Executive Committee Minutes of 5/11/15

E. Management and Finance Committee Minutes of 6/3/15

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - None

9. MEMBER REPORTS

Carla Alviso explained that there was a calendar conflict with the scheduled November 4th CAC meeting. There was consensus that Monday, November 2nd would be a good day for a meeting.

Jeanette Fabela reported that the local jurisdictions had done an exceptional job in securing all of the transportation and transit funding programmed in FFY 2014/15 and beyond. She also stated that the StanCOG region was currently ranked #1 in the state for over-obligation.

Chair Elizabeth Claes asked the status of recruiting members for the CAC, and suggestions were provided. Chair Claes also inquired about the status of the Transportation Expenditure Plan. Jeanette Fabela stated that a voter survey was to be conducted that the Policy Board would be reviewing in November.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Elizabeth Claes adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Next Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting:

Special Meeting

November 2, 2015 (Monday) @ 6:00 pm

StanCOG Board Room

1111 I Street, Suite 308

Modesto, CA 95354

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