



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

Minutes of November 1, 2017 (Wednesday)
6:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Claes, Terhesa Gamboa, Zach Keller, Sue Stevens, Stephen Qualls

ALSO PRESENT: Carla Alviso, Elisabeth Hahn, Cindy Malekos (StanCOG); John Dinan (Member of Public); Lana Moore (Salida Sanitary District); Dan Leavitt (ACE)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zach Keller called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 9/6/17

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

5. PRESENTATION

A. Update on ACE Rail in the Stanislaus Region

Dan Leavitt provided an update on the efforts to bring the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) service to Stanislaus County. He outlined the recommendations for the expansion to Modesto and Ceres and stated that \$400,000,000 was included in Senate Bill 1, to fund the expansion. He reported that the plan was to have service to Modesto and Ceres no later than 2023. A discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Update

Elisabeth Hahn provided members with an update on the 2018 RTP/SCS process. She also outlined the various outreach efforts that had taken place to date and reviewed the schedule of the three upcoming public workshops. She stated that the workshops were being held to solicit public input on transportation needs and on the 2018 RTP/SCS Scenarios. Member Claes offered suggestions to get the information out to communities to get them engaged and show how it is relevant to their lives. A discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information only.

- A. **StanCOG 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**
- B. **Policy Board Minutes of 6/21/17 and 9/20/17**
- C. **Executive Committee Minutes of 8/7/17 and 9/11/17**
- D. **Management and Finance Committee Minutes of 8/2/17 and 9/6/17**
- E. **Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 8/1/17**
- F. **Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee Minutes of 8/1/17**

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Cindy Malekos introduced John Dinan who had applied to be the Riverbank representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

9. MEMBER REPORTS

Member Claes reported that it was announced at the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee meeting that a Morning Express Service would be started in 2018 to Sacramento. She briefly outlined the schedule and answered members' questions.

Member Gamboa shared her concerns regarding the State Route 132 West Expressway, right of way. She stated that there was a growing homeless population camping there and that it caused a fire danger for both the residents, and the homeless in the area. She also stated that she had contacted Caltrans about removing the trees in the right of way, to help prevent fires.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Zach Keller adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting:

November 29, 2017 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm

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