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**VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE (VVS) MEETING**  
**STANCOG BOARD ROOM**  
**1111 I STREET, SUITE 308**  
**MODESTO, CA**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017**  
**1:00 PM**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to five minutes or at the discretion of the Chair.*

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Motion to Approve VVS Minutes of 1-31-17

**5. PRESENTATION**

- A. San Joaquin Valley Model Improvement Program Update

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Greenhouse Gas Target Setting Status Update

**7. CALTRANS REPORT**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**9. MEMBER REPORTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regularly Scheduled VVS Meeting:**

**August 1, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 pm**

**StanCOG Board Room**

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# CONSENT CALENDAR

**VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
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**Minutes January 31, 2017 (Tuesday)**  
**1:00 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Tom Westbrook (City of Ceres); Patrick Kelly (City of Modesto); Colleen Andersen (City of Oakdale); Donna Kenney (City of Riverbank); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Richard O'Brien (Policy Board Representative); Chris Esther (Citizens Advisory Committee Representative); Edgar Garibay (Environmental Justice Representative); Sara Lytle-Pinhey (LAFCO Representative)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rosa De León Park, Elisabeth Hahn, Stephen Hanamaikai, Isael Ojeda, Dave Reed, Dan Stewart, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Kari McNickle, Yvette Davis (Commute Connection)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Richard O'Brien called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve VVS Minutes of 8-2-16**

**\*By Motion (City of Modesto/City of Riverbank)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 8-2-16.

**5. PRESENTATION**

**A. Commute Connection Enhanced Program Launch**

Kari McNickle provided a presentation to members regarding the launch of their new program called Dibs. She shared changes and improvements from the Strategic Marketing Plan and program that would enhance communication with the rideshare community. She mentioned the launch date of the new website and program would be February 28, 2017.

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets**

Elisabeth Hahn provided background information regarding the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the 2018 RTP/SCS update. She mentioned that staff presented to ARB reasonable targets of 12 to 13% by 2020 and 14 to 15% by 2025 and staff was waiting ARB's response. She mentioned that the consultants were working diligently on getting the new VMIP2 travel demand model up and running so that the target recommendations could be refined based on the final model validation and provided to ARB in early 2017. She said that ARB staff would be taking their target setting staff report to their board this summer for approval of updated targets, which would become effective January 1, 2018 and the 2018 RTP/SCS would need to adhere to those targets. She also stated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2018 RTP/SCS was being prepared and that she hoped to have a consultant on board soon.

**7. CALTRANS REPORT – None**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Rosa Park introduced new StanCOG Senior Planner, Dan Stewart

**9. MEMBER REPORTS - None**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled VVS Meeting:**

**May 2, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m.**

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Minutes Prepared By:

  
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# DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS



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**TO:** Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee (VVS)

**THROUGH:** Rosa De León Park, Executive Director

**FROM:** Elisabeth Hahn, Principal Planner

**DATE:** April 26, 2017

**SUBJECT:** 2018 RTP/SCS and GHG Target Setting Status Update

**Staff Report**  
Discussion

## **Discussion**

### ***2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Status Update***

On March 23, 2017 the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) released a request for proposals to obtain the professional services of a qualified consultant to support the preparation of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and accompanying Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

A pre-proposal meeting was held on April 10, 2017 and the proposal due date was set for April 24, 2017.

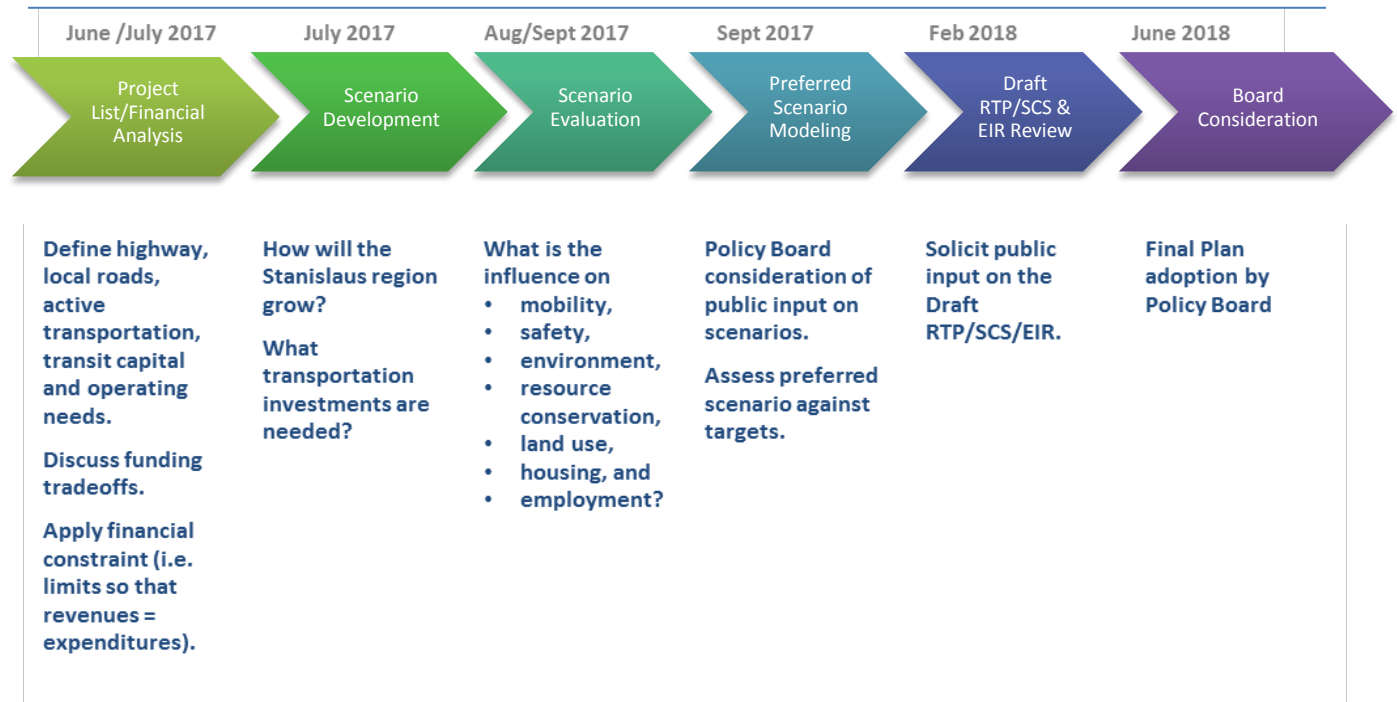
#### **Tentative Schedule for Consultant Selection**

Pre-Proposal Meeting	April 10, 2017
Proposals due to StanCOG	April 24, 2017
Evaluation Committee Review and Meetings	April 25-28, 2017
Interview of Finalists	May 8, 2017
Notify Firms and/or Team of Final Evaluation Results	May 9-10, 2017
StanCOG Policy Board Authorization to Proceed	May 17, 2017
Completion of Agreement/Notice to Proceed	May 24, 2017

Staff will present their recommendation to the StanCOG Policy Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the top ranked firm at the Board's May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The following preliminary timeline was developed to support RFP development. The schedule will be further refined with consultant input once a firm is under contract. The consultant will prepare a detailed project schedule identifying major activities, deliverables and milestones.

## 2018 RTP/SCS/EIR Timeline



### ***Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Targets Status Update***

In June 2016, the Executive Directors, representing each of the Valley MPOs, prepared a joint letter to highlight progress being made in the San Joaquin Valley, identify challenges to the process, and ultimately establish a schedule for delivery that would permit sufficient time to prepare defensible SB 375 targets.

As of the end of December, the MPOs were still awaiting a fully validated model. While the final step of model development is in progress, preliminary target recommendations are being provided that are more in line with previously achieved targets.

The results of a preliminary analyses conducted by the Valley MPOs demonstrated challenges to matching or expanding on the previously achieved GHG reductions. The more recent preliminary analyses considered the impacts of the transition to a new air quality model (EMFAC2014), updated auto operating cost model assumptions, and economic recovery rates that demonstrate SB 375 targets of 12-13 percent by 2020, and 14-15 percent by 2035 may be achievable. The results of an independent sensitivity analysis, prepared by ARB in 2015 to examine the impacts of more recent travel survey and census data on the model output, were in line with the reductions recently proposed by StanCOG.



When the Valley MPOs proposed their preliminary target recommendations to ARB, ARB staff informed the MPOs that they would have the opportunity to refine MPO target recommendations based on the finalized model validation in early 2017.

Since then, San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) issued an RFP on behalf of the three MPOs (SJCOG, Merced County Associated Governments (MCAG) and StanCOG) to update, calibrate, and validate the three county travel demand model base year from 2008 to 2015. Once the model is successfully updated, it will be employed to forecast vehicle miles traveled and the results will be entered into the air quality model to compare the GHG emissions based on the new updated travel demand model with the preliminary analysis findings that were presented to ARB in December. If the GHG reductions achieved with VMIP2 are less than the proposed new targets, then this will be an indication that off-model strategies will likely be employed during SCS development so that the resulting (GHG) emissions reductions can be used to obtain GHG credits towards meeting Senate Bill (SB) 375 targets.

Overall, ARB has expressed their intent to set ambitious but achievable targets. ARB is asking each of the Valley MPOs to narrow their targets further by early May. ARB will establish the final targets for each MPO by June, 2017 and will be taking their final recommendations to their Board on October 26, 2017. The updated targets will become effective for Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) documents adopted by the Valley MPOs after January 1, 2018.

Should you have any questions regarding this staff report, please contact Elisabeth Hahn, Principal Planner, by phone at (209) 525-4633 or via e-mail at [ehahn@stancog.org](mailto:ehahn@stancog.org).