



**VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**StanCOG Board Room**  
**1111 I Street, Suite 308**  
**Modesto, CA**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Michaels (City of Ceres); Jaylen French (City of Hughson); Patrick Kelly (City of Modesto); Joel Andrews (City of Patterson); 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)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Miguel Galvez (Stanislaus County); Rosa De León Park, Elisabeth Hahn, Stephen Hanamaikai, Isael Ojeda, Debbie Trujillo, Steve VanDenburgh (StanCOG); Jim Damkowitz (Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc.); Chelsey Payne (Mintier Harnish); Justin Adams (Encina Advisors); Matt Maddox (Rincon Consultants); Kendall Flint (Regional Government Services); Veronica Tovar (Catholic Charities)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Richard O'Brien called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve Special VVS Minutes of 7-20-17**

**\*By Motion (City of Riverbank/City of Turlock), and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 7-20-17.**

## 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### A. **Motion to Nominate FY 2017/18 Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee Chair and Vice-Chair**

Elisabeth Hahn provided members with a quick overview of the process to nominate a chair and vice-chair.

**\*By Motion (Sara Lytle-Pinhey/City of Turlock)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee nominated Richard O'Brien and Patrick Kelly to continue as Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2017/18 of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee.

### B. **Motion to Recommend Policy Board Approve the Demographic Forecasts, Goals and Objectives, and Land Use Scenario Concepts for Development of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**

Elisabeth Hahn requested input from the Chair and members of the Committee on the process to review and approve each of the items for discussion that would be presented. Chair O'Brien suggested that each topic (Demographic Forecasts, Goals and Objectives, and Land Use Scenario Concepts) be presented along with discussion and then approval at the end. Elisabeth Hahn then introduced Jim Damkowitch to present the items up for discussion.

Jim Damkowitch introduced Chelsey Payne and Amy Yang of Mintier Harnish. He mentioned that meetings would be set up with each of the agencies in August to review development that had occurred since the 2014 RTP/SCS for development of the scenarios. He presented on the demographic forecasts that were developed by the University of Pacific (and that were distributed to the local jurisdictions in 2015 for their review) for use in the land use allocation and Envision Tomorrow analysis. He mentioned that the forecasts introduced the control totals for each jurisdiction, which was important in moving forward. He also said that the land use and health based performance metrics would be generated from the Envision Tomorrow analysis. He said the demographic projections would be put into the travel demand model which would generate the travel activity forecasts which would then generate on-road mobile source emissions. He said these forecasts would also provide input into the Environmental Justice Equity analysis.

Jim Damkowitch also mentioned that households, housing units, and employment would be discussed in the presentation. He said that the numbers which were provided were vetted through each of the jurisdictions to receive input. He then provided a comparison from the 2014 RTP and the development of the 2018 RTP. The City of Turlock representative stated that the figures were aggressive regarding growth in the City of Turlock and Chair O'Brien stated that Riverbank was not growing as fast either. Member b Esther who resides in the City of Waterford stated that the employment growth came in high. Members requested the numbers be corrected and asked what source the data was coming from. Mr. Damkowitch stated that his staff would make corrections for the outer years for the rate of growth and provide that information back to members at the next meeting.

He then went over the proposed changes of the Goals and Objectives. He mentioned that the 2017 Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines had been released by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). He said that due to the updates in the guidelines, staff was proposing additional goals and some modifications to a few existing goals. He mentioned that the proposed additions would include Smart Infrastructure, Reliability and Congestion, and Project Delivery. He went over the goals and any proposed edits on each. He stated the importance to augment Goal Three, Goods Movement and how the RTP could support the goal.

Member Garibay commented on Goal Two Social Equity and suggested to rearrange the goal to make it a little less confusing: Promote and provide equitable opportunities for all populations and ensure all populations share in the benefits of transportation improvements and provide a range of transportation and housing choices, such as access to transportation services. Staff agreed to consider his comments for revising the goal statement.

Veronica Tovar asked if the language under Goal 2 would specifically address disadvantaged communities and active transportation. She also asked if active transportation infrastructure could be added to the list under Goal 8 Smart Infrastructure. Jim Damkowitch responded by saying that the words “all populations” implied that disadvantaged communities were included.

The City of Turlock representative suggested it would be beneficial that the goal statements include “promote alternative modes”. Jim responded by saying this comment could be addressed in Goal 1 Mobility and Accessibility.

Chair O’Brien suggested that Goal 1 include the words “by modes of transportation”.

Chelsey Payne presented the land use scenario concepts and proposed themes. She mentioned that staff was proposing to carry forward the new trend scenario from the 2014 RTP/SCS, which was the baseline to the theme General Plan Trend. She then went over each of the themes and stated that Scenario 3 Intensified Infill and Alternative Mode Investments was a new concept that would further infill development with a slightly more compact footprint compared to Scenario 2. She said staff was requesting confirmation of the 2018 Proposed Scenario Themes so that staff could meet with local agency planning staff of each jurisdiction to go over the details of each of the scenarios.

Discussion amongst members took place regarding infill and redevelopment along the 99 Corridor and the jobs housing balance, and limited expansion of the cities. The City of Turlock representative suggested changing the focus of Scenario 4 to a job housing balance theme. Chelsey Payne responded that in place of Scenario 4, staff could consider a better jobs housing balance with the emphasis on the placement of jobs next to housing. She also said staff would take another look at the demographic projections and make adjustments to achieve a better jobs housing balance. Chair O’Brien commented that the goals should still be based on those adopted by the Policy Board from the 2014 RTP/SCS with additions and updates based on the

changes since the 2014 RTP/SCS. Ms. Payne responded that all the scenarios would be modified to reflect the changes in development over the past four years.

Chair O'Brien suggested that the discussion regarding the scenarios be continued to the next meeting in September. Ms. Payne responded that it would be important to continue the scheduled meetings with the local jurisdictions so that staff could come back with refined scenarios.

**\*By Motion (City of Modesto/Edgar Garibay)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the Goals and Objectives with the modification/rewording of Goals 1 and 2.

Jim Damkowitch presented the four scenario themes of 1) General Plan Trend, 2) Infill and Redevelopment, 3) Intensified Infill and Transit Investment, and 4) City Centric.

**\*By Motion (City of Riverbank/City of Patterson)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the four Scenario Themes presented.

**6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT - None**

**7. MEMBER REPORTS**

Chair O'Brien reminded members that the next meeting would be held on September 5, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

***Next Regularly Scheduled VVS Meeting:***

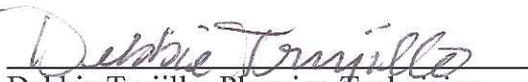
**October 31, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m.**

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