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

Minutes January 3, 2018 (Tuesday)
1:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Tom Westbrook (City of Ceres); Jaylen French (City of Hughson); Patrick Kelly (City of Modesto); Stephanie Ocasio (City of Newman); Donna Kenney (City of Riverbank); Katie Quintero (City of Turlock); David Niskanen (City of Waterford); Richard O'Brien (Policy Board Representative); Edgar Garibay (Environmental Justice Representative); John Beckman (Building Industry Representative)

ALSO PRESENT: Rosa De León Park, Elisabeth Hahn, Stephen Hanamaikai, Arthur Chen, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Jim Damkowitch (Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc.); Chelsey Payne (Mintier Harnish); Veronica Tovar (Catholic Charities)

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 Special VVS Minutes of 12-5-17

***By Motion (John Beckman/City of Turlock), and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 12-5-17.**

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Identify and Select the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Scenario

Elisabeth Hahn thanked members for their participation in the coordinated effort of the 2018 RTP/SCS. She mentioned how important this process was for updating the RTP/SCS; for meeting SB 375 requirements for reducing GHG emissions; and for ensuring federal funding for transportation projects.

Jim Damkowitch provided an overview of the key milestones to date and presented the staff recommended preferred scenario for the 2018 RTP/SCS. He mentioned that the Notice of Preparation of the environmental review process was issued on December 20th and a public hearing would be held on **January 10, 2018**. The Final EIR will be completed in mid-late June and certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the RTP/SCS will be completed in July 2018.

Mr. Damkowitch briefly touched on information provided to member requests following the December 5th VVS meeting regarding the following items: 1) land use data used in the Envision Tomorrow model; 2) sub-area performance measure results; 3) draft project lists by scenario and; 4) the correction of jurisdictional boundaries on the scenario boards.

Discussion took place amongst members regarding how well each of the scenarios matched up to the local jurisdiction's general plans, with the County, and the cities of Newman and Turlock expressing that going beyond scenario 1, the other scenarios depart more and more from what is in the local jurisdictions general plans. Chelsey Payne, with Mintier Harnish briefly went over the process that staff used, which included each jurisdiction's input on their individual general plan growth patterns, in the development of the scenarios. Member Edgar Garibay questioned how each of the scenarios serves the environmental justice communities with alternative modes of transportation. Jim Damkowitch responded to the environmental justice question, by stating scenarios 2, 3 and 4 shows that the percentage of environmental justice communities and households with close proximity to good transit would be higher than noted in scenario 1.

Jim Damkowitch provided a quick review of each of the scenarios and staff's conclusion of recommending Scenario 2, Infill and Redevelopment, as the preferred 2018 RTP/SCS Scenario. He also stated that the California Air Resources Board has decided that they will not be revising GHG reduction targets. The targets will be 5 percent and 10 percent reductions that were valid in 2014. He reiterated the importance of meeting the GHG targets and that scenario 2 would meet that goal. He mentioned that the scenario 2 was the staff recommended scenario for the following reasons: 1) from a performance perspective, it is comparable to the preferred scenario (Scenario 3) from the 2014 RTP/SCS); 2) it is more in line with the local agency projects lists; 3) it is in keeping with ARB's expectations to move beyond business as usual; 4) and is consistent with what the StanCOG Policy Board approved for the 2014 RTP/SCS. He stated that this recommendation would go before the Policy Board at their January 17th meeting for a decision and approval of a preferred scenario.

Veronica Tovar of Catholic Charities expressed her agreement with the public outreach results in supporting scenarios 3 and 4, which help to improve the health of those located in environmental justice communities by promoting more active transportation projects.

Chair O'Brien then took a member poll vote as to their choice of the preferred scenario for the 2018 RTP/SCS, the results of which are reflected in the table shown below.

Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee Results of Member Poll Vote	
Tier I Members	Scenario
StanCOG Policy Board	2
City of Modesto	2
City of Ceres	2
City of Hughson	2
City of Newman	1
City of Oakdale	not present
City of Patterson	not present
City of Riverbank	2
City of Turlock	1
City of Waterford	2
Stanislaus County	1 or 2, undecided
Local Agency Formation Commission	not present
Tier II	Scenario
Citizens Advisory Committee Representative	not present
Environmental Justice Representative	3
Building Industry Representative	1

***By Motion (John Beckman/City of Modesto)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee moved to present the member poll votes of the scenario selection to the Policy Board.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT - NONE

7. MEMBER REPORTS - NONE

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Next Scheduled VVS Meeting:

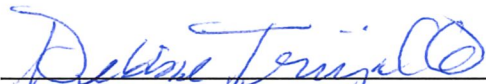
February 6, 2018 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m.

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