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**POLICY BOARD MEETING
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA**

**Minutes of November 4, 2015 (Wednesday)
6:30 pm**

PRESENT:

Chair Vito Chiesa, Bill O'Brien (arrived during Item 4; departed at end of Item 5A), Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Lindy Ryno (City of Ceres); Jill Silva (City of Hughson); Jenny Kenoyer, Tony Madrigal, Bill Zoslocki (City of Modesto); Bob Martina (City of Newman); J.R. McCarty (City of Oakdale); Luis Molina (City of Patterson); Mike Van Winkle (City of Waterford)

ALSO PRESENT:

Monica Streeter (Neumiller and Beardslee); Elisabeth Hahn, Cindy Malekos, Isael Ojeda, Rosa Park, Regina Valentine, (StanCOG); Bryan Godbe (Godbe Research; Kendall Flint (RGS); Members of the Public: Miguel Donoso, John X. Mataka, Rhett Calkins, Scott Calkins, Paul Van Konynenberg, Terhesa Gamboa, Craig Lewis; Sustainable Communities Coalition: Juan Telles (Latinos Outdoors), Victoria Romo, Wayne Bridegroom, Edgar Garibay (Catholic Charities)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vito Chiesa called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Miguel Donoso spoke on the need for improved transit services in the Empire area. John Mataka of Grayson supported the need for improved transit services in Empire. Scott Calkins expressed concerns about SR 132 West PIP meetings.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Godbe Research Update and Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Transportation Expenditure Plan and Tax Measure

Kendall Flint provided a summary of public outreach in each of the communities in the region regarding the prioritizing of projects included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). She reviewed the timeline for developing an expenditure plan for Policy Board input and approval. Brian Godbe reviewed the results of the voter survey which was held in October with 804 individuals to measure the public's support for transportation improvement projects in an expenditure plan for a potential sales tax measure for the region. He said the overall support was at 64% at this time and that support for projects such as road improvements, safe routes to schools and programs for seniors was very high. Kendall Flint stated that projects in each community would be specifically delineated. Discussion took place on the need for all members to support the effort as a region. Edgar Garibay encouraged including alternative modes of transportation in the expenditure plan. Juan Telles advocated including improved roadways for bicyclists/pedestrians. Victoria Romo encouraged support of transportation needs for seniors. Wayne Bridegroom spoke in support of the sales tax for improved routes to schools and for alternative modes of transportation. Rhett Calkins spoke in support of alternative modes and public transit. Terhesa Gamboa encouraged including Birdwell in Oakdale road improvements. Craig Lewis was encouraged with the survey results and supported moving forward. Chair Chiesa reviewed next steps to reviewing an expenditure plan at the December meeting. Member Tony Madrigal said the City of Modesto had adopted a Resolution of Support for ACE and urged each member agency to adopt a resolution. Member Jenny Kenoyer said each member needed to be committed to the effort.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Adopt the Revised Policy for Reimbursement for Travel and Expenses for Elected and Appointed Officials – Revised for Travel by Privately-Owned Aircraft

Rosa Park reviewed the addition to the travel policy to allow for reimbursement which would utilize an IRS-approved reimbursement rate. Rhett Calkins offered concerns regarding the policy.

***By Motion (Member Terry Withrow/Member Luis Molina), and a unanimous vote, the Policy Board adopted the revised Policy for Reimbursement for Travel and Expenses for Elected and Appointed Officials – Revised for Travel by Privately-Owned Aircraft.**

7. CALTRANS REPORT – NONE

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – NONE

9. MEMBER REPORTS – NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vito Chiesa adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting:

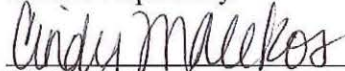
November 18, 2015 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm

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