



**POLICY BOARD MEETING  
VIA WEBINAR AND IN-PERSON  
STANCOG POLICY BOARD ROOM  
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308  
MODESTO, CA 95354**

**Minutes of February 15, 2023 (Wednesday)  
6:00 pm**

**Important Notice Regarding COVID-19**

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), members of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Policy Board and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference or at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, California. Members of the public were able to attend in-person or participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment in real-time during the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Chair Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Vice-Chair Richard O’Brien (City of Riverbank); Vito Chiesa, Buck Condit, Channce Condit (departed during Item 6G), Mani Grewal (Stanislaus County); Javier Lopez (City of Ceres); George Carr (City of Hughson); Rosa Escutia-Braaton, David Wright, Sue Zwahlen (City of Modesto); Casey Graham (City of Newman); Mike Clauzel (left during Item 6C)/Carlos Roque (took seat after member departed) (City of Patterson); Pam Franco (City of Turlock); Charlie Goeken (City of Waterford)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dennis Agar (Caltrans, District 10); Isabel Garcia, Elisabeth Hahn, Cindy Malekos, Josey Oshana, Rosa Park, Shannon Silva, Nick St Cook, Monica Streeter (StanCOG); Tanner Anderson-Smith (Infinity Technologies); Jean Foletta (Tranova); Jen Covino (Simon & Company); Gus Khouri (Khouri Consulting); Adam Barth (StanRTA); Bryan Henderson (Hudson Henderson); Jenny Kenoyer (Member of the Public); Bailey Steele (Agile Mile); Steve VanDenburgh (Cathedral Oaks Consulting)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Terry Withrow called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jenny Kenoyer offered her support for improvements to the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge.

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Motion Approve the Policy Board Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023, and the Special Policy Board Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023**
- B. **Motion to Accept the Measure L Funds Received and Investment Recap Report**
- C. **Motion to Approve by Resolution 22-53 the Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates for State Route (SR) 132 Needham Street to Gates Road/Paradise Road**
- D. **Motion to Approve the Support of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) 2023 Safety Performance Targets**
- E. **Motion to Adopt Resolution 22-54 Amendment 2 to the Community Transportation Needs Assessment Contract with Toole Design Group, LLC**

**\*By Motion (Member Davis Wright/Member Casey Graham) and a unanimous vote, the Policy Board approved the Consent Calendar.**

## 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Motion to Approve the 2023 Federal Legislative Platform**  
Jen Covino provided an update on federal meetings planned for StanCOG in the spring in Washington, DC. She reviewed the proposed legislative platform that would be pursued in those discussions.  
  
**\*By Motion (Member Buck Condit/Member Pam Franco) and a unanimous vote, the Policy Board approved the 2023 Federal Legislative Platform.**
- B. **Motion to Approve the 2023 State Legislative Platform**  
Gus Khouri reviewed the proposed state platform that StanCOG would focus on during the year. He indicated that legislators were meeting in person again and that a day was being planned to meet with state officials to discuss the priorities of the platform.  
  
**\*By Motion (Member Pam Franco/Member David Wright) and a unanimous vote, the Policy Board approved the 2023 State Legislative Platform**
- C. **Motion to Accept the FY 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Policy Board Report**  
Bryan Henderson presented the annual financial audit. He indicated that it was considered a 'clean' audit with no findings.  
  
**\*By Motion (Member David Wright/Member Javier Lopez) and a unanimous vote, the Policy Board accepted the FY 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Policy Board Report.**
- D. **StanisCruise Update**  
Jean Foletta provided an update on the launching of the new StanCOG Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program entitled StanisCruise. Bailey Steele reviewed the application and provided more details about its use.

**E. Motion to Nominate and Elect the 2023 Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair; and if Needed Executive Committee Members from Cities other than Modesto**

Cindy Malekos reviewed the process for selecting the Policy Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive committee members. Monica Streeter further detailed the process for nominations and voting.

**Member Vito Chiesa nominated Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien for the chair position. Member George Carr nominated Member Javier Lopez for the chair also.** The nominated candidates offered remarks regarding their interest in serving as the chair and their qualifications. **A vote was taken for Richard O'Brien with a tally of 7 Yes and 8 No votes. A vote was taken for Javier Lopez of 9 Yes and 6 No votes. Javier Lopez was elected the new chair.**

**Member Richard O'Brien nominated Member Pam Franco for the vice-chair position. Member David Wright nominated Member Sue Zwahlen for the vice-chair.** The nominated candidates provided remarks in support of their nominations. **A vote was taken for Member Pam Franco with a resulting tally of 9 Yes and 6 No votes. Pam Franco was elected as the new vice-chair.**

Monica Streeter noted that no nominations were needed for the Executive Committee due to the election of members from cities other than Modesto as the new Chair and Vice-Chair who would represent the cities other than Modesto on the Executive Committee.

*Chair Terry Withrow passed the gavel on to the new chair Javier Lopez.*

**F. Recognition of Service by Policy Board Chair**

Rosa Park offered her appreciation to the outgoing chair, Terry Withrow, for his service over the past two years. She also thanked the outgoing vice-chair, Richard O'Brien for his contributions in two years in that position.

**G. Motion to Approve by Resolution 22-55 the Measure L Regional Control Project Cooperative Agreement with the City of Ceres for Right of Way (ROW) Support for the State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road Interchange Project**

Steve VanDenburgh reviewed the cooperative agreement for the project.

**\*By Motion (Member Sue Zwahlen/Member David Wright) and a unanimous vote,** the Policy Board approved by Resolution 22-55 the Measure L Regional Control Project Cooperative Agreement with the City of Ceres for Right of Way (ROW) Support for the State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road Interchange Project.

**H. Motion to Approve by Resolution 22-56 the FY 2023/24 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Apportionments**

Isabel Garcia reviewed the annual LTF and STA apportionment process. She indicated that the estimate received from the Auditor-Controller was \$32 million and the state estimate received was \$6.9 million.

**\*By Motion (Member Vito Chiesa/Member Richard O'Brien) and a unanimous vote,** the Policy Board approved by Resolution 22-56 the FY 2023/24 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Apportionments.

**I. Brown Act Virtual Meeting Participation Update**

Monica Streeter reviewed the new options for participating remotely in future Policy Board meetings. She indicated that there were certain situations called 'emergency circumstances' and 'just cause' that would allow members to attend virtually in certain situations. She said that two occurrences per year were allowed.

**7. INFORMATION**

*The following items were provided for information only*

- A. 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Monthly Project Status Report
- B. 2022 Bridge and Pavement Performance Management (PM2) Update
- C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2023
- D. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2023, and Special SSTAC Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2023
- E. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2023, and Special BPAC Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2023

**8. CALTRANS REPORT**

Dennis Agar provided an update from District 10. He also reported on the tour of major regional projects that was held for Caltrans Director Tony Tavares when he visited Modesto.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Rosa Park reported that she and Member Rosa Escutia-Braaton attended the National Association of Regional Councils Conference in Washington, DC. She also said that Member Buck Condit attended the CalVans Board meeting in Visalia as StanCOG’s representative.


**10. MEMBER REPORTS – NONE**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Newly-elected Policy Board Chair Javier Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

**Next Regularly-Scheduled Policy Board Meeting:**  
**March 15, 2023 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm**

Minutes Prepared By:

  
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