



**POLICY BOARD MEETING
STANCOG POLICY BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA**

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

In addition to in person attendance at the location identified above, members of the public were able to join the meeting virtually or participate by teleconference to provide comments to the Policy Board during the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Pam Franco (City of Turlock); Vito Chiesa, Buck Condit, Channce Condit, Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Bret Silveira (City of Ceres); George Carr (City of Hughson); Rosa Escutia-Braaton (departed after Item 8C), David Wright, Sue Zwahlen (City of Modesto); Casey Graham (City of Newman); Kayleigh Gilbert (City of Oakdale); Mike Clauzel (arrived during Item 8B) (City of Patterson); Rachel Hernandez (City of Riverbank) Charlie Goeken (City of Waterford)

ALSO PRESENT: Marlon Regisford (Caltrans, District 10); Elisabeth Hahn, Cindy Malekos, Josey Oshana, Rosa Park, Shannon Silva, Nick St Cook, Monica Streeter (StanCOG); Tanner Anderson-Smith (Infinity Technologies); Jean Foletta (Tranova); Michael Sigala (San Joaquin Valley Planning Agencies); Adam Barth (StanRTA); Jenny Kenoyer (Member of the Public); Steve VanDenburgh (Cathedral Oaks Consulting); Nick Jensen (CRLA)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Pam Franco called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

A. Motion to Approve Member Requests to Participate Remotely due to Emergency Circumstances pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f)(2)(A)(ii)

Cindy Malekos reported that there were no members requesting to participate remotely.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jenny Kenoyer announced the passing of Lillian Castigliano, a member of the StanCOG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) for many years.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Motion Approve the Policy Board Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2023**
- B. **Motion to Accept the Measure L Funds Received and Investment Recap Report**

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

7. PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Update on Regional Early Action Program (REAP)**
Michael Sigala provided an update on the REAP program. He said \$18 million was provided to the San Joaquin Valley and reviewed the efforts in progress. He indicated that additional information was available on the www.sjcogs.org website. Members were appreciative of the update and for the information provided.
- B. **Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA) Route Modifications**
Adam Barth provided an update on the StanRTA route modifications that were effective in the region on March 5th. There was a brief discussion about the positive work being done.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Motion to Approve by Resolution 22-57 the Cooperative Agreement with Stanislaus County for the SR 132 Dakota Avenue to Gates Road Project Contribution for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E)**
Steve Vandenburg reported that a Cooperative Agreement with Stanislaus County was needed to set forth the terms and conditions for \$5,000,000 that the County was providing for the PS&E Phase of the SR 132 project.

***By Motion (Member Terry Withrow/Member Rosa Escutia-Braaton) and a unanimous vote,** the Policy Board approved by Resolution 22-57 the Cooperative Agreement with Stanislaus County for the SR 132 Dakota Avenue to Gates Road Project Contribution for the PS&E.
- B. **Motion to Approve by Resolution 22-58 the 2023 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 MPO Component Projects for FY 2023/24-2026/27**
Elisabeth Hahn reviewed the process that had taken place in the regional Call for Projects for the \$10.292 million of ATP funding that was available for the Stanislaus region. She said 12 projects were considered, and reviewed the five projects that were recommended. There was a brief discussion about reevaluating the scoring components in the future.

***By Motion (Member Charlie Goeken/Member George Carr) and a unanimous vote,** the Policy Board approved by Resolution 22-58 the 2023 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 MPO Component Projects for FY 2023/24 – 2026/27.
- C. **FY 2022/23 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Allocation Request and Project Nominations**
Jean Foletta reviewed the LCTOP allocation request and project nomination for the continuation of the region's Free Fare Days. Members provided favorable comments on the project.

- D. Motion to Approve by Resolution 22-60 the Measure L Public Awareness Program**
Monica Streeter reviewed a proposed public awareness program for the region that was intended to enhance information about Measure L projects and programs to the public. There was a brief discussion.

***By Motion (Member Vito Chiesa/Member Sue Zwahlen) and a unanimous vote, the Policy Board approved by Resolution 22-60 the Measure L Public Awareness Program.**

E. FY 2023/24 Draft Budget and Overall Work

Cindy Malekos reported on the annual process of preparing and submitting the draft budget and OWP, as required, to StanCOG's funding agencies (Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) for their review. She said that once their comments were received, the draft would be updated and provided to the Policy Board.

F. Draft FY 2023/24 Unmet Transit Needs (UTN) Analysis Report

Jean Foletta reported on the annual UTN analysis. She reviewed the process that had taken place. Nick Jensen provided comments in favor of revisiting the UTN definitions. Member Terry Withrow encouraged Mr. Jensen to discuss this more with staff.

9. INFORMATION

The following items were provided for information only

- A. 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Monthly Project Status Report
- B. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023
- D. Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023
- E. Management and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023
- F. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023
- G. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023

10. CALTRANS REPORT

Marlon Regisford provided an update from District 10. He spoke of the Clean California Community Days, and the Statewide Rail Plan and Reconnecting Communities Program which were both out for public review.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Rosa Park reported on the CalCOG Regional Leadership Forum in Riverside, and the StanCOG Legislative Day in Sacramento that she and board members had attended the prior week. Member Sue Zwahlen thanked staff for the coordination of both trips.

12. MEMBER REPORTS

Vice-Chair Pam Franco noted it was International Women's Day and welcomed the new members attending the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Pam Franco adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Next Regularly-Scheduled Policy Board Meeting:

April 19, 2023 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm

Minutes Prepared By:

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