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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Minutes of February 3, 2021 (Wednesday)  
6:00 pm**

**Important Notice Regarding COVID 19**

In accordance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Board Room was closed, and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members and staff participated in this meeting via GoToMeeting. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing measures, members of the public were provided the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment during the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lee Adams, Elizabeth Claes, John Dinan, Zach Keller, Lana Moore

**ALSO PRESENT:** Supervisor Chance Condit (Stanislaus County); Carla Alviso, Melany Arriola, Sam Becker, Emma Goldsmith, Karen Kincy, Cindy Malekos, Stephanie Mora, Isael Ojeda, Edith Robles (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Zach Keller called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Keller introduced Stanislaus County Supervisor Chance Condit who thanked the members for their involvement and dedication to the Citizens Advisory Committee. He also provided information on COVID-19 vaccination sites and protocols in the Stanislaus region.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 1/6/21**

**\* By Motion (Member John Dinan/Member Elizabeth Claes), and a unanimous roll call vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.**

## 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### A. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment 2, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis**

Isael Ojeda provided background on the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, which was a short range, four-year financially constrained program of projects. He reported that on October 28<sup>th</sup>, the documents had been released for a 30-day public review and comment period, where no comments were received. He stated that documents were available on the StanCOG website at:

[http://www.stancog.org/pdf/DraftFinal\\_2021FTIPv312521.pdf](http://www.stancog.org/pdf/DraftFinal_2021FTIPv312521.pdf) and that they would be presented to the Policy Board at their February meeting. He also stated that it was anticipated the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) would provide their approval in April.

**\* By Motion (Member Lana Moore/Member Elizabeth Claes)**, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment 2, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis.

### B. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the Final 2021 StanCOG Non-Motorized Transportation Plan**

Isael Ojeda reported that StanCOG launched the development of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) in September of 2019 and reviewed the many opportunities for public involvement in the process which included meetings, an interactive web mapping tool and virtual outreach events. He stated that StanCOG developed a Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Network that aims to align with existing and proposed facilities within the County and that the plan would help to develop the next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. He also stated that the NMTP would be presented to the Policy Board at their February meeting. A brief conversation followed, and members had their questions answered.

**\* By Motion (Member John Dinan/Member Elizabeth Claes)**, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the Final 2021 StanCOG Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

### C. **Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Adopt the StanCOG Regional Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety Campaign's Final Active Transportation Toolkit and Summary Report**

Sam Becker provided background on the StanCOG Regional Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety Campaign and reported that the final Active Transportation Toolkit was a collection of resources to assist local agencies with carrying out bicyclist and pedestrian safety activities. He stated that the final Summary Report documented the activities and accomplishments of the year-long campaign. He also stated that the final documents would be presented to the Policy Board at their February meeting. A discussion followed and members' questions were answered.

**\* By Motion (Member Elizabeth Claes/Member Lana Moore)**, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board adopt the StanCOG Regional Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety Campaign's Final Active Transportation Toolkit and Summary Report.

**D. Valley FLEX Update**

Edith Robles provided background on the Valley FLEX project and stated it had two components: a smartphone application, referred to as VAMOS, and a volunteer ride-hailing service, Volunteers on the Go (Vogo). She reported that together they seek to expand affordable travel options to residents in rural disadvantaged communities in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. She reviewed how to use the VAMOS application and the Vogo component which provides free transportation for transit users whose trips originate or end in Riverbank, Lathrop, Manteca or Escalon. She stated that Vogo would show up as an option when the trip was not available by using fixed transit routes. She reviewed the next steps to further enhance the VAMOS application to introduce electric car sharing, bike, and scooter options. A conversation followed, members provided input, requested future Valley FLEX updates, and had their questions answered.

**E. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Provide Concurrence by Resolution of the Joint Powers Agreement between the County of Stanislaus and the City of Modesto for the Provision of Public Transportation Services within the Stanislaus Region**

**F. Amendment to the StanCOG Transit Cost Sharing Procedures**

**G. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution the Transportation Development Act Apportionment for the FY 2020/21 Regional Project Transit Claim for the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority**

Karen Kincy provided a report on Items 5E through 5G. She recounted the process that had taken place to consolidate the transit services of Modesto Area Express (MAX) and Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT). She stated that on January 26th, the City of Modesto and County of Stanislaus adopted a Joint Powers Agreement creating the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority. Members concurred that Item 5E and 5G be taken together as one motion.

**\* By Motion (Member John Dinan/Member Lana Moore)**, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board: **(Item 5E)** provide concurrence by Resolution with the Joint Powers Agreement between the County of Stanislaus and the City of Modesto for the Provision of Public Transportation Services within the Stanislaus Region; and **(Item 5G)** approve by Resolution the Transportation Development Act Apportionment for the FY 2020/21 Regional Project Transit Claim for the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority.

**H. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution the FY 2021/22 Local Transportation Funds (LF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds Apportionments**

Karen Kincy provided background on the LTF and STA funds apportionments process. She stated that the FY 2021/22 LTF estimate was \$24,000,000 and the STA estimate was \$4,070,070. A brief conversation followed, and members' questions were answered.

**\* By Motion (Member Lana Moore/Member Elizabeth Claes)**, and a unanimous roll call vote, the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board approve by Resolution the FY 2021/22 Local Transportation Funds (LF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds Apportionments.

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were provided for information only.*

- A. Policy Board Minutes of 11/18/20**
- B. Executive Committee Minutes 11/9/20**
- C. Management and Finance Committee Minutes of 11/4/20**
- D. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 11/3/20**
- E. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Minutes of 10/7/20**

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Rosa Park stated how important the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Joint Power Agreement was to improving efficiencies of transit services in the Stanislaus Region and thanked the members for their support. She reported that StanCOG staff were still working remotely and were available by phone, email and teleconference. She also introduced StanCOG's new Assistant Planner, Emma Goldsmith.

**8. MEMBER REPORTS**

Member Dinan informed the members that currently, city owned vehicles for the City of Riverbank were powered by natural gas, and that the City Council would be looking at alternatives. He stated he would provide updates as it progressed.

Member Claes reported that she would be representing Stanislaus County at the March meeting of the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC). She stated that if anyone had something to communicate to the SJRRRC, she would be happy to convey their message.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Zach Keller adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

***Next Regularly-Scheduled CAC Meeting:***

**March 3, 2021 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm**

Minutes Prepared By:

  
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