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

**Minutes of March 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, Stephen Qualls

**ALSO PRESENT:** Angela Swanson (City of Modesto); Carla Alviso, Melany Arriola, Sam Becker, Emma Goldsmith, Cindy Malekos, Isael Ojeda, Edith Robles (StanCOG)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Zach Keller called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 2/3/21**

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

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Public Hearing Announcement for the FY 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Analysis**

Edith Robles provided background on the FY 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Analysis. She reviewed the various ways the public could submit comments on Unmet Transit Needs throughout the Stanislaus Region. She stated that the comment period began on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, would conclude on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m., and that a Public Hearing would be held at the March Policy Board meeting.

**B. Update on the Formation of the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority**

Edith Robles recounted the process that had taken place to consolidate the transit services of Modesto Area Express (MAX) and Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT). She reported that on January 26th, the City of Modesto and County of Stanislaus adopted a Joint Powers Agreement creating the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA). She stated that the first meeting was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, where the Board took action to appoint Phil McGuire as Interim CEO. She also stated that the StanRTA Board was made up of five elected officials and two citizens, and that it was currently seeking citizens to represent the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County; interested parties were encouraged to visit <https://stanrta.org/> and submit an application to [pmcguire@stanrta.org](mailto:pmcguire@stanrta.org). A brief conversation followed, and members had their questions answered.

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were provided for information only.*

**A. Policy Board Minutes of 1/20/21**

**B. Executive Committee Minutes 1/11/21**

**C. Management and Finance Committee Minutes of 1/6/21**

**D. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 1/5/21**

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Cindy Malekos stated that Rosa Park was unable to attend the CAC meeting because she was participating in the San Joaquin Valley Voice virtual meetings with state representatives along with other San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff and elected officials. She also indicated that the CAC meetings would continue to be held virtually for the next few months.

**8. MEMBER REPORTS**

Member Claes asked for clarification on an email she received regarding community pedestrian and bicycle safety. Isael Ojeda provided an update on the email received from California Walks, which provides bike and pedestrian safety training.

Chair Keller requested to have someone from Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) and the Modesto Transit Center come to a future CAC meeting to provide an update. Cindy Malekos stated that this was being planned.

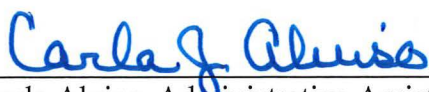
**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Zach Keller adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

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

**April 7, 2021 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm**

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