

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
Project Delivery Sub-Committee  
SJCOG Conference Room  
555 E. Weber Avenue  
Stockton, CA 95202

Monday, July 19, 2010

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hansen at 7:20 am.

**Present:**

Chairman Larry Hansen, City of Lodi; Mayor Brent Ives, City of Tracy; Councilman Dale Fritchen, City of Stockton.

**Others Present:**

Andrew T. Chesley, Executive Director; Steve Dial, Deputy Executive Director; Kevin Sheridan, Project Manager; Wil Ridder, Senior Regional Planner; Rod Attebery, Counsel; Peter Martin, San Joaquin County Public Works; Laurel Boyd, Office Assistant II.

2. **Public Comments:** None

3. **Approve Minutes of June 14, 2010:**

It was moved/seconded (Ives/Fritchen) to approve the minutes of June 14, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Measure K Renewal Policy Considerations: Revised Cooperative Agreement and Cost Savings Policy to Clarify the Basis of Project Cost Savings for Competitive Bid Programs**

Mr. Ridder stated as a result of the recent low construction bid environment and the cost savings policies being applied through the state Proposition 1B programs, SJCOG staff is recommending clarification to the basis of initial project cost sharing and the subsequent identification of cost savings for construction; to ensure consistency between the competitive programs and that the construction coops be based off of the engineer's estimates and be approved before a project is advertised for construction. The intent of the existing Measure K Renewal cost savings policies is to ensure that Measure K Renewal funds available through competitive programs are used to leverage outside funding so that as many projects as possible can be delivered throughout the region.

It was moved/second (Ives/Fritchen) to recommend the SJCOG Board Adopt a Revised Cooperative Agreement and Cost Savings Policy to Clarify the Basis of Project Cost Sharing for Competitive Program Categories. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Measure K Renewal Railroad Grade Separation Safety Policies**

Mr. Ridder stated per the TAC recommendation, SJCOG staff will ask the PDC committee to hold off on approving this item until the City of Stockton has advertised their three grade separation projects. With decreasing revenues, staff looked into several options, listed in the staff report.

Councilman Hansen asked if the priority list still holds over the guidelines.

Mr. Ridder stated yes, for the program's eight grade separation projects plus the reserve. Each project would still have to go through that competitive process and there are risks involved such as not having dollars available for construction costs and the requirement to pay them back.

Mr. Ridder continued to state the TAC decided not to take action on this item because of the City of Stockton's three grade separation projects, so SJCOG staff postponed this action until the City of Stockton receives their bids. The other local jurisdictions agreed to move forward with Stockton's projects based on their bids; which could result in a cost savings. SJCOG staff is recommending to hold on this item until August or September of 2010.

This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

6. **Measure K Policy Concerning Paying for Interested Parties to Participate in Major Highway Project Development Activities**

Mr. Chesley stated last month, the PDC committee voted 4/1 to move to pay local agencies to participate in highway project delivery. Certain activities pertaining to highway project delivery have been identified which will be listed in the master agreement. Terms include legal cost changes counted against project per agency budget and that SJCOG would pay \$20,000 total for all projects within any given year.

Mr. Martin expressed that he was told local agencies could charge \$20,000 per project.

Councilman Hansen stated he was concerned about writing a blank check policy due to the economy and the deficit. If this policy does go forward, he hopes to have a \$20,000 cap otherwise the deficit keeps growing. \$20,000 per year is a compromise but per project is a burden for financial reasons.

Mr. Chesley stated legal counsel asked that SJCOG staff modify this policy to identify an emergency fiscal situation and to resolve it temporarily because the maintenance of effort has been currently suspended by the SJCOG Board.

Mr. Attebery stated the recommendation for this item is Approval of the Resolution with several changes to the 1) Emergency Fiscal Situation and to Resolve it Temporarily; 2) Third or Fourth Whereas Defined in the Master Agreement as

Development Activities, Changes will be made to make sure Developmental Activities are Clear; 3) \$20,000 per year cap.

It was moved/seconded (Ives/Hansen) to recommend to the SJCOG Board Approval of the Resolution with several changes to the 1) Emergency Fiscal Situation and to resolve it temporarily; 2) Third or Fourth Whereas Defined in the Master Agreement as Development Activities, Changes will be made to make sure Developmental Activities are clear; 3) \$20,000 per year cap.

7. **Major Projects Delivery Update (Spreadsheet); Crosstown Freeway Design and Right-of-Way**

Mr. Sheridan stated there are three projects highlighted for discussion:

- I-205 Auxiliary Lanes project construction estimate came in 9% lower versus the engineers estimate; for a total Measure K Renewal savings of \$16 million. The groundbreaking ceremony for this project is scheduled for August 20, 2010 at 10:00 am.
- Route 99 Harney Lane Interchange project's guidelines are on the right track along with the environmental process.
- Western Extension of Highway 4 (Crosstown Freeway) project's PA&ED is targeted for July 2010 which is coming in under budget and earlier than anticipated due to the use of new construction techniques.

This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

8. **Measure K Renewal Funding Allocations for Local Projects in Early Action Program (EAP)**

Mr. Ridder stated the hand out is a status update, recognizing the issue regarding the deficit. Mr. Sheridan is working to minimize programming, by looking to leverage outside funds and moving forward. Other local projects are not moving vast amounts of funding but are still regionally significant. Currently, SJCOG staff is updating the Measure K Renewal Strategic Plan and Financial Plan. The projects listed in the spreadsheet handout are all from the Measure K Renewal and staff is trying to find funds elsewhere for these projects.

This item was for information only, no action was taken.

9. **Caltrans District 10 Director Report (No Staff Report)** None.

10. **Executive Director's Report** None.

11. **Other Matters of Business** None.

12. **Adjourn to the Next Meeting of Committee**

The Project Delivery Sub-Committee was adjourned at 8:26 am. Next regularly scheduled meeting: Monday, August 16, 2010.