

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

SJCOG Regional Center
555 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, California

Wednesday, September 18, 2008

ACTION MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Hilson called the meeting to order 6:00p.m.

Members present:

Jim Hilson, City of Lathrop; **Nate Knodt**, City of Stockton; **Steve Castellanos**, City of Escalon; **Glenn Page**, City of Manteca; **Garry Krebs**, City of Ripon; **Richard Blackston**, City of Lodi; **Charles Manne**, City of Tracy; **Michael Ballot**, Sierra Club; **Esther Vasquez**, League of Women Voters; **Ron Addington**, San Joaquin Business Council; **Marcus Perrot**, University of the Pacific; and **Brian Young**, Transit Advocate.

SJCOG Staff present:

Mike Swearingen, *Senior Regional Planner*; Wil Ridder, *Senior Regional Planner*; Tanisha Taylor, *Associate Regional Planner*; and Nicole Gorham, *Public Communications Specialist*.

*****The minutes reflect the actual order of items as presented at the CAC meeting*****

2. Minutes: Approve Minutes of August 20, 2008

It was moved/seconded (Ballot/Page) to approve the minutes of August 20th. The motion passed with no opposition.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. Measure K Smart Growth Incentive Program Grant Recommendations

Mike Swearingen, SJCOG staff, reported that SJCOG received 6 grant applications for planning and 7 grant applications for infrastructure projects. Staff is recommending that the planning grants be awarded to the top four ranking projects for a total of \$315,000. The remaining amount of \$435,000 would be held for future years.

Motion was made and seconded (Addington/Page) to adopt the scoring committee recommendations for the 2008 MK_SGIP planning grants and award the grants for a total

of \$315,000; direct staff to receive the governing board resolutions from the grant recipients agreeing to commit the 50% matching funds within 45 days; and authorize the Executive Director to enter in the cooperative agreements with the project sponsors. The motion carried with no opposition and Nate Knodt abstaining.

5. Climate Change Legislation Update

Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG staff, gave a brief overview on AB 32 and SB 375, two legislative bills which are targeted at greenhouse gas reductions. SB 375 serves as the implementation process to achieve the GHG reductions expected from regional and local transportation land use measures. AB 32 requires the state of California to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and then to further reduce GHG emissions to 80 % below 1990 levels by 2050.

Members commented on the Tier II list included in the Regional Transportation Plan and suggested that the Tier II “wish list” be dropped to help balance air quality issues.

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

6. Update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

Mike Swearingen, SJCOG staff, gave a briefing of recent activities with the ALUC update and updated the members on some scheduling issues related to Stockton Metropolitan Airport and the processing delay that is anticipated.

This was a discussion only item and no action was taken.

7. Proposed Reduction in Federal Funding Reimbursements

Wil Ridder, SJCOG staff, stated there were potential Highway Trust Fund cash balance shortfalls that could significantly delay all FHWA & FTA projects. He stated the item was brought forward to apprise the members of the situation but also indicated that Caltrans just informed staff that the feds has passed a one-time fix of \$8 billion in funding to bolster the Federal Transportation Fund and that alleviates any concern at this time.

This was a discussion only item and no action was taken.

9. Measure K Program Strategic Plan Update

Wil Ridder, SJCOG staff, updated the members on the status of update. He indicated the objective in updating the existing plan is to ensure that the forecasted revenues accommodate the anticipated programming for the remaining projects that are under development or in construction. Due to declining sales tax receipts, there may not be sufficient revenues to maintain the current Measure K funding commitments. Further discussions will occur after the State Board of Equalization makes its year end adjustment for actual sale tax receipts and SJCOG can better determine the impact on programming the remaining projects in the Measure K program.

This was a discussion only item and no action was taken.

8. Blueprint Updates

Mike Swearingen, SJCOG staff, presented a report that was intended to illustrate the relationship between the SJC Blueprint and current local general plans; to provide the SJCOG governing board with specific examples of how SACOG is implementing their regional Blueprint; and give an update on the status of local Blueprint efforts in the valley.

CAC members stated their concern over the fact that water is a major issue in the valley and that it needs to be addressed to a higher level in the Blueprint plan.

This was a discussion only item and no action was taken.

10. Non Discussion/Information Items:

- **Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) Program FY 07/08 Semiannual Report**

These items were presented as information only. There was no discussion.

- **Ramp Metering /HOV Lane Study Report**

Staff indicated the Bay area is exploring HOV/HOT conversion lanes along the 580 corridor to generate revenue to help pay for capacity improvements. Staff stated that SJCOG has received funding to perform a High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane study on the I-5/I-205 corridor.

11. SJCOG Monthly Report of Major Activities

Staff indicated that the draft Blueprint document will be coming in October for approval.

12. Member's Report/Future Agenda Items

There were no reports.

12. Other Matters of Business

Under the Prop 1B program, the City of Stockton was awarded \$27 million for three projects. The Port of Stockton was awarded \$10 million for the Daggett Road project.

The project development team held a meeting for the Lower Sacramento Road improvement project.

I-205 project is ahead of schedule. It is expected to be opened to traffic in January 2009, months ahead of the projected August 2009 schedule.

13. Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Page) to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.