

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

SJCOG Regional Center
555 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, California

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

ACTION MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Brian Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present:

Brian Young, Transit Advocate; **Marcus Perrot**, University of the Pacific; **Steve Castellanos**, City of Escalon; **Bobby Bivens**, San Joaquin County; **Richard Blackston**, City of Lodi; **Charles Manne**, City of Tracy; **Michael Ballot**, Sierra Club; and **Nate Knodt**, City of Stockton.
(5 members absent)

SJCOG Staff present:

Steve Dial, *Deputy Executive Director/CFO*; Dana Cowell, *Deputy Director of Planning and Programming*; Wil Ridder, *Senior Regional Planner*; Yvette Davis, *Associate Regional Planner*; and Nicole Gorham, *Public Communications Specialist*.

2. Minutes: Approve Minutes of September 16, 2009

Motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Ballot) to approve the minutes of September 16th. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. 2009-10 LTF Revenue and Apportionment Impacts

Steve Dial, SJCOG staff, indicated the sales tax revenues have declined more dramatically than forecast. He highlighted a 26.2% decline from the same quarter last year. The exact impact on the LTF revenue estimate is difficult to gauge, however it will be less than forecast. SJCOG is not revising their revenue estimate at this time, but are processing claims at 70% to provide a cushion in the fund. The biggest hit has been to transit services because they receive 60% of the LTF funds.

This item was presented for information only and action was taken.

5. Measure K Bicycle Program Status Report

Yvette Davis, SJCOG staff, gave a brief update and overview of the program. She stated that Measure K (in its 20-year life) expects to allocate approximately 1.3% of its total revenue for bicycle facilities projects in San Joaquin County. She indicated that the Safe Routes to School program has been included in the Bicycle Program in the Measure K Renewal program.

This item was presented for information only and no action was taken.

6. 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Development

Wil Ridder, SJCOG staff, stated that the CTC has released the draft fund estimate and STIP programming guidelines to initiate the 2010 STIP cycle. He indicated that staff is going through the process of re-establishing priorities for current STIP projects. He reported that COG is proposing to dedicate the full \$2.4 million in Transportation Enhancement funds to the Smart Growth Incentive Program.

A motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Perrot) to recommend SJCOG Board approval of 2010 STIP Policies and Priorities and 2010 Transportation Enhancements Program Policies. The motion carried unanimously.

7. American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Delivery Progress Report

Wil Ridder, SJCOG staff, highlighted the successful federal approval for 12 of the 13 ARRA roadway projects. All of the transit projects have been received federal approval. On November 3rd there will be public recognition of the Bessie Avenue project in Tracy. This project is the first of the ARRA projects to break ground.

The item was for information only and no action was taken.

8. 2009 Measure K Renewal Strategic Plan Update

Wil Ridder, SJCOG staff, stated that sales tax revenues were coming in \$700 million less than had been previously identified by SJCOG staff in March. Staff is recommending to the Board to postpone any action for 12 months. Staff is looking at over-all policy considerations. He indicated that they will be taking this report through the standing committees next month. There is a concern by local agencies regarding a raid on funds by the State.

The item was presented for discussion only and no action was taken.

9. Information Only Items:

A. 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

This item was presented as information only. There was no discussion.

10. SJCOG Monthly Report of Major Activities

Dana Cowell reported that the Governor appointed a new representative to the California Transportation Commission. The new representative is from the Central Valley which will be good for the future of the valley. He stated that in 2008 there was \$25 million programmed in the STIP. This cycle is 0. Most likely project will be moved out to FY 2013/14 and 2014/15. He indicated that the State is not going to be able to keep pace with the sale of bonds and current project schedules will be affected. He complimented Wil and his team for the success of the ARRA and indicated there is a chance for additional funds once we reach 100% of our delivery targets. There will be a scoping meeting for the High Speed Rail for the Altamont corridor on November 12th here at COG. Also, the October 28th Blueprint workshop was rescheduled for November 18th at 7:30 am.

11. Member's Report/Future Agenda Items

Brian Young requested an update on the High Speed Rail plan for the Central Valley. He reiterated a request for a Caltrans representative to speak to the group regarding their DBE procedures and the bidding process for local project delivery. He also requested that staff seek to fill the vacancies on the committee.

12. Other Matters of Business

Dana Cowell indicated that SJCOG was awarded 3 planning grants by the State. He stated staff will provide more detail at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.