

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

SJCOG Regional Center
555 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, California

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

ACTION MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

Members present:

Jim Hilson, City of Lathrop; **Richard Blackston**, City of Lodi; **Michael Ballot**, Sierra Club; **Esther Vasquez**, League of Women Voters; **Brian Young**, Transit Advocate; **Charles Manne**, City of Tracy; and **Ron Addington**, San Joaquin Business Council.

SJCOG Staff present:

Dana Cowell, *Deputy Director of Planning and Programming*; Donald Mascardo, *Regional Planner*; and Nicole Gorham, *Public Communications Specialist*.

2. Minutes: Approve Minutes of June 15, 2009

Motion was made and seconded (Ballot/Hilson) to approve the minutes of June 15th. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments

Michael Ballot spoke on behalf of the Campaign for Common Ground to ask for local assistance in pushing the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Hiking Trail through San Joaquin County.

4. Major Highway Projects in San Joaquin County

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, briefly highlighted the major highway projects that SJCOG is actively involved in as the implementing agency, sponsoring agency, or both. He indicated that 2010 and 2011 will be critical years for moving the projects forward.

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

5. Measure K Project Delivery Semi-Annual Report

Donald Mascardo, SJCOG staff, gave a brief slide show presentation to highlight delivery status of the remaining Measure K projects.

A motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Addington) to recommend the SJCOG Board accept the first Semi-Annual Project Delivery Report. The motion carried unanimously.

6. 2009 Measure K Renewal Strategic Plan Update

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, stated that staff is meeting with each of the local agencies to review project scopes, costs, schedules, and delivery status of projects programmed between 2008 and 2020. Completion of the draft document is targeted for September.

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

7. ARRA Delivery Progress Report

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, discussed the ARRA funding program and the status of the transit and roadway projects. He indicated that the majority of the roadway dollars are going to rehab projects. He went on to state that two projects have potential issues for delivery and they are Tracy's Corral Hollow Widening and Manteca's Atherton Drive Extension. Staff will be working with local agency staff to monitor these projects.

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

8. San Joaquin County Blueprint Board Workshop

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, stated there will be a SJC Blueprint workshop on August 14th. The primary audience is the SJCOG Board, but involvement by community stakeholders group, local agency staff, and the public is welcome.

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

9. Population/Household/Employment Update

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, stated that more detail will be available in August. Staff is updating the transportation demand model and is thus updating the methodology and numbers for the network and to provide more sensitivity in land-use changes attributable to density, design, diversity, and distance.

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

10. SJCOG Monthly Report of Major Activities

Dana Cowell mentioned the state budget woes and noted that the state cannot sell enough bonds to keep projects moving forward smoothly. He went on to state that Proposition 42 and State Transportation Fund are in jeopardy and can possibly adversely affect the STIP.

11. Member's Report/Future Agenda Items

Jim Hilson, reported on a Park and Ride lot issues in Lathrop. He indicated that there was not adequate signage for commuter parking. He also stated that they are working with Target for a possible 2nd park and ride lot.

12. Other Matters of Business

Donald Mascardo noted there will be a public meeting for the Lathrop Grade Separation Project on July 16, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Senior Center at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.