

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

SJCOG Regional Center
555 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, California

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

ACTION MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

Members present:

Jim Hilson, City of Lathrop; **Nate Knodt**, City of Stockton; **Steve Castellanos**, City of Escalon; **Bobby Bivens**, San Joaquin County; **Glen Page**, City of Manteca; **Richard Blackston**, City of Lodi; **Michael Ballot**, Sierra Club; **Esther Vasquez**, League of Women Voters; **Marcus Perrot**, University of the Pacific; and **Brian Young**, Transit Advocate.

SJCOG Staff present:

Dana Cowell, *Deputy Director of Planning and Programming*; Will Ridder, *Senior Regional Planner*; and Nicole Gorham, *Public Communications Specialist*.

2. Minutes: Approve Minutes of May 20, 2009

Motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Page) to approve the minutes of May 20th. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. 2007 RTP Amendment #4 and 2009 FTIP Amendment #11

Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG staff, gave a brief overview of the summary of changes for the RTP and FTIP amendments. A motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Young) to approve the 2007 RTP Amendment #4 and the 2009 FTIP Amendment # 11. The motion carried with Nate Knodt abstaining.

5. Final – Draft 2009 Regional Transit Systems Plan Update

Sam Kaur, SJCOG staff, discussed the draft plan and indicated that a “response to comments” matrix was available on the SJCOG website. She indicated the final plan would be used to assist with the Measure K Strategic Plan update.

A motion was made and seconded (Ballot/Blackston) to recommend the SJCOG Board adoption of the 2009 Regional Transit Systems Plan update. The motion carried with Nate Knodt abstaining.

6. San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study Final Draft Report

Sam Kaur, SJCOG staff, briefly overviewed the final draft. She indicated that it was part of the eight valley MPO effort. Yvette Davis, SJCOG staff, detailed the rideshare portion of the study which identified markets that could support inter-county commuter express transportation services within the San Joaquin Valley regional dn between the San Joaquin Valley and its' neighbors.

A motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Ballot) to rcommend the SJCOG Board adopt the San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study. The motion carried unanimously.

7. 2011 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG staff, gave a brief overview of the activities underway for the RTP update. She indicated that local jurisdictions were asked to update their project lists, and project cost estimations. She went on to state that the eight valley COG's will adopt their RTP's prior to ARB's adoption of the final SB-375 regional targets. As a result, staff will be working with the valley MPO staff to ensure the emissions reduction targets are met.

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

8. Existing Measure K Program Project Delivery Report

Donald Mascardo, SJCOG staff, provided the first bi-annual report of the project delivery stats highlighting the accomplishments as well as providing a summary of Measure K expenditures to date through signed or pending Measure K cooperative agreements.

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

9. Delivery Plan for ARRA Projects

Donald Mascardo, SJCOG staff, presented a quick overview of the ARRA projects and project tracking form. Mr. Bivens commented on the lack of monitoring being done for the new DBE requirements and asked if SJCOG could take a more serious posture in addressing DBE requirements for these projects.

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

10. Election of CAC Officers for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Nicole Gorham, SJCOG staff, briefly outlined the process for nominating a chair and vice chair. A motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Bivens) to nominate Brian Young as Chair, and Marcus Perrot as Vice Chair for the 2009/10 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.

11. SJCOG Year in Review/Future Activities (no staff report)

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, reviewed the major activities of the past year. He also detailed a number of larger items upcoming in the next fiscal year, such as, bi-annual update of the STIP, HOT lane study, round 2 of ARRA projects, the Congestion Mgmt. Deficiency Plan, and the Measure K Renewal Strategic Plan update.

This item was for discussion and no action was taken.

12. SJCOG Monthly Report of Major Activities

Dana Cowell reported that a San Joaquin Regional Blueprint workshop will be held in August. Details will be forthcoming.

13. Member's Report/Future Agenda Items

Several members mentioned the current vacancies and asked staff to actively seek diverse members to fill the roster. Bobby Bivens reported that on Saturday, June 20th there will be a "Juneteenth" celebration at the waterfront from 1-7 p.m. He also mentioned that the "good faith" effort for DBE is not good enough and reiterated the fact that more needs to be done to monitor the process to ensure the provisions are being met. Nate Knodt explained why he abstains from certain actions and why he regretfully declined to accept the Chair nomination. Brian Young thanked the members for the confidence of the Chair appointment. He thanked COG staff for their efforts to capitalize on every dollar being made available to the region. Jim Hilson thanked Nate Knodt for his service as Vice Chair and thanked the committee for their support during the past year.

14. Other Matters of Business

Dana Cowell asked for volunteers to serve on the scoring committee for the 5310 call for projects.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.