

# SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

SJCOG Regional Center  
555 East Weber Avenue  
Stockton, California

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

### ACTION MINUTES

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Brian Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed new member Lavenna Gray. Self Introductions were made.

Members present:

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

SJCOG Staff present:

Dana Cowell, *Deputy Director of Planning and Programming*; Wil Ridder, *Senior Regional Planner*; Mike Swearingen, *Senior Regional Planner*; Yvette Davis, *Associate Regional Planner*; Teresa Garcia, *Planner Technician*; and Nicole Gorham, *Public Communications Specialist*.

**2. Minutes: Approve Minutes of July 15, 2009**

Motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Hilson) to approve the minutes of July 15th. The motion passed with Steve Castellanos abstaining.

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Commute Connection Annual Report/511 Update**

Teresa Garcia and Yvette Davis, SJCOG staff, gave a brief presentation highlighting the key accomplishments in 2008/09 program. Ms. Davis indicated the 511 program for San Joaquin County is now operational. She stated the roadside assistance feature is not fully implemented yet.

Motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Hilson) to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Members gave kudos to staff for a job well done.

**5. Regional Congestion Management Plan (RCMP) Update**

Mike Swearingen, SJCOG staff, discussed the update to the RCMP and the upcoming traffic counts along the CMP roadways. Also SJCOG is in the early stages of updating the RTP and the actions that are identified in the RCMP will become part of the alternative analysis within the RTP.

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

**6. 2009 FTIP Amendment #15**

Wil Ridder, SJCOG staff, stated that this year, due to budget problems in California and their affect on the state's ability to program the FSTIP as a financially constrained document, there is a potential for the state's regional agencies to be restricted from producing FTIP amendments after the STIP fund estimate is adopted by the CTC. Due to the potential lockdown, SJCOG will be developing a formal amendment to the FTIP to allow SJC agencies to continue to deliver their federally funded projects during this period.

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

**7. 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Update**

Wil Ridder, SJCOG staff, indicated the CTC has released the draft 2010 STIP development schedule and fund estimate. The estimate implies that no new STIP funds will be added to the five year period and the current STIP programming will be re-spread over the same five year period. Based upon current prioritization criteria identified by CTC staff, some roadway rehabilitation projects in the region may be delayed to a subsequent fiscal year.

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

**8. Highway 12 Corridor Study**

Wil Ridder, SJCOG staff, provided a brief update on the ongoing SR 12 projects and the activities of the Corridor Advisory Committee and related public outreach activities. He indicated a scope of work has been prepared for a SR 12 corridor study. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the consultant contracting procedures Caltrans employs. Bobby Bivens stated that he would like to see projects contracted out to new bidders instead of Caltrans using the same short list for every project. Members of the committee requested a representative from Caltrans come to a meeting to discuss their bidding process.

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

- 9. I-5 North Stockton TIGER Project Status Report**  
Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, reported that the 1-5 North Stockton project was submitted for a federal discretionary grant (TIGER). The construction estimate is \$114 million with 50% coming from the Measure K Renewal program and the remaining \$57 million in federal funds included in the grant request. There will be public hearing on the project on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Details will be posted on the SJCOG website.

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

- 10. Information Only Items:**  
A. 2010/2011 Unmet Transit Needs Process  
B. Upcoming Public Meeting/Hearings for Major Transportation Projects  
C. American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Delivery Progress Report

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

- 11. SJCOG Monthly Report of Major Activities**  
Dana Cowell reported that Tanisha Taylor was promoted to a Senior Regional Planner position. He also stated that the High Speed Rail Authority will be holding scoping meetings for the proposed higher speed services over the Altamont and from Merced to Sacramento. He indicated that Caltrans would be making a major presentation on Highway 12 to the SJCOG Board at their September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- 12. Member's Report/Future Agenda Items**  
Dana Cowell indicated that staff would update the members on the ARRA projects at the October meeting.

- 13. Other Matters of Business**  
None.

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