

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

SJCOG Regional Center
555 East Weber Avenue
Stockton, California

Wednesday, January 21, 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; **Glenn Page**, City of Manteca; **Richard Blackston**, City of Lodi; **Charles Manne**, City of Tracy; **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*; Tanisha Taylor, *Associate Regional Planner*; and Nicole Gorham, *Public Communications Specialist*.

2. Minutes: Approve Minutes of November 19, 2008

It was moved/seconded (Blackston/Perrot) to approve the minutes of November 18th. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. One Voice Progress Report and Regional Project Priorities

Nicole Gorham, SJCOG Staff, presented the listing of the proposed regional legislative priority request that were submitted by the local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and interested organizations.

Motion was made and seconded (Ballot/Blackston) to recommend approval of regional priority project list for San Joaquin One Voice federal program. The motion passed unanimously.

5. FTIP Amendment 2, RTP Amendment, & AQ Conformity

Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG staff, briefly discussed the amendments and indicated that will be reviewed and approved by Caltrans and FHWA in February/March timeframe.

Motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Ballot) to approve the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #2, the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2, and the corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The motion passed unanimously.

** Nate Knodt left the meeting during the discussion of this item.**

6. Existing Measure K Program Delivery Policy Considerations

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, outlined the \$82 million deficit in project funding capability in the Measure K program. He highlighted the impacts to the program, other funding opportunities and constraints, policy considerations, and follow-up actions. He indicated there is a major staff effort regarding this and it will be coming next month for action.

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

7. Final Report – Northern San Joaquin Valley Regional Ramp Metering and HOV Lane Plan

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, indicated the final report includes revisions and responses to local agency comments.

Motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Manne) to recommend to the SJCOG Board the adoption of the Northern San Joaquin Valley Regional Ramp Metering and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Draft FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, presented the draft Overall Work Program for approval. The OWP is a management tool identifying the tasks and products that SJCOG will undertake to deliver during the fiscal year. It also identifies the funding sources and staff resources necessary to complete the activities.

Motion was made and seconded (Perrot/Vasquez) to recommend to the SJCOG Board the adoption of draft FY 09/10 Overall Work Program for submission to federal and state agencies.

9. Report on State Budget & Economic Stimulus Proposal

Dana Cowell, SJCOG staff, stated that President Obama and his Administration are still drafting what they would like Congress to consider in a Federal Stimulus Package. The dollar totals are somewhere in the range of \$775 billion to \$800 billion. The latest is that about \$350 billion would go towards infrastructure improvements with about 5 to 6 categories of different types of infrastructure projects. Staff isn't sure what the breakout will be but it appears that Congress is going to have a stimulus bill February 15th.

Mr. Cowell continued to state that on the State level, there is a lot of discussion going on right now among the State-wide agencies as well as the Self-help counties regarding the budget. One discussion is how is that money going to come into California and how is it going to be distributed. Included in the staff report is some framework and a list of projects that SJCOG staff would like to see “shovel ready” projects go through to the stimulus package.

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

10. Information Only Items:

- A. San Joaquin Regional Expressway Study**
- B. Commute Connection Placement Rate Survey**
- C. 2009 Measure K Ordinance & Expenditure Plan Amendment Cycle**

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

11. SJCOG Monthly Report of Major Activities

No report was given.

12. Member’s Report/Future Agenda Items

Esther Vasquez requested a presentation by RTD on the Coordinated Transportation Plan.

13. Other Matters of Business

Esther Vasquez questioned what was being done to keep jobs regional, i.e. using local contractors for projects vs. outside contractors.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.