

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Meeting held at  
Commercial Exchange Club  
2305 Washington Street, Stockton

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order by Leon Churchill.

Attendance and Self Introductions:

Leon Churchill, Tracy City Manager; Leon Compton, Ripon City Administrator; Manuel Lopez, San Joaquin County Administrator; Gordon Palmer, Stockton City Manager; Stacey Mortensen, SJRRC Executive Director; Steve Pinkerton, Manteca City Manager; Donna Kelsay, SJRTD General Manager; Andrew T. Chesley, SJCOG Executive Director; Steve Dial, Deputy Executive Director /CFO; Dana Cowell, SJCOG Deputy Director; Dianne Barth, SJCOG Public Communications Manager; Rosie Vargas, SJCOG Support Services Supervisor.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approve Minutes of June 18, 2008

It was moved/seconded (Palmer/Mortensen) to approve the minutes of June 18, 2008. Motion passed with a voice vote. Manuel Lopez abstained.

4. 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Dana Cowell explained the implications for project delivery. Mr. Cowell stated EPA is not going to be able to approve the PM10 attainment plan in the timeframe that staff needs to take action on the FTIP, so an interim FTIP has been implemented. Mr. Cowell stated with the interim FTIP staff is able to move forward with the complete program except for two projects during the interim period from November through March. Staff has been working with partner agencies and Caltrans to review the schedule of projects. Mr. Cowell gave a brief update on the air quality and stated there will be a COG Directors meeting on Friday to begin the process and continue to work forward to adopt a 2009 full FTIP.

Mr. Chesley stated there is no guarantee that the timeframe would be November to March it could be April or May. Mr. Chesley stated if Tulare or Merced County fail in achieving their FTIP requirements San Joaquin County will also fail.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez/Compton) to (1) adopt 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and (2) Authorize SJCOG staff to make necessary technical corrections to the document in response to comments. Motion passed unanimously with voice vote.

5. 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)  
Mr. Chesley stated this item will need CTC approval. Mr. Chesley stated the main issue is to keep the project I-5/French Camp Interchange on schedule. Mr. Cowell stated the proposal today is to exchange \$16.7 million of RTIP funds on the I-5/French Camp Interchange for \$16.7 million in Measure K funds on the SR 99 Manteca Widening which is schedule for FY 2011/2012. Mr. Palmer thanked SJCOG staff for moving forward with the project schedule.

Mr. Lopez asked if this item went to the TAC and Mr. Cowell said yes that it was recommended. Mr. Lopez asked by delaying the I-5/French Camp Interchange will \$16.7 million be efficient two years later. Mr. Cowell stated staff will have to talk with City of Stockton to see if there will be a difference in the construction phase.

It was moved/second (Palmer/Lopez) to recommend the SJCOG Board amend the 2008 STIP to exchange \$16.7 million of RTIP funds on the I-5/French Camp Interchange for \$16.7 million in Measure K funds on the SR 99 Manteca Widening. Motion passed unanimously with voice vote.

6. Congestion Management Process Implementation Update  
Mr. Cowell gave a brief update on this item and stated the CMP is required by the Measure K Renewal Ordinance. Mr. Cowell stated within the next three weeks, staff will meet with the CMP development committee and review the analysis and results. Mr. Palmer asked who is on the committee. Mr. Cowell said Community Development and Public Works staff.

This was for information only no action was taken.

7. Report on Board Goal Setting Session and Follow-up  
Mr. Chesley reported there was a two hour SJCOG Board workshop held on June 20<sup>th</sup> to set goals for SJCOG. At the workshop two additional committees were created, one is the Project Delivery Committee which is to make recommendations to the SJCOG Board regarding MK and STIP related projects. The committee members have not been appointed, but Councilman Bestolarides has volunteered to be on the Project Delivery Committee will be a four member committee. The other committee established was the Habitat Program Committee because of the increasing number of programs dealing with acquisitions easements in San Joaquin County. Mr. Chesley said Councilman DeBrum, Supervisor Vogel, Mayor Haskin and Supervisor Ornellas would be good candidates for this committee. Mr. Chesley stated staff will be moving forward with electronic Board packet mailing as early as August.

This was for information only no action was taken.

8. Blueprint Progress Report and Draft Recommendations  
Mr. Chesley gave a brief background on this item and stated the eight Central Valley COG's have been working together for the past two years to develop one product for the Valley.

Mr. Cowell discussed the seven Blueprint Principles and the draft recommendations to the year 2050. Mr. Cowell explained the handouts on the four possible transportation, land use, and environmental scenarios. Mr. Cowell reviewed the list of public outreach workshops that were held in the month of May and June, plus additional outreach which will be held in the month of July and August. Mr. Cowell stated during the workshops staff discusses the principle and goals, open development, economic development, and agricultural preservation and staff has received some good responses.

Mr. Chesley stated there has been some discussion and concerns on the implications of the Blueprint and process that has been followed with some Board members. Mr. Pinkerton asked if this product is not adopted does the money have to be returned. Mr. Chesley said yes. Mr. Chesley stated the Blueprint is supposed to be positive and an incentive. Mr. Chesley said there is a value in developing a Blueprint, because it says this is what we want and get the message out.

This item was for information only no action was taken.

9. Other Matters of Business: None
10. Executive Directors Report: None
11. Adjournment:  
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, August 20, 2008.