

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Meeting held at
Commercial Exchange Club
2305 Washington Street, Stockton

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

MINUTES

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

Attendance and Self Introductions:

Leon Churchill, Tracy City Manager; Leon Compton, Ripon City Administrator; Cary Keaten, Lathrop City Manager; Blair King, Lodi City Manager; Manuel Lopez, San Joaquin County Administrator; Stacey Mortensen, SJRRC Executive Director; Gordon Palmer, Stockton City Manager; Greg Greeson, Escalon City Manager; Steve Pinkerton, Manteca City Manager; Andrew T. Chesley, SJCOG Executive Director; Steve Dial, SJCOG Deputy Executive Director /CFO; Dana Cowell, SJCOG Deputy Director; Mike Swearingen, SJCOG Senior Regional Planner; Rosie Vargas, SJCOG Support Services Supervisor.

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Approve Minutes of April 15, 2009

It was moved/seconded (Mortensen/Lopez) to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

4. Regional Transit District Line of Credit Request

Steve Dial presented this item stating in February, 2009 San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD) requested SJCOG to establish a \$10 million revolving line of credit for 2 years to address some of their cash flow challenges. Mr. Dial gave an overview of the operating cash flow needs, and the capital cash flow needs stating RTD is anticipating delays in funds from LTF, state and federal funding. Mr. Dial stated it is critical to Measure K Renewal that repayment is received by December, 2011 because staff anticipates drawing down the fund balance to a minimum of \$2 million in order to deliver the early action program. Mr. Dial stated a staff recommendation is to approve the \$10 line of credit to be paid in full with interest by December, 2011.

There was a lengthy discussion among committee members regarding the risk that SJRTD will not be able to repay in a timely manner and, what would the impact be on SJRTD if they did not receive the line.

Mr. Dial stated the Executive Committee approved this item at their May meeting and expressed the same concerns.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez/Greeson) to defer this item until June. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

5. Reprogramming of SAFETEA-LU Funding

Mr. Chesley briefly discussed the background on this item stating Congressman Pombo secured two earmarks totaling \$7.6 million for a corridor study from the Central Valley to the Santa Clara Valley. Mr. Chesley stated in trying to pursue this effort there has been roadblocks. Mr. Chesley stated Congressman Oberstar has indicated in taking those high priority projects from the previous Surface Transportation Act, and do something else with them if they cannot move forward.

Mr. Chesley discussed the three identified projects that staff is recommending to the COG Board for reprogramming of the SAFETEA-LU funds.

This item was for discussion only no action was taken.

6. San Joaquin Regional Expressway Study

Mike Swearingen presented this item stating after minor revisions the Expressway Study Committee approved the final draft plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify a system of expressway routes in San Joaquin County that would improve regional connectivity, relieve congestion of freeways, and improve connectivity to adjacent counties in a cost-effective manner. Mr. Swearingen stated this document is a long-range document and will be revisited in the future. Mr. Swearingen stated the Expressway standards are identified in the staff report. Mr. Swearingen stated the intent is that if it's not already included in the general plans the perspective agency should build the roadways into the document.

Committee members requested that minor revisions within the language for bike lanes and roundabouts be made to the plan document.

Mr. Greeson commented on Eight Mile Road to Jack Tone which is not included. Mr. Chesley stated it will be listed as a potential candidate for an amendment and potential update to the RTP.

Ms. Mortensen expressed concerns on limited access and asked if COG staff can meet with SJRRC staff to do some preplanning regarding the access issue. Mr. Swearingen said yes.

It was moved/seconded (Compton/Pinkerton) to approve with *Will* include *Class I and/or Class II* bicycle lanes, pedestrian facilities, and bike/pedestrian overcrossings within expressway right-of-way. Add Final Bullet Point: Roundabouts may be included where appropriate the revisions. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

7. Completion of Draft Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) Update and Environmental Documentation

Mr. Swearingen passed out a handout on the San Joaquin County's Aviation System ALUCP. Mr. Swearingen then provided an overview of the updated ALUCP.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez/Mortensen) to recommend that SJCOG Board approve the update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. Mr. Lopez withdrew his motion to hear the City of Tracy's issue.

Mr. Palmer commented that staff's recommendations affecting land use need to be listed in the staff reports.

Chairman Churchill briefly discussed the City of Tracy's issue on concerning the city's council approval of a development agreement. Mr. Chesley stated the development that's is in question is in the existing ALUCP development plan and it's not impacted by this action. The development under discussion is subject to litigation, if the developer loses, the development will fall out of the current plan and be covered by the new ALUCP. The development conflicts with provisions in the new plan. Mr. Chesley stated, -it is a possibility that this issue will be visited presented by the developer at the May COG Board meeting.

Mr. Palmer asked why the City of Tracy's impact area is larger. Chairman Churchill said the study expands the safety zone. Mr. Chesley stated it better meets the provisions of the guidelines for the ALUP. Chairman Churchill stated the Tracy Airport is fine however, the safety zone starts infringing upon potential land use.

It was moved/seconded (Blair/Keaten) to recommend that SJCOG Board approve the update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. Motion Passed unanimously with a voice vote and City of Tracy abstaining.

Mr. Greeson left the meeting prior to discussing item 8

8. Measure K Renewal Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Cowell gave a brief update on this item stating the Strategic Plan Working Group first meeting is scheduled for May 27th. In addition to the monthly Strategic Plan Working Group meetings COG staff will be coordinating one-on-one meetings with staff from the local agencies.

Mr. Compton commented that Kevin Werner, City of Ripon is the City's Engineer not the interim City Engineer.

This item was for information only no action was taken.

9. RTIF Semi-Annual Report

Mr. Cowell reported this item is the latest updated version and staff's recommendation is to approve the RTIF Semiannual report.

It was moved/seconded (Palmer/Lopez) to approve the RTIF Semiannual Report. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

10. Annual Programmatic Adjustment of Regional Transportation Impact Fee
Mr. Swearingen handed out an amended staff report with an update of the CCCI which supports an annual RTIF fee adjustment of 5.8% beginning July 1, 2009.

Mr. Compton asked if the Planning and Building Departments has this information. Mr. Swearingen said yes. Mr. King commented that 5.8% seems a little high for the current market. Mr. Swearingen said the average has been 4.8%.

This item was for information only no action was taken.

11. One Voicesm Report
Mr. Chesley reported the One Voicesm trip to Washington D.C. was very successful and thanked everyone who participated. If there are any suggestions or improvements to please contact Mr. Chesley.

12. Other Matters of Business:
Mr. Pinkerton asked will there be a meeting schedule regarding the Level of Service (LOS). Mr. Chesley said yes that COG is currently filling the staff position that will be responsible for handling that. Mr. Chesley committed to scheduling a meeting in July.

13. Executive Directors Report:
Mr. Chesley reported the Executive Committee recommendation for the election of SJCOG officers is for Mayor Larry Hansen to become Chair and Mayor Ann Johnston as Vice Chair as of July 2009. Mr. Chesley stated that by policy the chair for Management & Finance would be City of Lodi, Blair King and City of Stockton, Gordon Palmer as Vice Chair as of July 2009.

14. Adjournment:
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, June 17, 2009.