

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Meeting held at  
Commercial Exchange Club  
2305 Washington Street, Stockton

January 20, 2010

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blair King.

Attendance and Self Introductions:

Leon Churchill, Tracy City Manager; Leon Compton, Ripon City Manager; Cary Keaten, Lathrop City Manager; Blair King, Lodi City Manager; Donna DeMartino, SJRTD General Manager/CEO; Manuel Lopez, County Administrator; Stacy Mortensen, SJRRC Executive Director; Steve Pinkerton, Manteca City Manager; Laurie Montes, Stockton Deputy City Manager; Andrew T. Chesley, SJCOG Executive Director; Steve Dial, SJCOG Deputy Executive Director/CFO; Dana Cowell, Deputy Director; Rosie Vargas, Office Services Supervisor.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approve Minutes of November 18, 2009:

It was moved/seconded (Pinkerton/Churchill) to approve the minutes from November 18, 2009. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

4. SJCOG One Voice<sup>sm</sup> Federal Legislative Priorities:

Andrew Chesley presented this item stating the attached list is the annual identifications of Priorities that have been submitted by our member agencies. There are 3 pending requests from the City of Stockton, City of Lathrop and the San Joaquin Rail Commission. Mr. Chesley stated there are a number of projects that have been submitted before. The regional proposed priorities are the Stockton I-5 Corridor Widening project and the Altamont Express Rail project. Mr. Chesley stated the attached list is for review and to endorse in terms of our regional priorities.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez/Mortensen) to recommend approval for the two region priorities projects for San Joaquin One Voice<sup>sm</sup> federal program. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

5. 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP):

Dana Cowell briefly discussed this item stating there will be no additional funds added to the five-year STIP in 2013-14 or 2014-15 and that the current STIP programming will need to be re-spread over this five year period. Mr. Cowell stated the request today is for the committee to endorse to the Board the re-spreading of the summary of 2010 RTP projects that is provided in the attached spreadsheet. Mr. Cowell stated the particular project that staff wants to make sure that it does stay in

this fiscal year 2010-11 is the Highway 12 widening. COG staff has been working with Caltrans to keep it on schedule and to get it built in a timely manner. Mr. Cowell stated the Board approved the full \$2.4 million in new TE funding cycle to the Smart Growth Incentive Program.

Mr. Cowell stated staff is trying to have the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley work together in terms of their STIP submittal. There will be eight separate submittals but there intended to work together in demonstrating how were achieving the 39% push out of projects. By teaming up and working together we have a better chance on holding our priorities and recommendations in place and not having them changed as the CTC moves towards the finalization of the STIP process.

Mr. Lopez asked how it benefits San Joaquin County. Mr. Cowell said by eight of the counties going in together we think we have a stronger chance on being able to keep what we see as the best way to achieve the 30-39% push out of the projects. Mr. Lopez expressed strong concerns regarding the county not benefiting from this.

Mr. Chesley stated we have demonstrated success in this area and it should be something we look for in each cooperative effort we have with other seven counties, this STIP process is one of those where we are going to come out ahead in the final analysis.

Mr. King said he shares the reservation and the general concept that Mr. Lopez expressed.

Ms. Laurie Montes asked what is the plan for finding an alternative funding source for the I-5 Interchange. Mr. Cowell said staff is planning to approach CTC to make an arrangement for an AB 3090 agreement, where COG would front the money, deliver the project in the timeframe, than the CTC would reimburse us. Mr. Lopez clarified that he will support this item; however he is not a big supporter for regional government with respect to the valley because San Joaquin County does not do well.

It was moved/seconded (Compton/Mortensen) to recommend to the SJCOG Board approve the 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

6. Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Federal Fiscal Year 2011-12 through 2013-2014 Program of Projects:

Mr. Cowell presented this item stating every three years we receive additional CMAQ funding for CMAQ projects that primarily reduce emissions. The CMAQ programming covers FFY 2011-12 and 2013-14 with \$25 million funds for projects and \$1.2 million for Commute Connection Program. The CMAQ Cost Effectiveness Policy requires that at least 20% of funds meet a cost-effectiveness threshold of \$30 per pound (or less) for emission reductions beginning in FY 2011. SJCOG will also have to allocate a minimum of \$6.9 million of those CMAQ funds available to projects that meet the cost effectiveness threshold, which COG has achieved. Mr. Cowell stated staff is recommending the approval of the list of projects for the

CMAQ funding. Please note that part of the overall Scoring Committee's recommendations includes the approval of RTD's BRT Phase 3 Corridor Improvements Project which is now combined with City of Stockton's BRT Phase 3 Traffic Signal project.

Mr. Lopez asked in regards to the CMAQ if the 16 buses purchased for Lodi are the same buses on the PTMISEA program. Mr. Cowell said the PTMISEA program is actually the match that is necessary for the CMAQ projects.

Mr. King stated Lodi would have applied for other projects if they had the staff and money to prepare a better application. Mr. Chesley stated he would see about getting help in regards to that issue because it helps in terms of making these recommendations.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez/DeMartino) to recommend to the SJCOG Board to approve funding recommendations for CMAQ projects. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

7. Proposition 1B Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account Program Expenditure Plan:

Mr. Cowell discussed this item stating this program is the largest targeted for public transportation. Recently legislation passed AB 1072 which indicates before you can apply for any dollars you have to show how you're going to program the rest of the money for the life of Proposition 1B which is through FY 2016-17. The regional share is about \$23 million and there is the City of Ripon that received some PTMISEA monies separately under a separate program. Staff has set up a series of policy guidance which is included in the staff report. Mr. Cowell stated one of the challenges is that you have to show a full funding package and what you do fund you have to show independent utility as an individual segment, CMAQ match and City of Lodi, Tracy and Manteca agreed to add some dollars for the Farebox conversion. Mr. Cowell stated since bond sales do not generate enough money agencies will have to front the money then get reimburse with the bond dollars. RTD's BRT 3 on Hammer Lane was shared with ITC and they have accepted as part of the overall package for funding. The full funding packet was taken to the TAC and they supported the recommendation.

It was moved/seconded (DeMartino/Pinkerton) to recommend to the SJCOG Board the approval of Proposition 1B PTMISEA Program Expenditure Plan. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

8. Measure K Semi-Annual Program Project Delivery Report:

Mr. Cowell briefly discussed this item stating the semi-annual delivery report is to monitor the remaining major projects in the Measure K program moving forward. The status of the report is in the staff report and staff did not find any areas of concern on the projects moving forward.

It was moved/seconded (Pinkerton/Churchill) to recommend to the SJCOG Board for approval of the Semi-Annual Project Delivery Report. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

9. Fiscal Year 2009-10 Overall Work Program Amendment #1:

Mr. Dial presented this item stating the amendment is a major mid-year adjustment to the 2009/10 OWP. The proposed amendment has a net impact of decreasing the OWP funding resources by \$319,644. The summary of the specific actions of the proposed amendment are listed in the staff report. Mr. Lopez commented that the cities and the county have fewer projects so it seems there should be less involvement by COG, but there is more money being allocated to COG for planning with fewer projects. Mr. Dial said funds allocated to COG are from other funding sources in order to do the planning activities, they are funds that COG has applied for through Caltrans and FTA. Mr. Chesley clarified the \$100,000 of the FHWA PL Planning funds.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez/Pinkerton) to recommend to the Board approving Amendment #1 to the FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program Amendment. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

10. Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Chesley reported that there will be a second round of ARRA funds. The challenge is that Congress wants to see the money spent in a faster manner. Mr. Pinkerton asked if there have been discussions with Congress about all the constraints that were with the first round of ARRA funds. Mr. Chesley said no and there will be no relief this time.

11. Other Matters of Business

Mr. King commented on the Air District's adopted new rule that we have the Employer/Employee trip reduction program. Mr. Chesley said the Air District did do some outreach. Mr. Chesley said COG's staff is available and the transit district is available and ready to help.

Mr. Keaten asked in regards to the One Voice<sup>sm</sup> trip which staff members and directors were going.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, February 17, 2010.