

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Meeting held at
San Joaquin Council of Governments
555 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95202

July 21, 2010

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Deis at 12:15 p.m.

Attendance and Self Introductions:

Rad Bartlam, Lodi Interim City Manager; Leon Churchill, Tracy City Manager; Leon Compton, Ripon City Administrator; Bob Deis, Stockton City Manager; Donna DeMartino, SJRTD General Manager/CEO; Henry Hesling, Escalon Interim City Manager; Cary Keaten, Lathrop City Manager; Manuel Lopez, County Administrator; Steve Pinkerton, Manteca City Manager; Andy Chesley, SJCOG Executive Director; Steve Dial, SJCOG Deputy Executive Director/CFO; Dana Cowell, SJCOG Deputy Director; Wil Ridder, SJCOG Senior Regional Planner; Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG Senior Regional Planner; Maly Boonsalat, SJCOG Intern; Rosie Vargas, SJCOG Office Services Supervisor.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approve Minutes of June 16, 2010:

It was moved/seconded (Churchill/Hesling) to approve the minutes from June 16, 2010. Motion passed with the City of Stockton abstaining.

4. Recommend Approval of:

- A. 2011 RTP Programmatic Environmental
- B. 2011 RTP
- C. 2011 FTIP
- D. 2011 Air Quality Conformity Document

Ms. Tanisha Taylor briefly discussed the recommended adoption for the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan, 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, 2011 Air Quality Conformity Analysis and the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan Environmental Impact Report. Ms. Taylor stated the 2011 RTP is a 20 year program of projects for the region. The period covers 2010-2035 and represents approximately \$10.5 billion for transportation improvement projects over the life of the plan. The 2011 FTIP covers the first 4 years of the RTP for projects that have federal funding, as well as state transportation funding. The Air Quality Conformity documents combine with the clean air act and all 3 of those documents in addition to the RTP will be recommended to this committee and the COG Board for approval and adoption.

Ms. Taylor stated the majority of her discussion will be on the Environmental Impact Report and staff's discussion with the Attorney General's office. Ms. Taylor stated the Attorney General's discussion evolved around the Air Quality section of the EIR, Land Use and the Green House Gas Emission Analysis. The Attorney General will not be sending comments for the 2011 RTP EIR and this was a huge achievement in working with the Attorney General's office. Ms. Taylor stated staff has committed in developing a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in three years 2013 rather than four years in 2014, which is a year sooner required by law, and was discussed in negotiations with the Attorney General's office. Staff will work with each of the local jurisdictions to determine the best strategy is for the region. Once the strategy is determined it will go to the COG Board for approval.

It was moved/seconded (Lopez/Hesling) to recommend the Board to adopt the 2011 RTP EIR Report, 2011 RTP, the 2011 FTIP and the 2011 Air Quality Conformity Document. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

5. Measure K Renewal Policy Considerations: Revised Cooperative Agreement and Cost Savings Policies:

Mr. Wil Ridder stated this is focus on discretionary programs which include Railroad Crossing Safety Program, Smart Growth Incentive Program and Pedestrian Bicycle and Safe Route to School Program where jurisdictions apply for funds on a competitive basis and where we identify cost savings. The intent is to maximize the utility of the Measure K funds that are available to deliver these types of projects. COG Staff has been working with the standing committees to identify what revised policies should be to ensure that we have consistency between the programs as well as consistency with how well cost savings policies are being applied to the state level as well. Staff recommendations are to approve the revised Strategic Plan policies to clarify that:

- Construction cooperative agreements will be based off of the engineer's estimates;
- Construction cooperative agreements will be approved before a project is advertised for construction;
- The total project costs, including all project development and ROW funding, will be counted toward the calculation of cost savings realized through low bids or final costs lower than the bids with the project sponsor; and
- The identification of cost savings will allow for the full use of outside (state and federal) funding on the project, as applicable, to maximize the savings of all local funds.

Mr. Ridder stated this item has gone through the TAC, CAC and PDC and all approved unanimously to go to the Board.

Committee members expressed concern on the engineer's estimates rather than actual bid amounts.

Mr. Ridder commented another part of the grade separation program there is a reserve which is in the next staff report to be discussed. Mr. Ridder stated that in the other

programs there are matching requirements. Mr. Ridder stated the cost savings policy has always been in place.

Mr. Bob Deis asked for explanation regarding item 5 and item 6 staff report and how do those interact with each other regarding City of Stockton's three grade separation project bids.

Mr. Ridder stated conversations with the other standing committee's staff will come forward with the three City of Stockton project cooperative agreements in August and this policy would apply, but recognizing there will be no action on decreasing the starting MKR allocation on projects. This policy would apply to that cooperative agreement and get a cooperative agreement in place prior to the receipt of the bids anticipated in September recognizing we don't double hit them by decreasing their project allocation, we will maintain the \$8.5 million per project with the City of Stockton.

It was moved/seconded (Churchill/Hesling) to recommend the Board to adopt a revised cooperative agreement and cost savings policy to clarify the basis of project cost sharing for competitive program categories. Motion passed unanimously 9/0 with a voice vote.

6. Measure K Renewal Policy Considerations: Railroad Cooperative Agreement and Cost Savings Policies:

Mr. Ridder stated this item will be brought back to the standing committee's in September after the City of Stockton has received construction bids for their three North Stockton grade separation projects.

This item was for discussion only no action was taken.

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

Mr. Dana Cowell reported this is a Semi-Annual report for the projects in the existing Measure K program. Mr. Cowell stated in March 2009 the Board approved some funds and allocation for remaining Measure K projects, and to monitor and report the delivery status. The Board has the right to revisit these MK allocations every six months should there be a reason to. Since this approval there has been \$8 million of the \$21 million that is available. In the next six months there will be an action for four additional projects. Hammer Lane 3B Widening/Hammer Lane Interchange is the only remaining project to be closed out. Mr. Cowell stated the Hammer Lane 3B Widening and Pershing Avenue/Hammer Lane intersection improvements have been delayed due to discretionary funds.

It was moved/seconded (Pinkerton/Hesling) to the Board to approve the Semi-Annual Project Delivery Report. Motion passed unanimously (9/0) with a voice vote.

8. Local Transportation Fund:

Mr. Steve Dial presented this item stating that earlier in FY 2009-10 the LTF revenue estimate was too high and sales tax receipts were not coming in as anticipated. Staff

was going to only honor up to 70% of the claims apportionment. Mr. Dial stated now that the fiscal year is over the revenues are about 15% less than the original estimate, so staff will be honoring claims up to the final amount. In August, an amended actual revenue and apportionment schedule will be presented for adoption by the Board.

This item was for information only no action was taken.

9. Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Andy Chesley reported on the Sustainability Community Strategy initiative of the HUD funding is moving forward, Fresno is taking leadership in staffing this effort, but the City of Stockton has been key partners in making this happen. Mr. Chesley stated that the 9 contacts have been expanded to 16, to include Lodi, Manteca and Tracy and all three have agreed to participate.

Mr. Chesley stated in August the Air Resource Board will issue their recommendation on the Green House Gas reduction target emissions for passenger and light truck vehicle. At the end of September the ARB will act on recommendations.

Mr. Chesley stated on August 20, 2010 the I-205 Auxiliary Lane project will have its groundbreaking.

Mr. Chesley stated there are some challenges in the Stockton area with projects coming forward is the I-5 Widening project, Crosstown Extension, Arch Sperry connector as well as the I-5 Rehab project, and is going to need a huge amount of coordination.

Mr. Chesley stated the Commercial Exchange Club has closed and is no longer available to hold the M&F Committee meetings. So we need to identify a central location to hold future meetings. Mr. Chesley stated in early August suggestions will be sent out for recommendations to hold future meetings. Mr. Steve Pinkerton suggested Paraguay's in Stockton and Mr. Manuel Lopez suggested Isadore's in Manteca.

10. Other Matters of Business:

Mr. Bob Deis requested a meeting with Andrew Chesley, regarding assistance with the acronyms.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. to Wednesday, August 18, 2010.