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*Andrew T. Chesley*  
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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: June 9, 2015

TO: SJCOG Citizens Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Kim Anderson, Senior Regional Planner

RE: SJCOG Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kim Anderson'.

**Please note the SJCOG Citizens Advisory Committee meeting for the month of October has been cancelled.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at 6:00 pm in the San Joaquin Council of Governments Board Conference Room.

If you have any questions, please call our offices at (209) 235-0600.

Thank you.



## SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
San Joaquin Council of Governments  
555 East Weber Avenue, Stockton, California

**Meeting Cancelled  
for Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

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*Note: All items are available for action by the committee. The right hand column identifies staff recommendations.*

### **INFORMATION ONLY PACKET**

1. Minutes: Minutes of May 20, 2015 – Information only.
2. Information Only Items
  - A. Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 Update and Regional Call for Projects.
3. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is Wednesday, July 15 2015.

**PARKING:** For your convenience, parking is available in the COG Regional Center parking lot. There is additional parking available at Public Parking Lot K, located on American Street, just south of Weber Avenue.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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San Joaquin Council of Governments  
555 East Weber Avenue, Stockton, California

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**1) Call to Order**

Vice Chair Jim Hilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm via teleconference.

Members Present

**Gracie Marx**, City of Escalon; **Jim Hilson**, City of Lathrop (via teleconference); **Richard Blackston**, City of Lodi; **Leonard Smith**, City of Manteca; **Stephanie Hobbs**, City of Ripon; **Nate Knodt**, City of Stockton; **Bobby Bivens**, San Joaquin County; **Michael Carouba**, Business Industry; **LaCresia Hawkins**, NAACP; **Katrina Jaggars**, League of Women Voters; **Brian Young**, Transit Advocate; **Dr. Shanna Eller**, University of the Pacific

SJCOG Staff present:

Diane Nguyen, Deputy Director; Daniel Meza, Regional Planner; David Ripperda, Regional Planner

Others Present

None

**2) Minutes: Approve Minutes of April 15, 2015.**

A motion was made and seconded (Blackston/Smith) to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015. The motion passed with three abstentions (Eller, Smith, and Young).

**3) Public Comments**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**4) Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Priority Project Recommendations**

Chair Bobby Bivens and committee members Michael Carouba and Stephanie Hobbs arrived during the discussion of this item.

Daniel Meza of SJCOG staff presented the staff report to the CAC, stating that the California Strategic Growth Council has extended invitations to two applicants, Domus Development, LLC and VCOR, LP to submit full applications to apply for funding from the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant program. Mr. Meza outlined the overall process, stating that SJCOG staff convened an AHSC Project Prioritization Committee in April 2015, and that staff recommends that the CAC recommend to the SJCOG Board that they approve both projects

as regional priority projects. He continued to describe the two projects, describing the location, density, and proximity to transit of both projects and the different focuses of the two projects.

Committee discussion focused on a variety of topics, including the breakdown of types of units for VCOR's Grand View Village project, the amount of parking provided with the project, and whether the parcels for both projects would need to be rezoned. Committee members expressed appreciation for the benefit Domus' project would provide for the homeless and mentally ill veterans of Stockton, and wanted to know what criteria would be used to determine who could apply to be accepted to live in the potential developments. Committee members expressed that a map of the location of the projects would have been helpful for committee members that were not very familiar with downtown Stockton. Additional discussion included what other funding sources both projects will require, and whether the potential state funds could lapse. Mr. Ripperda clarified that according to the AHSC guidelines, construction would need to begin within two years of state funding being awarded and must be completed within five years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the staff recommendation (Blackston/Hobbs) and was passed unanimously by the committee.

#### **5) Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Amendment**

Diane Nguyen, SJCOG Deputy Director presented the staff report to the CAC, noting that the Measure K Ordinance contains language allowing amendments be made annually. Ms. Nguyen noted that in 2014 an amendment to the Expenditure Plan was made allowing improvements to Stockton Metropolitan Airport to be included in the Measure K program, and adding language to the Ordinance to limit the bonding authority of the Measure K program to 35%. She continued to state that the SJCOG staff are proposing to "clean up" this language to clarify the intent of the language for the financial firms. Ms. Nguyen stated that this was the only proposal to amend Measure K that staff received for 2015.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the staff recommendation (Hawkins/Blackston) and was passed unanimously by the committee.

#### **6) Active Transportation Program Cycle 2 Advisory Committee**

Committee member Nate Knodt arrived during the discussion of this item.

David Ripperda of SJCOG staff presented the staff report to the CAC. Mr. Ripperda discussed the background of the Active Transportation Program (ATP), detailing the separate statewide and regional Calls for Projects. He stated that SJCOG formed a multi-disciplinary scoring committee for the regional Call for Projects for the first cycle of the ATP in 2014. After receiving feedback from the SJCOG board, staff, and stakeholders, SJCOG staff were proposing to add one Public Works, one Planning, and one Transit Operator staff to the scoring committee for Cycle 2 in 2015. Mr. Ripperda continued to state that staff will be seeking volunteers from the smaller agencies to serve on this scoring committee due to the large number of applications anticipated to be received from the City of Stockton, and the need to avoid having to have Stockton staff recuse themselves from scoring a large number of applications.

Committee discussion centered on whether the scoring committee fully represented community based organizations and the ethnically diverse nature of San Joaquin County. Committee members also inquired about how many ATP projects SJCOG staff anticipated receiving grant applications for during Cycle 2, and what kind of time commitment people would need to make to serve on the scoring committee.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the staff recommendation (Blackston/Hobbs), including an amendment to include two additional members on the scoring committee, with Richard Blackston and Katrina Jaggears volunteering to serve on the committee. The motion passed with one abstention (Eller).

#### **7) Election of FY 2015/16 Chair and Vice Chair**

Ms. Nguyen presented this item, stating that it was time to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the CAC for the next fiscal year. Chair Bobby Bivens opened up the floor for nominations.

Mr. Blackston nominated Jim Hilson to be the Chair of the CAC, and Stephanie Hobbs to be the Vice Chair.

Ms. Jaggers nominated Brian Young to be the Chair of the CAC, and Stephanie Hobbs to be the Vice Chair.

Committee members inquired about the availability for Mr. Hilson to serve as chair, who stated he would be unable to attend the July and September 2015 CAC meetings. Mr. Hilson stated he would be able to attend the July meeting via teleconference.

A motion was made and seconded to close nominations (Jaggears/Blackston) and passed unanimously.

A separate motion was made and seconded to appoint Stephanie Hobbs as the Vice Chair of the CAC (Blackston/Jaggears) and passed unanimously.

Votes were cast via hand for the appointment of the Chair of the CAC, with Jim Hilson prevailing after receiving 11 votes; Brian Young received one vote.

#### **8) SJCOG Report of Major Activities**

Ms. Nguyen stated she did not have any major activities to report.

Ms. Hobbs reported on her participation on the One Voice Trip to Washington D.C. in April. She described the meetings that the group participated in, including the US Department of Transportation, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, staff of Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein, staff from the Obama Administration, and meetings the Port of Stockton and Stockton Metropolitan Airport attended.

## 9) Member's Reports / Future Agenda Items

Committee members requested an update on the Highway 99 construction projects.

Mr. Blackston reported on conditions he experienced driving on Interstate 5 recently returning from Southern California. He noted a high level of truck congestion and aggressive drivers travelling at high speeds, with poor roadway condition in Kern County and other areas. Ms. Nguyen described a grant the San Joaquin Valley MPOs recently received from Caltrans that will examine goods movement valley-wide. She stated that the Valley MPOs have focused on improving Highway 99, however she stated that examining conditions on Interstate 5 could be covered at a future meeting of the San Joaquin Valley MPO directors.

Ms. Jaggars described the Bike to Church event her church group was hosting on May 31<sup>st</sup> as part of Bike to Work Month.

Mr. Knodt described the meetings he attended for the Joint Hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Passenger Rail and Assembly Select Committee on Rail on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPA) on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated that operating responsibility of the Amtrak San Joaquin service will be transferred from Caltrans to the SJPA on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and that fiscal responsibility for the service will be transferred on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Knodt informed the CAC of the two-month extension of the federal MAP-21 transportation legislation that was passed, which will expire on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Knodt informed the CAC of San Joaquin Regional Transit District's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, which will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Stockton Ballpark. He stated that the three Metro Express Routes will operate free of charge during the event.

Mr. Knodt informed the CAC of his expired appointment to the CAC, and the uncertainty of his reappointment. He stated however that he would continue to attend some CAC meetings even if he was not reappointed.

Mr. Carouba informed the committee that he had heard that the Harney Lane Grade Separation project in Lodi was going to be moving forward early. Ms. Nguyen stated that she and City of Lodi staff had worked to fast track the \$12 million project, and that California Transportation Commission staff had approved advancing the project to Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Chair Bobby Bivens asked that SJCOG staff arrange meetings with the US Department of Labor for future One Voice trips. He stated that having an apprenticeship program for highway construction jobs would be useful for the residents of the region to develop their skills. He informed the committee that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors had formally reappointed him to serve on the CAC.

## 10) Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Active Transportation Program Cycle 2  
Update and Regional Call for Projects

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information Only

### DISCUSSION:

#### SUMMARY:

Statewide grant applications for the 2015 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 2 were due to Caltrans and SJCOG by June 1, 2015. Approximately \$180 million is available statewide for funding for bicycle, pedestrian, and Safe Routes to School projects in Fiscal Years 2016/17, 17/18, and 18/19. The City of Stockton and the County of San Joaquin submitted a combined 16 applications to compete for funding at the state level, with a total funding request of \$15,970,000. A summary of these project applications is included as Attachment 1. Any projects submitted to the statewide competition that do not receive funding from the State will be considered as part of SJCOG's Regional ATP competition.

The regional call for projects commenced June 1, 2015, with applications due to SJCOG no later than 4 PM on July 31, 2015. SJCOG has chosen to utilize the statewide ATP application and guidelines for the regional call for projects. The application and guidelines may be viewed here: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/cycle-2.html>. A total of approximately \$2.9 million in funding is available for the regional ATP call for projects.

In this regional call for projects, SJCOG is required to convene a multi-disciplinary advisory committee to assist in the project selection process, as approved by the SJCOG Board on May 28. Staff has worked to identify a preliminary list of committee members and will be bringing this list to the appropriate standing committees for information.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

A Call for Projects does not have a fiscal impact. However, when the grant funding is ultimately approved, it will result in at least \$2.9 million toward various eligible ATP projects in the San Joaquin region.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created in 2013 by Senate Bill 99 and Assembly Bill 101 to promote the increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The ATP has two separate grant components – a Statewide competition awarded by the California Transportation Commission, and a Regional competition with funding awarded by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000, which includes SJCOG.

The ATP consolidates funding from the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, the state Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program, and the state Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). Consistent with the federal TAP requirements, the ATP Guidelines distribute the total annual funding capacity in three categories, with 10% going to small urban/rural areas with populations of 200,000 or less, 40% going to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000 and 50% going to a statewide program. All funding must be competitively awarded with the requirement that at least 25% of the funds benefit Disadvantaged Communities.

## **SCHEDULE:**

- SJCOG issues Regional Call for Projects June 1, 2015
- Regional Call for Projects Applications due to SCJOG July 31, 2015
- CTC staff recommendations for statewide ATP projects September 15, 2015
- SJCOG Multidisciplinary Scoring Committee convenes Late Sept/Early Oct. 2015
- CTC adopts Statewide ATP projects October 22, 2015
- SJCOG board adopts Regional ATP projects October 22, 2015
- MPO project recommendations due to CTC November 15, 2015
- CTC adopts MPO project recommendations December 10, 2015

## **NEXT STEPS:**

SJCOG staff will continue to assist local agency staff on any potential ATP project applications. After any additional Regional applications are received by July 31<sup>st</sup>, SJCOG staff will be convening a kickoff meeting of the ATP Cycle 2 Multidisciplinary Advisory Scoring Committee.

A broad coalition of over 120 advocacy organizations recently called for increasing funding for the ATP by \$100 million. However, Governor Brown's May revised budget does not alter the current spending plan for the ATP. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly Budget Committee proposed a \$25 million increase for the ATP. SJCOG staff will provide an update of the outcome of this proposal after the final state budget is adopted by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Summary of ATP Cycle 2 Statewide Applications



## ATP Cycle 2 Statewide Project Applications Submitted (as of 06/02/15)

Agency	Project Name	Description	Request	Total Cost
San Joaquin County	Woodbridge School Access Improvements	Construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, and ADA ramps along Lilac Street from Indiana Street to the Woodbridge Irrigation District Canal	\$289,000	\$349,000
San Joaquin County	Elmwood Elementary School Access Improvements	Construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, and ADA ramps along Ardelle Avenue from the East Side Community Park to Bird Avenue	\$1,137,000	\$1,772,000
San Joaquin County	Bicycle Master Plan Update	Update County's Bicycle Master plan to consider sustainable growth, infill development, complete street, climate action plan, and transit oriented development	\$400,000	\$400,000
Stockton	Miner Avenue Complete Street Improvements Phase I	Reduce traffic lanes from 4 to 2, add Class II bicycle lanes, construct wider sidewalks, bulb-outs, median, and pedestrian and bike amenities between Center and Hunter St	\$2,939,000	\$2,939,000
Stockton	Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Improvements	Upgrade and install 73 ADA ramps adjacent to ten elementary schools and install sidewalk adjacent to two elementary schools and the University of the Pacific	\$1,788,000	\$1,788,000
Stockton	EBMUD Corridor Class I Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Improvements	Widen and improve 2.9 miles of existing Class I bicycle and pedestrian path in the EBMUD corridor adjacent to March Lane. Upgrade ADA ramps at intersections and improve connections to existing paths and sidewalks.	\$1,266,000	\$1,266,000

Agency	Project Name	Description	Request	Total Cost
Stockton	<b>Active Transportation Plan in Greater Downtown District</b>	Develop a community conceptual plan for future Active Transportation projects in Greater Downtown District, as a prototype for future citywide active transportation plans.	<b>\$396,000</b>	\$396,000
Stockton	<b>Calaveras River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation</b>	Repair crumbling abutments, reinforce girder connections, and repair distress handrails on existing bicycle/pedestrian bridge	<b>\$251,000</b>	\$251,000
Stockton	<b>Ryde Pedestrian Bridge ADA and Safety Retrofit</b>	Retrofit existing pedestrian bridge to add ADA ramps. Repair erosion and vandalism damage. Install asphalt sidewalk, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon and crosswalk.	<b>\$1,307,000</b>	\$1,307,000
Stockton	<b>El Dorado Street Bike and Pedestrian Access Improvements</b>	Widen sidewalks, replace curbs, gutters, ramps, and driveways between Stadium Drive and Bianchi Road. Widen El Dorado Street bridge sidewalk to allow Class I Bike Path facility.	<b>\$1,778,000</b>	\$1,778,000
Stockton	<b>Accessible Pedestrian Signal at Various Locations</b>	Replace existing pushbutton with accessible pedestrian signal (APS) system, at 27 signalized intersections	<b>\$699,000</b>	\$699,000
Stockton	<b>Pedestrian Crossing Improvements at Pershing/Argonne and Victory Park Sidewalk</b>	Widen and repair existing sidewalk and construct ADA ramps around Victory Park and install Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon signal and crosswalk at Pershing/Argonne intersection.	<b>\$1,090,000</b>	\$1,090,000

Agency	Project Name	Description	Request	Total Cost
Stockton	<b>Pedestrian Safety Action Plan</b>	Develop a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan to include policies, programs, and practices and suggested engineering treatments to mitigation pedestrian safety issues.	<b>\$300,000</b>	\$300,000
Stockton	<b>Traffic Safety Awareness Program</b>	Develop and implement a traffic safety and awareness campaign to increase safety for all modes of transportation, providing a safer environment to encourage walking & bicycling	<b>\$300,000</b>	\$300,000
Stockton	<b>Bear Creek &amp; Pixley Slough Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements</b>	Install rectangular rapid flashing beacons, pavement signage and markings, and widen pavement sections to accomade connectivity between Bear Creek and Pixley Slough.	<b>\$1,480,000</b>	\$1,480,000
Stockton	<b>Safe Routes to School Pilot Program Phase 3</b>	Provide educational and encouragement activities to 12 elementary schools in three of the four school districts within Stockton	<b>\$550,000</b>	\$550,000
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$15,970,000</b>	<b>\$16,665,000</b>