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June 5, 2013

To: Technical Advisory Committee Members

Fr: Diane Nguyen, Deputy Director

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Re: **Cancellation of June 13, 2013 TAC meeting**

Through the direction of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, Mark Houghton, the purpose of this memo is to notify you of the cancellation of the June 13, 2013 TAC Meeting.

The two items on the calendar do not warrant convening the TAC in June. However, SJCOG welcomes comment/input on these two items which are described in the attached "information" packet for the TAC members.

Please review the material and provide input directly to the staff person identified in the reports: Donald Mascardo (mascardo@sjcog.org)— Measure K Expenditure Plan; Anthony Zepeda (Zepeda@sjcog.org)—Multimodal Trip Planning Study.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly at 209.235.0442. Thank you for your attention. Diane



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**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SJCOG Conference Room
555 East Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA**

**INFORMATION ONLY
No Meeting for June 2013**

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Note: The June meeting is cancelled. The items listed below are for informational purposes only. Any questions or comments can be directed to staff by email or at the July meeting.

AGENDA

1. 2013 Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Amendment Process – Mascardo
2. Interregional Multimodal Commute Trip Planning Study - Zepeda

Next Regular Scheduled meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2013 Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Amendment Process

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide comments to SJCOG on proposal Not to amend the Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan for FY 2013/14

DISCUSSION:

SUMMARY:

On January 25, 2013, SJCOG staff sent out a letter to interested parties soliciting proposals for the amendment to the Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan for the 2013/14 fiscal year. By the March 22nd deadline, SJCOG staff received amendment requests from the City of Lodi and the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD). Copies of the amendment requests are in this staff report's attachments.

SJCOG staff evaluated the requests and determined staff **is not** recommending any proposed amendment for 2013/14 fiscal year. Based upon SJCOG Board's direction provided at the March 2013 Measure K Strategic Plan Update Workshop, the programming and funding allocations of the previously approved 10-year priority of projects will remain the focus through 2021. The City of Lodi's request to add a new project beyond the 10 year programming period is subject to a future SJCOG Board action when funding becomes available for additional projects.

There are two components to SJRTD's letter. SJRTD's first request is to redistribute funding of an existing Measure K project within the same category is not a Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan Amendment, but rather, will be a Strategic Plan amendment that can be considered by the SJCOG Board at its June meeting. The second request (by SJRTD) to advance funding beyond the current 10-year priority has implications on a potential second bond issuance and will be considered as part of the Measure K Strategic Plan update process that will go through the Technical Advisory Committee this summer.

RECOMMENDATION:

SJCOG staff recommendation is to not make any amendments to the Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan for 2013/14 fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If recommendation is approved, this has no impact to the Measure K Expenditure Plan for 2013/14 fiscal year. However, any proposed amendments to the Strategic Plan will impact the Measure K Financial Plan.

BACKGROUND:

In 2006, San Joaquin voters renewed the previous Measure K program to another 30-year period of the implementation of the ½-cent sales tax for transportation purposes up to year 2041. In 2007, the SJCOG Board of Directors approved the integration of the previous Measure K program into the Measure K Renewal program. The Measure K Expenditure Plan calls for street repairs, safety and operational improvements on local streets and roads, projects to reduce congestion on streets and highways, passenger rail and bus service to provide alternatives to the car and improve air quality of the San Joaquin Valley, as well as separation of streets from railroads at designated crossings to improve safety.

Because the Measure K program covers a period of 30 years, there is a provision in both the Ordinance and Expenditure Plan that allows for the continued consideration of amendments to the Ordinance and Expenditure Plan every fiscal year. Amendments to the Ordinance included changes in program administration policy and procedures. Amendments to the Expenditure Plan include changes in project scope, funding category percentages, funding category distribution methodology, and the addition of new projects to the Measure K program. This process enables more flexibility in the Measure K program to respond to unforeseen circumstances since the first Measure K program in 1990. Changes specific to cost, schedule, and funding of existing Measure K projects, including the increase of the Measure K allocation, are addressed through the amendment of the Measure K Strategic Plan and may be done at any time during the life of the program. Adding a new Measure K project will require amendments to both the Measure K Strategic Plan and the Measure K Expenditure Plan.

Expenditure Plan Amendment Proposals and Evaluation

City of Lodi

The amendment request is to add a new Measure K project in the Congestion Relief (Regional Arterial) to replace an existing Measure K project the City of Lodi already delivered with non-Measure K funds. The new project is the Century Boulevard Improvement from Church Street to Stockton Street. This new project, in general, consists of an at grade two-lane vehicular crossing with Class I and Class II bicycle lanes where possible.

Based upon discussion and project information provided from City of Lodi staff, SJCOG staff evaluated the request and determined it is not recommending an amendment to the Measure K Expenditure Plan for the 2013/14 fiscal year. The current Measure K Strategic Plan implements the 10-year priority programming and funding allocation of projects through 2021. The City of Lodi's existing project is programmed beyond the first 10-year priority. The request to add a new project is subject to a future SJCOG Board action at such a time when funding becomes

available for additional projects. In the near-term, SJCOG is working with city staff in incorporating the new project in the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update and to potentially advance the bicycle specific enhancement through other funding opportunities.

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD)

SJRTD has two requests. The first amendment request is to redistribute Measure K funding in the amount of \$1,852,620 within the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Capital towards the construction of the BRT Capital Maintenance Facility – Regional Transportation Center (RTC) between 2012 and 2014 fiscal years. Both of these passenger bus capital projects are identified in the SJCOG Board approved Measure K Strategic Plan 10-year priority programming and funding allocations of projects. Based upon discussion and project information provided by SJRTD staff, SJCOG staff evaluated and determined that the first request to redistribute funds (change of scheduled year) within the same BRT Capital programming does not require an amendment to the Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan for 2013/14 fiscal year. However, as identified in the Measure K Strategic Plan General Policies and Procedures, a request such as this will be proposed during a Measure K Strategic Plan update or in a Measure K Strategic Plan amendment and may be done at any time during the life of the program. SJCOG staff will take this specific request before the June SJCOG Board meeting for action.

The second amendment request is to advance a total of \$13 million of programmed Measure K funds from outer years 2019 – 2035 to support the construction of the BRT Capital Maintenance Facility - RTC as early as 2014. Of the \$13 million, \$12.3 is a funding advancement from SJRTD's Bus Operations and \$700,000 from the BRT Capital Maintenance Facility – RTC. SJCOG staff has evaluated the second amendment request and also determined it is not an Expenditure Plan amendment. This specific request to advance funding beyond the current 10-year priority is being evaluated as part of a potential second bond issuance. As mentioned above, changes specific to cost, schedule, and funding of existing Measure K projects, including the increase of the Measure K allocation, are addressed through the amendment of the Measure K Strategic Plan. In addition, any project that is ready to move to the front of the line will be proposed in the Strategic Plan update or in a Strategic Plan amendment.

Next Step

June 27, 2013 – Following a public hearing, the SJCOG Board will consider SJCOG staff's recommendation and take action on whether to amend the Measure K Ordinance and Expenditure Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City of Lodi Measure K Amendment Request
2. SJRTD Measure K Amendment Request

Prepared by: Donald Mascardo, Associate Regional Planner

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March 22, 2013

Mr. Donald Mascardo
San Joaquin Council of Governments
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SUBJECT: Measure K Expenditure Plan Amendment

This is the City of Lodi's formal request to amend the Measure K expenditure plan to add a regional arterial project. The project consists of the construction of an extension of Century Boulevard from Church Street to Stockton Street. This project will replace the City's project to widen Hutchins Street that has been constructed using City funds.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



F. Wally Sandelin
Public Works Director

cc: Project File



March 20, 2013

Mr. Andrew T. Chesley
 555 E. Weber Ave
 Stockton, CA 95202

RE: FY 2013/14 Measure K Amendment Request

Dear Mr. Chesley:

The San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) would like to request an amendment to the 2011 Measure K Renewal Strategic Plan. With construction expected to commence on the Regional Transportation Center (RTC) toward the end of this calendar year, RTD would like to redistribute funding within the BRT- Capital category towards the RTC Maintenance Facility. The following table shows the adopted plan followed by the requested changes:

2011 MK Renewal Strategic Plan

Category	Project	Measure K			
		Total	2012	2013	2014
BRT - Capital	BRT Fleet Replacement				
BRT - Capital	BRT - Passenger Amenities and Stations	\$ 1,852,620	\$ 500,000	\$ 745,264	\$ 607,356
BRT - Capital	BRT Maintenance Facilities - RTC				
		\$ 1,852,620			

FY 2013/14 Amendment Request

Category	Project	Measure K			
		Total	2012	2013	2014
BRT - Capital	BRT Fleet Replacement	\$ -			
BRT - Capital	BRT - Passenger Amenities and Stations	\$ 600,000			\$ 600,000
BRT - Capital	BRT Maintenance Facilities - RTC	\$ 1,252,620			\$ 1,252,620
		\$ 1,852,620			

In addition to this request, I would like to meet with you to discuss the potential for advancing Measure K funds for the RTC. RTD has identified the capacity to fund the RTC with \$13 million in MK Bus-Capital funding, within the projections provided between fiscal years 2019-2035. As you are aware, we are expediting the construction of the RTC, particularly because of the pending sale of our existing "Metro" maintenance facility and our commitment to FTA to spend the grants we received expeditiously. Furthermore, we plan on awarding the construction contract next month. This \$13 million has been identified as

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part of the funding scenario for the RTC. For these reasons, RTD could use your help in advancing this critical piece of the funding scenario for the RTC.

Please contact George Lorente at (209) 467-6674 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the amendment request displayed in the table above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Donna DeMartino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna DeMartino

General Manager/CEO

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Interregional Multimodal Commute Trip
Planning Study

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information Only

SUMMARY:

In January 2013, the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) entered into contract with the consulting firm of Kittelson & Associates (KIA) to complete an Interregional Multimodal Transit Trip Planning study (MMTPS). The draft final report was completed by KIA in June 2013 and is being presented to the committee for review and comment. SJCOG is seeking comments on the report by Friday, June 14, 2013. The study was performed in coordination with an advisory committee comprised of stakeholders from Caltrans District 10, the San Joaquin Regional Transit District, the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, Commute Connection, Modesto Area Transit Express and the Stanislaus Council of Governments. The SJCOG Interagency Transit Committee (ITC) also assisted in the review and development of the final report.

The focus of the MMTPS is on interregional commute transit, an area where SJCOG has a direct role serving the counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced through its Commute Connection program. The goal is to develop a final report with analysis and recommendations leading to an implementable, web-based trip planning system hosted and used by SJCOG to promote alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) commuting. The project is being paid for with a \$120,000 transit planning grant awarded to SJCOG by Caltrans. A full copy of the draft report is available for review on the SJCOG website (www.sjcog.org).

Opportunities identified in the MMTPS report include:

- ❖ There is a large potential market for a trip planning system that provides Tri-County Area residents with all regional commute alternatives, both within and outside of the region. An integrated regional trip planner will provide travel mode alternatives for commuters and end users, allowing side-by-side comparisons of mode and pricing choices.
- ❖ The expanded traveler information capabilities, resources, and coordination will facilitate more efficient use of the existing transportation network. The system will assist transit operators, local governments, and rideshare agencies in coordinating and utilizing existing commute and transit alternatives.

- ❖ A Tri-County Area multi modal trip planning system will modernize the existing structure and commuter information services currently provided by Commute Connection and will facilitate increased ridership for carpools, vanpools and transit.
- ❖ Implementing the multimodal trip planning system will lead to greater efficiency of limited transportation capacity and will provide environmental, fiscal, and economic benefits to the region.
- ❖ An integrated trip planner will serve as a valuable resource for Tri-County Area employers to meet the requirements of the Air District's e-Trip Rule 9410.

A Multimodal Trip Planning Vision

There are many existing resources available to plan a commute trip but there is currently no single source of information that provides available travel mode alternatives for commuters in the Tri-County Area. There is also no existing trip planning system that incorporates vanpools and ridesharing options side-by-side with transit and SOV commuting. Thus, many of the findings and recommendations of the MMTPS involve the development of an innovative, dynamic and adaptable regional trip planning system. The proposed new system would integrate inter-agency transit trip planning, carpool and vanpool resources, and bicycle and pedestrian routes in the Tri-County Area, as well as incorporating transportation options to the Bay Area, Sacramento, and Fresno regions. The screen shots on the following pages provide examples of how the online system would appear to an end user. Figure 1 illustrates a planned trip from Tracy, CA to San Francisco, CA. After the user has identified their destination, the system provides several commute alternatives, including trip duration, cost, and route information. Onscreen tabs identify the carpool, vanpool, transit and drive alone comparisons. Detailed information regarding each option can be obtained by selecting the appropriate tab (Figure 2).

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only. SJCOG is soliciting comments and suggestions that can be incorporated into the final draft report. The deadline for SJCOG to receive comments is June 14, 2013. The report will be presented for acceptance by the SJCOG Board of Directors at the June 27, 2013 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. The study was completed on schedule and within the budget of \$120,000.

NEXT STEPS:

SJCOG is exploring the potential implementation of the MMTPS report recommendations in coordination with Caltrans via the Path2Go program. Path2Go is a pilot program, developed by Caltrans in conjunction with the University of California, Berkeley that provides a multi-modal trip planning software platform that can be modified to include the system elements identified in

the MMTPS report. The program is currently being implemented in parts of the Bay Area and Los Angeles. The opportunity is still in the preliminary discussion stage. More information will be provided at a future TAC meeting.

Figure 1: Example of User Mode Choice Alternatives

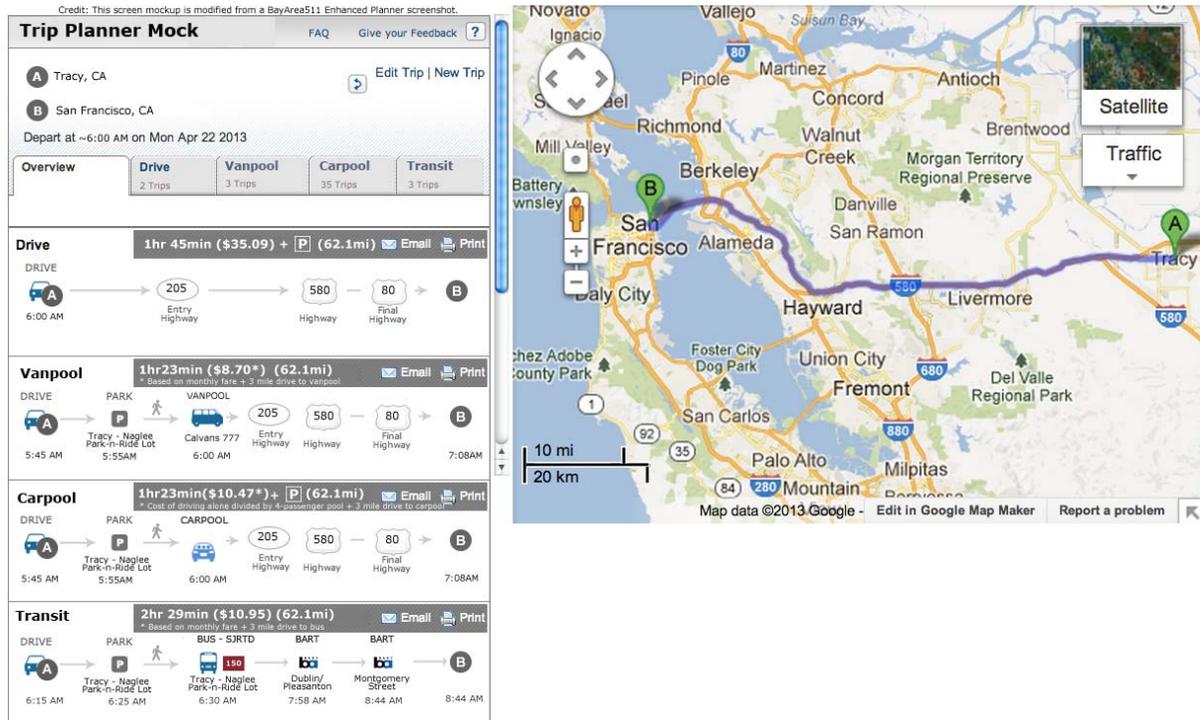


Figure 2: Detail of Vanpool Tab

