

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SJCOG Conference Room
555 E. Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202

February 23, 2017

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair DeBrum.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Mayor DeBrum, Manteca; Councilmember Dresser, Lathrop, Supervisor Elliott, SJC; Vice Mayor Holman, Stockton; Mayor Kuehne, Lodi; Mayor Laugero, Escalon; Supervisor Miller, SJC; Mayor Rickman, Tracy; Supervisor Winn, SJC; Councilman Zuber, Ripon.

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Ken Baxter, Caltrans; Gary Giovanetti, SJRTD; Dr. Elizabeth Blanchard, Port of Stockton.

Board Members Absent:

Councilmember Lofthus, Stockton; Mayor Tubbs, Stockton.

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Andrew T. Chesley, Executive Director; Steve Dial, Deputy Executive Director; Diane Nguyen, Deputy Director; Kevin Sheridan, Project Manager; Vikram Sharma, Information Services Manager; Steve Mayo, Habitat Project Manager; Nicole Gorham, Public Information Officer; Kim Anderson, Senior Regional Planner; Yvette Davis, Senior Regional Planner; Ryan Niblock, Senior Regional Planner; David Ripperda, Assistant Regional Planner; Christine Corrales, Assistant Regional Planner; Summer Anderson, Assistant Regional Planner; Travis Yokoyama, Assistant Regional Planner; Kari McNickle, Associate Program Specialist; Lisa Donahue, Assistant Program Specialist; Kelly Bagley, Accounting Assistant II; Sandy Ferreira, Accounting Assistant II; Katy Castro, Administrative Clerk II; Rosie Gutierrez, Office Administrator; Rosemary Romero, Administrative Clerk II; Rod Attebery, Counsel.

2. **Recognitions/Presentations:**

None.

3. **Public Comments:**

None.

4. **Consent Calendar Items:**

A. MINUTES: January 26, 2017.

B. SJCOG Monthly Financial Report & Transportation Authority Monthly Investment Report.

- C. Measure K Renewal Funding Request for City of Escalon Short Range Transit Plan
- D. FY 2017-18 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Estimate & Apportionment Schedule
- E. Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination Services Contract Amendment
- F. 2018 RTP/SCS Community-Based Outreach Mini-Grant Program Funding Recommendations
- G. SJCOG and Caltrans Comprehensive Federal and State Transportation Planning and Programming Memorandum of Understanding
- H. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Membership Appointment
- I. Extend Contract with Verve Net-works for IT Support Services

Supervisor Elliott asked regarding item 4I, is there is a provision in the contract that allows for an extension or is another RFP sent out? Steve Dial stated after the current contract ends, it goes into month-to-month. This action sets a 3 year term. Supervisor Elliott suggested in the future to add a statement in the report if there are extension provisions.

It was moved/seconded (Zuber/Kuehne) to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously (10/0) with a roll call vote.

Andrew Chesley introduced SJCOG new staff member Sandra Ferreira who was hired to join the Finance Department.

5. **San Joaquin Council of Governments Items for Discussion/Action:**

A. Legislative Update from Washington, DC, Legislative Consultant, C.J. Lake

Andrew Chesley reported that Mayor Kuehne, Steve Dial and he attended the NARC Conference in Washington, DC and they met with COG's consultant firm CJ Lake. Mr. Chesley stated representing today from CJ Lake is Emily Bacque and Andrew Lund.

Emily Bacque gave the Board members an overview on what's going on in Washington D.C. and on some of the priorities and authorizations that are forthcoming. Andrew Lund informed the Board members on some of the different policies. Emily Bacque reported on the earmarks and stated the House Rules Committee plans to hold public hearings later this spring on earmarks and they expect to make a decision before the July 4th recess.

Andrew Chesley mentioned that staff has been in communication with CJ Lake on drafting correspondence dealing with the issue of MPO boundaries. Secondly, in the past, this region has benefited greatly from earmarks and, with the absence of Congressional earmarks the success rate has not been the same. Mr. Chesley informed the Board members he may be coming back to them to think positively about any kind of attempts by Congress to re-institute in some form of earmarks.

Chair DeBrum thanked Emily Bacque and Andrew Lund for their report and for them taking the time to attend the Board meeting.

This was for information only no action was taken.

B. Commute Connection Enhanced Program Launch

****Supervisor Winn arrived during this presentation****

Kari McNickle shared a video and presented a power point presentation. Ms. McNickle gave an overview on launching the new brand, and where Commute Connection is headed. Ms. McNickle stated the new website is Dibsmyway.com along with a mobile app for trip tracking and the website also connects directly to the trip planning system. Overall, with the trip tracking and logging, staff is encouraging people to feed into Go Dibs 2020, a strategic initiative with a goal to log 1 million smart travel miles by 2020. Ms. McNickle informed the Board the *'Save the Date' is February 28th* and mentioned the date is Dibs official 'go live' to launch the new website. Moving forward, she added this launch process will include other opportunities to spread the word.

Supervisor Miller asked if it gives you time estimates when you plan your trip. Ms. McNickle said yes.

Mayor Kuehne asked what the miles logged so far were; Ms. McNickle stated the miles are in the 300,000 mark, and this is an additional 1 million miles.

Mayor Rickman asked about the incentives. Ms. McNickle stated staff is still developing some of the incentives and the specifics, but in some cases it ties to specific modes if you're logging bike trips you can earn coupons for repairs, pumps, and light kits. If you are carpooling, you can earn gas cards, car washes, etc.

This was for information only no action was taken.

C. Draft FY 2017-18 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Steve Dial presented a power point and stated the OWP is included in the packet. Mr. Dial stated the OWP is a management tool identifying the tasks and products that SJCOG will undertake to deliver during FY 2017-18. The OWP also identifies the funding sources and staff resources necessary to complete the OWP. Mr. Dial stated this OWP draft is a reduction of \$939,327.16 from FY 2016-17. Mr. Dial stated upon adoption of the draft, the OWP will then be submitted for review by Caltrans, the FHA and FTA. Member agencies and partners are encouraged to review and comment by February 28th. Comments received will be considered in preparing the final FY 2017-18 OWP and in March recommended for Board approval.

It was moved/seconded (Miller/Holman) to adopt the Draft FY 2017-18 Overall Work Program for submitting to Federal and State Agencies. Motion passed unanimously (9/0) by voice vote.

D. 2017 Measure K Strategic Plan Policies

David Ripperda presented a power point and stated the recommendations are to adopt several policies for the preparation of the draft Measure K Strategic Plan. Measure K is the transportation sales tax for San Joaquin County and is divided into several categorical allocations for Passenger Rail, Bus and Bicycles; Local Street Repair and Roadway Safety; RR Crossing and Congestion Relief. The draft Measure K Plan will cover the next 15 years through FY 2030-31, with \$1.1 billion of revenue during that period. Mr. Ripperda reviewed the policies and underlying assumptions for the development of the draft 2017 Measure K Strategic Plan in Table 1. Upon approval staff will be preparing the

draft Strategic Plan and release early March. Staff will schedule a workshop to bring the Board back up to speed on issues surrounding Measure K cash flow. Staff will have continued discussions on the draft Measure K Strategic Plan and have the Measure K Strategic Plan adopted by the Board in May.

Councilman Zuber expressed his concerns regarding the funds for the Bicycle & Pedestrian category. Mr. Ripperda stated staff is recommending to slowly phase in the money for Bike & Pedestrian. Funds will slowly increase over time and staff feels that would be a manageable amount for future calls for projects.

Supervisor Elliott asked regarding the Smart Growth Incentive Program are these funds just for incentives. Mr. Ripperda stated those funds are only eligible and applied for by public agencies, but the idea is to create public/private partnerships to incentivize development. There are a wide variety of uses it can be used for, however the local agency would have to be the lead, but they can partner with a private developer. Supervisor Elliott asked how much is available. Mr. Ripperda stated staff anticipates having a call for projects this year for about \$7.8 million.

Vice Mayor Holman asked regarding the Regional Arterial category if the Lower Sacramento Road could be put back in the Expenditure and Strategic Plan moving forward. Mr. Ripperda stated staff had discussions with the City of Stockton on this subject and explained and outlined the process on what they need to do. Mr. Ripperda stated once it's in the Expenditure Plan then staff can add it to the Strategic Plan to direct Measure K funding for that project.

Andrew Chesley reiterated about staff scheduling a Board workshop regarding the 2017 Measure K Strategic Plan prior to the March Board meeting on March 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

It was moved/seconded (Kuehne/DeBrum) to approve the policies and underlying assumptions for the Measure K Strategic Plan programming scenario as shown in Table 1. Motion passed unanimously (9) by voice vote.

- E. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Update
Kim Anderson stated the 2018 RTP/SCS logo is also rebranded. Ms. Anderson presented a power point and gave an overview on the 2018 RTP/SCS which will cover from 2015 to 2042. Ms. Anderson reviewed the policies and supportive strategies identified in the 2014 RTP/SCS on attachment 1 of the staff report. Ms. Anderson discussed the approach for the 2018 RTP. Ms. Anderson discussed the former base planning approach which is one of the major changes in the current RTP effort.

Christine Corrales provided an overview on the 2014 RTP/SCS public outreach process and stated there were over 1,000 participants that attended the mini-presentations; listening sessions; scenario workshops; on-line surveys and RTP/SCS Working Group for the last plan. Ms. Corrales reviewed the new tools, strategies and best practices for the

2018 RTP/SCS update.

Kim Anderson reviewed the schedule stating the first public outreach will be in April 2017, in June 2018 bring forward the final 2018 RTP/SCS for Board to consider for adoption.

Mayor Kuehne stated his first choice would be scenario C. Supervisor Elliott suggested to indicate urbanized areas when identifying high density, as he feels it would make a difference in how information is presented. Ms. Anderson pointed out that the SJ County general plan directs most of its growth into its existing communities. Mayor Rickman agreed with Supervisor Elliott on the residential density, local land use control is very important.

This item was for discussion only no action was taken.

6. **Airport Land Use Commission:**

None

7. **Information Items:**

A. Health and Prosperity Community Roundtable

This item was for information only no action was taken.

8. **SJCOG, INC:**

1. Open Meeting of SJCOG, Inc. /Roll Call: Roll call was called with the exemption of Supervisor Winn.

2. Public Comment: **None.**

3. Consent Calendar:

A. Calaveras River Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Project Buffer Reduction

B. Gwerder and Larson Preserves Habitat Restoration Preparation Work Scope

It was moved/seconded (Zuber/Laugero) to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Motion passed unanimously (9/0) by a roll call vote.

4. SJCOG, INC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Public Hearing for Lodi White Slough Property Easement-Dedication

Steve Mayo informed the Board this was a public hearing. Chair DeBrum opened the public hearing for public comment. There being no public comments received, the public hearing was closed.

5. SJCOG, INC. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS: **None.**

*****RECONVENE TO THE SJCOG BOARD MEETING*****

9. **Chair's Report:**

A. **SJCOG Project Delivery Committee Appointment**

Chair DeBrum commented on the flood situation in San Joaquin County especially the farm workers in the Manteca area.

Chair DeBrum announced that today was the retirement of Manteca's Police Chief Nick Obligation and pleased to have Jodi Estarziau as the new Police Chief and Kyle Shipherd as the new Fire Chief.

Board members commented on the flood situation stating it's gratifying to know that our first responders in San Joaquin County work together to ensure our safety and great to see the team work in San Joaquin County.

It was moved/seconded (DeBrum/Kuehne) to appoint Councilman Dresser to the Project Delivery Committee. Motion passed unanimously (9/0) by voice vote.

10. **Council Member's Report:**

Mayor Kuehne gave a brief report on the NARC conference he attended in Washington, DC and their discussion on the opioid epidemic. Mayor Kuehne also commented on autonomous and electric vehicles.

Councilman Dresser asked was there any discussion on vehicle registration fees for the electric vehicles. Mayor Kuehne stated the representative from Governor Brown's office mentioned it was going to be about \$165 per vehicle. There is a proposal to move forward.

11. **Ex-Officio Member's Report**

A. **San Joaquin Regional Transit District**

Gary Giovanetti reported on the following:

- February 8th Regional Transportation Tour stating it's always good to introduce RTD's service for people who do not normally ride the bus
- February 12th RTD participated in the Downtown Stockton Alliance "Love you Baby" promotion
- February 18th Stockton Heat Hockey game RTD mascot joined their local mascots on the ice
- Upcoming events – March 5th Chinese New Year's Parade
- RTD ordered 15 zero emissions electric 40-foot buses – the \$16 million project is funded with the combination of discretionary funding sources
- New design of two new BRT routes – MLK Blvd. and the Crosstown Minor Avenue Corridor
- RTD is purchasing 22 new 26 foot buses to be operated on RTD's Hopper routes

Mr. Giovanetti announced Donna DeMartino created deviated fixed routes where the ADA buses travel on a fixed route but they can deviate up to a mile off their scheduled route.

B. Caltrans, District 10

Ken Baxter introduced himself and welcomed the new Board members. Mr. Baxter passed out a handout in a baseball card size and stated on the flipside is Caltrans Public Information Officer's information. If you ever need any information, have a complaint pertaining to the state transportation system give them a call.

Mr. Baxter passed out and reported on the news release and stated it's a very compressive maintenance approach and quite extensive. If you have any questions regarding the news release the contact information is on the bottom.

Mr. Baxter reported on the Brennan/120 Intersection and stated Caltrans is going to put up the advance intersection warning signs with a flashing beacon within the next month or two.

Mr. Baxter stated in the Governor's emergency proclamation from District 10, 5 of 8 counties are on it and is directing District 10 to work with the Federal Highway Administration for emergency relief funds.

Mr. Baxter reported that a Caltrans employee was on working on the far north of highway 49 at 2 a.m. and a huge tree fell on the truck and the entire cab was leveled and the whole thing is gone. He survived with minor injuries due to his quick reaction to lay down in the truck. Mr. Baxter stated his heart goes out to the CHP officer who lost his life in Sacramento.

Mr. Baxter announced for public review is the statewide Bicycle Ped plan. You can view online at www.Cabikeandplan.org the deadline for comments is March 10th and hoping to be finalized in April.

Mr. Baxter reported on the NEPA waiver and stated this is real important for all of us.

Mr. Baxter stated the Governor directed District 10 to install 30 electric vehicle charging stations before December 30, 2018 and they will be free to the public.

C. Port of Stockton

Dr. Blanchard reported on water issues at the Port of Stockton and currently having the Coast Guard on a 24-hour watch to notify the ships on the condition of the Port with low and high tides. Dr. Blanchard stated the Sacramento Port had problems and three of their ships used the Port of Stockton to deliver their goods. Dr. Blanchard announced on May 18th the Port of Stockton is going to host the State of the City and everyone is welcomed. Dr. Blanchard provided a shipping activity report for the Port of Stockton.

12. Executive Director's Report

A. Federal Certification Recap

Mr. Andrew Chesley reported on the Federal Certification stating it happens every four years. Mr. Chesley thanked Supervisor Winn, Supervisor Miller, Councilmember Zuber and Vice Mayor Holman for participating. It was very much appreciated. The findings of the certification SJCOG is in full compliance and fully certified by the Federal reviewers. There were two small recommendations: (1) how SJCOG deals with

Title VI and Environmental Justice reporting and (2) how SJCOG details funding information with the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Mr. Chesley stated staff raised two issues with them for comment. One dealt with the operations with our Interagency Transit Committee (ITC) and the challenge with attendance. The other one was in response to SJRTD's letter indicating SJCOG not being in compliance with the FAST Act.

Mr. Chesley commented on the opioid epidemic presentation stating he thought it was fascinating and the League of Cities and NARC both gave a report that was excellent and interesting.

13. **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. SJCOG Conference Room.