

JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS AND SJCOG, INC.

SJCOG Conference Room
555 E. Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202

December 5, 2019

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Chair Andrade.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Councilmember Andrade, Stockton; Councilmember Jobrack, Stockton; Supervisor Miller, SJC; Councilmember Murken, Escalon; Mayor Rickman, Tracy; Councilmember Singh, Manteca; Mayor Wright, Stockton; Mayor Zuber, Ripon.

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Ken Baxter, Caltrans; Gary Giovanetti, SJRTD.

*The clerk informed the Chair she overlooked both ex-officios during roll call.

**Councilmember Jobrack joined the meeting.

Board Members Absent:

Mayor Dhaliwal, Lathrop; Supervisor Elliott, SJC; Mayor Pro Tem Kuehne, Lodi; Supervisor Winn, SJC.

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Anthony Barkett, Port of Stockton.

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Chesley, Executive Director; Steve Dial, Deputy Executive Director; Diane Nguyen, Deputy Director; Rebecca Calija, Manager of Administrative Services; Gracie Orosco, Chief Accountant; Vikram Sharma, Information Services Manager; Steve Mayo, Project Manager; Ryan Niblock, Senior Regional Planner; Rob Cunningham, Senior Regional Planner; David Ripperda, Associate Regional Planner; Christina Corrales, Associate Regional Planner; Yvette Davis, Senior Program Specialist; Michelle Prince, Assistant Regional Planner; Christine Haruta, Associate Program Specialist; Stephanie Maynard, Administrative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Assistant Regional Planner; Ashley Goldlist, Assistant Regional Planner; Hailey Lang, Associate Regional Planner; Daljit Saini, Accounting Specialist; Katy Castro, Administrative Clerk II; Melissa Ablang, Administrative Clerk II; Rosie Gutierrez, Office Administrator; Rod Attebery, Counsel.

2. **Recognitions/Presentations:**

Diane Nguyen introduced Melissa Kuehne from Institute for Local Government, Christal Lazard from ILG and Ena Lupine from Strategic Growth Council.

Melissa Kuehne addressed the Board and said the Institute for Local Government is a statewide non-profit agency that works with cities, county and special districts on a variety of different topic areas. Their main focus is on the leadership in governance and sustainable communities, and they have a workforce in civic public engagement program. They travel statewide and do training for local governments. She looks forward in working with SJCOG and member agencies.

This was announced after item 5A.

Andrew Chesley introduced Hailey Lang as the new Associate Regional Planner. She is a graduate of Tokay High, attended Humboldt State and is a graduate from San Jose State. Ashley Goldlist is the new Assistant Regional Planner. She originally comes from the East Bay Area, she attended UC Davis and a graduate of University of Guelph, Canada. Daljit Saini is the new Fiscal Assistant, she is a graduate from Stanislaus State University. SJCOG is glad to have them all on board.

3. **Public Comments:**

Mike Barkley resident from City of Manteca informed the Board he spoke at the public hearing in Manteca on Unmet Transit Needs. He expressed his concerns to the Board that he was unable to address at the public hearing due to the comment period time limit.

4. **Consent Calendar Items:**

- A. Minutes: Joint meeting of the Board of Directors for SJCOG & SJCOG, Inc., October 24, 2019
- B. *SJCOG* - Monthly Financial Report & Transportation Authority Monthly Investment Report
- C. *SJCOG* - 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan Adoption
- D. *SJCOG*—Shortlist of Marketing/Communication Service Firms for *SJCOG* Overall Work Program (OWP) Activities
- E. *SJCOG* - California Congestion Management Program (CMP) Opt-Out
- F. *SJCOG* – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Regional Collaboration between *SJCOG* and Institute for Local Government (ILG)
- G. *SJCOG* – Amendment #3 to Contract C-19-037 with GHD, Inc.
- H. *SJCOG, Inc.* – N. Cherokee Lane Subdivision Project and Plan Participation and Habitat Classification Change
- I. *SJCOG, Inc.* – Austin Road Truck Parking Project, Plan Participation
- J. *SJCOG, Inc.* – MacArthur Industrial Park Project, Plan Participation and Buffer Reduction

It was moved/seconded (Wright/Singh) to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously (8/0).

5. **Action Items:**

- A. *SJCOG, Inc.* – Public Hearing for Jet Mulch Patterson Pass Preserve dedication
Steve Mayo informed the Board this is a public hearing and described the property. If approved staff intends to create the Preserve Management Plan (PMP) to reflect the existing PMP for economy of scale as a grassland preserve for species under the SJMSCP which will include a protected corridor for SJ kit fox. Attachment 1 shows the property location.

Chair Andrade opened the public hearing for public comment. There being no public comments received the public hearing was closed.

Andrew Chesley informed the Chair he neglected to introduced SJCOG new staff members.

B. *SJCOG – Unmet Transit Needs Annual Review of Weekend BART and Mountain House Transit Services*

Rob Cunningham presented this report. He said this is the annual review of two transit services as a result of unmet transit needs process. Mr. Cunningham reviewed the route performance and operating cost for Route 150 weekend BART service and County Hopper 99 Tracy to Mountain House summarized in table 1. He said Route 150 Weekend BART service operating cost came in a little lower than expected so RTD requested to add a sixth roundtrip to the route, which would be feasible within the original \$175,000 annual budget. In August, the Board canceled Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) service leaving \$287,225 of unspent State Transit Assistance funds there is also \$175,000 in reserve for this service. Staff recommends the Board approve expenditure of the total reserved funds of \$462,225 for continuation of Route 150 Weekend Service including the addition of a sixth roundtrip, not to exceed \$175,000 per year.

Mr. Cunningham said regarding the County Hopper 99 to Tracy, Mountain House, and Delta College, the ridership is below expectations at approximately 5 boarding's per weekday. Staff recommends discontinuing the current fixed route bus service. However, the Van Go service would be an option for passengers who wish to take transit between Tracy to Mountain House and Delta College in the meantime.

Board member Jobrack recommended staff communicate with Regional Transit District to provide additional information to the five riders utilizing the current service. Mr. Cunningham said yes and staff will also let them know about the Van Go option.

It was moved/second (Zuber/Miller) to (1) approve the expenditure of \$462,225 of State Transit Assistance funds held in reserve for weekend service to BART, not to exceed \$175,000 per year (2) discontinue funding of County Hopper Route 99 serving Tracy to Mountain House with transit service to be provided through Van Go, subject to annual review in April 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Gary Giovanetti informed the Chair RTD staff is in the audience and RTD staff will inform the passengers about their options.

6. **Discussion Items:**

A. *SJCOG – Homelessness and the Role of SJCOG*

Andrew Chesley reported on the Special Executive Committee meeting held today at 3:00 p.m. on the role of SJCOG regarding the homelessness issue. Mr. Chesley suggested to the Board adding an agenda item monthly to talk about the homelessness issue. This is the direction he received from the 3:00 p.m. meeting.

Mr. Chesley thanked the participants for attending the 3:00 p.m. meeting.

Chair Andrade also thanked Andrew Chesley and the participants for attending and being part of this discussion. Mr. Chesley thanked Adam Cheshire for his assistance and educating staff on what can be done.

This item was for discussion only.

7. **Information Items:**

- A. SJCOG – 2020 San Joaquin One Voice® Call for Projects
- B. SJCOG – Fiscal Year 2018/19 Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) Program Annual Report
- C. SJCOG – FY 2018/2019 Delivery of Federal Funding
- D. SJCOG – Draft Congested Corridor Plan

Andrew Chesley informed the Chair these four items are for information only, however, if the Board members want to comment on the items they can do so.

8. **Chair's Report:** None.

9. **Council Members' Report:** None.

10. **Ex-Officio Council Members' Report:**

A. San Joaquin Regional Transit District

Gary Giovanetti reported RTD and its partners collected over 22,000 pounds of food, including 1,137 turkeys at the 21st Annual Stuff the Bus food drive held on November 22. Since 1999 RTD and their partners have raised over 181 tons of food donations at Stuff the Bus events. This year Stuff the Bus also collected was more than \$1,300 for Food Banks in San Joaquin County. Food 4 Less donated more than \$4,000 of non-perishable food items to the cause as well as offering three \$100 Food 4 Less gift cards as raffle prizes. Community Medical Center and Aspire Apex Academy participated in Stuff the Bus with their own food and coat drive. La Encuesta radio station partnered with RTD on live broadcasts and promotions of the event. Ms. San Joaquin County, Dana Harrison, as well as the Stockton Tigers softball team, volunteered their time during the drive.

B. Caltrans District 10

Ken Baxter announced the department is updating the California Aviation Plan. He reported on the I-5 Summit event held at Las Positas College on November 5 with 54 attendees. Mr. Baxter thanked Andrew Chesley and Diane Nguyen for participating and speaking at the event. Mr. Baxter announced the Climate Change forum will be held at SJRTD Operations Center on Myrtle December 17. He announced Caltrans just completed and published District 10 Climate Change Assessment Report and shared some highlights.

Mr. Baxter said if anyone wants additional information on these items to contact him.

C. Port of Stockton

No report.

11. **Executive Director's Report:**

Andrew Chesley announced Joel Campos was scheduled to report on item 5B, however he was called up by the California National Guard for active duty and he thanked him for his service.

Andrew Chesley recognized Betty Wilson in the audience, she is the new Executive Director for the San Joaquin Business Council.

Lastly, the California Transportation Commission has announced they are accepting applications for two SB 1 programs. There is about \$500 million available statewide, and it is meant for a multi modal approach for congested corridors throughout the State of California. The other one is a trade corridor program and due June 1. Mr. Chesley explained Caltrans' new rules to apply for the funding. Staff would like to apply for these funds, however, we are struggling to find a project that meets the criteria and has a reasonable chance to be considered.

12. **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the SJCOG Conference Room.