

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

Via Teleconference
555 E. Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202

August 27, 2020

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. The Board meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Jobrack.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Councilmember Andrade, Stockton; Supervisor Elliott, SJC; Councilmember Jobrack, Stockton; Mayor Kuehne, Lodi; Supervisor Miller, SJC; Mayor Rickman, Tracy; Councilmember Singh, Manteca; Supervisor Winn, SJC; Vice Mayor Wright, Stockton; Councilmember Zuber, Ripon.

** Andrew Chesley informed staff that Supervisor Elliott is present and currently on the zoom call.

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dennis T. Agar, Caltrans; Anthony Barkett, Port of Stockton; Gary Giovanetti, SJRTD.

Board Members Absent:

Sonny Dhaliwal, Lathrop; Councilmember Murken, Escalon.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Chesley, Executive Director; Steve Dial, Deputy Executive Director; Diane Nguyen, Deputy Director; Vikram Sharma, Information Services Manager; Steve Mayo, Program Manager; Ryan Niblock, Senior Regional Planner; Tim Kohaya, Senior Regional Planner; Yvette Davis, Senior Program Specialist; Christine Corrales, Associate Regional Planner; Hailey Lang, Associate Regional Planner; Chris Haruta, Associate Regional Planner; Laurel Boyd, Associate Habitat Planner; Stephanie Maynard, Assistant Program Specialist; Katy Castro, Administrative Technician; Rosie Gutierrez, Office Administrator; Rod Attebery, Counsel.

2. **Recognitions / Presentations:**

A. Recognize Doug Kuehne

Andrew Chesley announced Mayor Doug Kuehne served as SJCOG Chair this past fiscal year and SJCOG has provided him with a plaque recognizing him for his year of service. He thanked Mayor Kuehne for his service as chair.

Mayor Kuehne thanked the Board for the recognition.

Chair Jobrack congratulated Mayor Kuehne appreciating his leadership throughout the year.

3. **Public Comments:** None.

4. **Consent Calendar Items:**

- A. Minutes: Joint meeting of the Board of Directors for SJCOG & SJCOG, Inc., June 25, 2020
- B. *SJCOG* Monthly Financial Report & Transportation Authority Monthly Investment Report
- C. *SJCOG* – Authorization of the Examination of Transactions (Sales) and Use Tax Records CDTFA
- D. *SJCOG* – FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program Amendment and Annual Financial Plan Amendment #1
- E. *SJCOG* – Revised FY 2020-21 State Transit Assistance Revenue and Apportionment Schedule
- F. *SJCOG* – Fiscal Year 2019-20 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim from the City of Ripon
- G. *SJCOG* - Fiscal Year 2019-20 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claim from the City of Lodi
- H. *SJCOG* – Resolution Authorizing Executive Director or his/her Designee to Execute all Caltrans Transportation Contracts and Related Amendments
- I. *SJCOG* - Printer Services Pre-Qualified Vendor List
- J. *SJCOG* - Amendment #4 to Contract C-12-062 with HDR Engineering for SR 99 Manteca Widening Design Services During Construction
- K. *SJCOG* – Amendment #1 to Contract C-20-15 with Regional Government Services for Planning and Demographic Services
- L. *SJCOG* – 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (Type5) Amendment #18, 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #4, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis
- M. *SJCOG, Inc.* – Interstate 580 International Parkway Interchange Project, Plan Participation and Habitat Classification Change
- N. *SJCOG, Inc.* – Clements Torlai Benavides Hwy 12 Purchase and Preserve Management Plan
- O. *SJCOG, Inc.* – Jack Tone Road Pruning Project, Plan Participation and Habitat Classification Change
- P. *SJCOG, Inc.* – Mariposa Road Improvements Project, Plan Participation and Buffer Reduction
- Q. *SJCOG, Inc.* – Wilson Way Bridge Slop Protection Installation Project, Plan Participation and Buffer Reduction

It was moved/seconded (Wright/Kuehne) to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

5. **Action Items:**

- A. *SJCOG, Inc.* - SJMSCP 5-Year Financial Analysis Update and 2021 SJMSCP Development Fee
Steve Mayo informed the Board this item is to approve the 5-Year Financial Analysis Model and the 2021 SJMSCP Development Fees. Mr. Mayo presented a summary of the 2020 SJMSCP 5-Year Financial Analysis update in detail and the fees that are calculated in three categories annually.

The proposed 2021 SJMSCP development fees were adjusted using the recommended 2020 SJMSCP 5-Year Financial Model update for the respective categories. The change is an overall increase of 35.4% in the most commonly impacted categories of Agricultural and Natural habitat classifications from the prior year. The increase is due primarily to a rise in the land acquisition component for agricultural land price values of comparable sales and part of the endowment related to enhancement costs for preserves being updated to current costs.

Board member Wright asked what is the possibility of the CPI decreasing. Mr. Mayo said he does not recall a decrease but it has been zero.

Board member Winn expressed his concerns with the percentage increase, however it has not been the highest we have charged. He is in agreement with the plan.

Board member Kuehne commented if John Beckman from BIA is okay and understands the land values he is okay with it. We don't control the land comparisons on the fee structures. He thanked Steve Mayo for handling the habitat plan and congratulated him on a great job.

It was moved/seconded (Kuehne/Zuber) to (1) approve adoption of the 5-year Financial Analysis Update including pursuing more diverse endowment investment tools and (2) approve 2021 SJMSCP development fees as adjusted pursuant to the Financial Analysis Model. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

B. SJCOG – FY 2019-20 Final Local Transportation Fund Revenue and Apportionment Schedule

Steve Dial presented this report and stated SJCOG received August payment from California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA), and this completes FY 2019-20. The Local Transportation Fund (LTF) ended up less than \$300,000 short of the revenue estimate and is actually more than SJCOG received in FY 2018-19. Table I identifies the new allocation of \$36,933,478 million and the off the top expenditures.

It was moved/seconded (Kuehne/Miller) to approve R-21-09 adopting the final FY 2019-20 Revenue and Apportionment Schedule. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

C. SJCOG - SJCOG Policy Positions on Governor's Draft Action Plan Investment Strategies

Andy Chesley informed the Board this item is to address the four principles and to ask the Board to endorse. These principles have already been discussed and next month all eight MPOs will be taking action associated with this. Mr. Chesley briefed the Board on this item. The State of California put together a working group from key departments and released a set of ten investment strategies that are included in the staff report. The initial target is about \$5.5 billion of transportation investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in the state. The State has set an aggressive target for GHG and identified a 25% reduction from transportation sources. Mr. Chesley summarized the four principles identified in the staff report that SJCOG staff is asking the Board to adopt.

Chair Jobrack commented on the past eight months of reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) because people are working remotely and asked if we benefit from year to year with VMT. Mr. Chesley said yes there is a reduction in VMT and that is documented especially during the months of March and April. VMT has picked up, however has not reached the same levels prior COVID-19 and has produced some benefits in terms of GHG. The issue is how much will this be long term into the future, we still need to figure out how to document that. However, during this time staff has seen an increase in the number of vanpools during this pandemic.

Board member Winn commented on his discussions about efforts on technology strategies to benefit employees. Board member Winn said in regards to VMT if we had the opportunity to invest in economic development to attract new or expanding businesses to the valley that would reduce the number of commuters and would make a tremendous difference in air quality. He suggested asking the state for some assistance in regards to attracting businesses. There are better alternatives that are more cost effective and important to the valley than some of the strategies that the Governor is suggesting.

Mr. Chesley recapped that Board member Elliott was indicating to add to the language on item 2 to be more specific near zero emissions technology strategies capabilities that have been talked particularly in the air district. To have some real cost effectiveness and some positive potential in the future. Mr. Chesley said he will make those adjustments and add the specific components to the principle.

It was moved/seconded (Wright/Zuber) to approve the Policy Principles. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

D. SJCOG – Proposal for Jobs Balancing Investment Fund (JBIF) Project in the City of Tracy

Hailey Lang presented a Power Point to discuss the Jobs Balancing Investment Fund (JBIF) proposal that was submitted by the City of Tracy. Ms. Lang discussed the project in detail and stated \$500,000 per project with a total program cap at \$1 million. The project consists of three phases with phase 3 to be completed in May 2024. Due to the comments received throughout the JBIF process staff is putting the program on hold while it be restructured to see if the program is truly meeting the requests of the board.

Board member Zuber commented on his recollection of the program that it was not a program to fund a basic project, it was put in place to fund enhancements. He expressed his concerns with the city coming back and asking for more money.

Chair Jobrack asked if the program was halted can they come back and ask for more money. Andrew Chesley said no they cannot come back and ask for more funding. Mr. Chesley commented that prevailing wage does add to additional cost to the project. It is a project that meets all the criteria of the program and staff continues to recommend it for approval.

It was moved/seconded (Miller/Andrade) to (1) find that the project meets all eligibility requirements and approve the project for JBIF funding in the amount of \$500,000 (2) close the existing JBIF program while it is restructured. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

6. **Discussion Items:**

A. *SJCOG - dibs Annual Report*

Christine Haruta presented a Power Point to discuss the highlights of activities and accomplishments achieved in partnership with member agencies, community partners and commuters. Member registrations increased by 16% and vanpools continue to be strong increasing by 55%.

Chair Jobrack congratulated Ms. Haruta on a great presentation.

Board member Kuehne said it was a wonderful presentation, very informative and fun to watch.

This item was for discussion only.

B. *SJCOG - SJCOG – Virtual One Voice® (Verbal Report)*

Andrew Chesley gave an update on this item and announced the Virtual One Voice® is scheduled for September 22-24 about 3-4 hours scheduled each day. Participants include all 15 board members along with key public agencies staff and partners within the community. Next week a template will be sent for you to review and plan accordingly.

This item was for discussion only.

C. *SJCOG - Refining a Regional Approach to Housing 2.0: Draft Regional Action Planning (REAP) Priorities*

Christine Corrales gave a brief background on this item. She said today is a follow up to bring forward the REAP priorities and to provide more discussions. The plan is to bring back to the Board in September to adopt these priorities in order to allocate AB 101 funds accordingly. Ms. Corrales presented a Power Point and gave a brief summary of AB 101 / REAP requirements. She briefly discussed the four draft REAP Priorities for the boards consideration. Ms. Corrales stated the feedback received since May were in support of the four REAP priorities. On-going discussions are going on with staff and community development departments.

Andrew Chesley informed the Board Supervisor Winn, Councilmember Singh and Vice Mayor Wright are participating in this regional effort to develop a regional approach around these funds. Mr. Chesley appreciates them being active in this effort.

Board member Wright commented on the different issues that San Joaquin County compared to the Bay Area.

Board member Winn agreed with Board member Wright's comment and stated we are unique with our proximity of Sacramento and the Bay Area. It will be interesting to see the changed to Sacramento and the Bay Area with our commuters working from home. I

think we are evolving and I don't think we are going back to what we experienced back in January and February.

This item was for discussion only.

****Mayor Rickman joined the meeting during this discussion item**

D. SJCOG - Update on San Joaquin Regional Transit District Van Go! and Intercity Transit Services and SJCOG Funding of Service

Ryan Niblock presented this report and said Regional Transit District (RTD) Van Go has been in service since March of 2019, providing an "Uber/Lyft" type service intended to supplement existing services within the county. In August 2019 the COG Board approved some place holder funding to support service in the Manteca and Tracy UZAs. Totaling \$500,000 in Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 to cover operations and around \$400,000 for vehicle purchases.

Based on the feedback from Interagency Transit Committee RTD determined that an adjustment to the Van Go service would be necessary to improve the service's cost-effectiveness and maximize its value to riders. With these modifications RTD has indicated that it will no longer require the use of FTA 5307 funding assigned by SJCOG from Manteca and Tracy UZAs.

Kimberly Gayle from RTD thanked Ryan Niblock for doing a great job and she has no additional comments.

**** Board member Rickman informed the Board that he is present.**

Andrew Chesley said kudos to RTD and their Board, they did an impressive job in terms of the operations. RTD has also restructured their intercity route and has greatly reduced subsidy costs.

Chair Jobrack commented on RTD doing amazing during these critical times and to keep up the good work, he appreciates their efforts.

Board member Winn asked if the transportation is available between Escalon and Ripon in the Van Go modifications. Kimberly Gayle said Escalon would be serviced by the new redesign. With intercity service RTD is working with Escalon on extending into Stanislaus County. RTD also reinstated service to Escalon that was discontinued, so that service is also starting up now.

This item was for discussion only.

7. **Information Items:**

- A. *SJCOG* - Update on Public Outreach Activities for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)
- B. *SJCOG* – Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (STEP) Grant Proposal
- C. *SJCOG* - COVID-19 Impacts to San Joaquin County

These items were for information only.

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

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

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

A. Regional Transit District:

Gary Giovanetti reported RTD held their first virtual education workshop on August 5 regarding August 16, 2020 modified service changes.

Live education workshops continued on August 12, focused on mobility with over 120 participants, this session was recorded and published on RTD's Facebook page.

RTD is continuing social distancing to accommodate riders. RTD Also provided facial coverings at no cost to employees and passengers.

RTD is enhancing its security measures with road supervisor programs which ensures better response time for bus operators requesting assistance.

Lastly, RTD suspended temporarily the use of its electric vehicle fleet in response to Governor's order to help conserve energy.

B. Caltrans District 10:

Dennis T. Agar, Caltrans Interim District 10 Director introduced himself and said he has been with Caltrans over 30 years and is happy to be back. He looks forward in working with SJCOG staff and the Board on improving and strengthen the partnership.

Mr. Agar stated Andrew Chesley has informed him about the challenges that each of the local partners are having. He looks forward in working with SJCOG with these challenges and he will also reach out to his counter parts, Tony Taavares, District 4 Director, and Diana Gomez, District 6 Director to have these types of discussions along with Valley partners in San Joaquin County.

Mr. Agar shared his letter with the Board and gave a brief update on Caltrans District 10 activities underway in San Joaquin County. In addition, District 10 is forming a Task Force to focus on homelessness and sheltered encampment and will work with all the partners to provide consistency.

Mr. Agar announced that Director Toks Omishakin top five priorities, includes safety, modality (congestion growth), innovation, efficiency, partnerships.

He introduced Gregoria Ponce, Caltrans Acting Deputy District Director. Ms. Ponce introduced herself and she is honored to serve with District 10. The 2050 California Transportation Plan is available, the link to provide comments is www.ctp2050.com. She congratulated the recipients for the Sustainable Community grants for the downtown transit center on activity and enhancement plan. She looks forward working with that team in advancing that grant.

Chair Jobrack welcomed Gregoria Ponce to District 10 and thanked Dennis Agar for his presentation, he looks forward to working with the task force.

C. Port of Stockton:

Anthony Barkett congratulated Councilmember Jobrack as the new chair. Mr. Barkett commented on the housing issue stating you have to put enough staff people in these positions to handle the issues.

Mr. Barkett announced the Nautilus barge arrived at the Port last month. It's a mobile data center sitting outside the port. The Port is excited about this concept. This could be a possibility for San Joaquin County to attract data centers.

Mr. Barkett said he appreciates SJCOG supporting the Port's inclusion as a priority for the \$50 million rail project that the Port is working on. As part of this over the next 5-6 years the Port is going to have in excess over a hundred million dollars that is going to be needed to upgrade the entire rail system.

Lastly, overall the Port is doing well.

Chair Jobrack asked if a representative from the port or nautilus can give a presentation, he feels the city would benefit from a presentation. Mr. Barkett said he will be happy to reach out to them to schedule a presentation. Chair Jobrack thanked Mr. Barkett.

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

Andrew Chelsey welcomed Dennis Agar back and looks forward to having a working relationship between Caltrans and SJCOG.

Mr. Chesley appreciates Stacie Guzman, Merced County Association of Governments Executive Director participating today on the zoom call.

Mr. Chesley announced the Mega-Region meeting is tomorrow, Councilmember Singh, Mayor Rickman, Supervisor Winn and Councilmember Zuber will be participating.

Mr. Chesley informed the Board next month is going to be two presentations one on the I-205 Widening preliminary design and environmental effort and an update on Valley Link.

Mr. Chesley announced staff member David Ripperda accepted a position with the rail commission to replace Jordan Peterson. On behalf of SJCOG he wished him good luck in his new position.

Mr. Chesley informed the board he will give an update on the Executive Committee recruitment in order to skip the closed session that is scheduled on the bottom of the agenda. He announced the Executive Committee met last week regarding the Executive Director's search extending the deadline to September 14, 2020.

Mr. Chesley announced he is anticipating having an in person meeting at the SJCOG board for the month of October.

Lastly, he thanked Chair Jobrack for his first meeting, well done. Chair Jobrack said thank you, he enjoyed it.

Being there is no closed session, Chair Jobrack adjourned the meeting @ 6:08 p.m.