BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
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APRIL 30, 2013 (TUESDAY)
5:30 PM

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to five minutes or at the discretion of the Chair.
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
   A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes of 3/5/13

6. **PRESENTATION**
   A. Presentation on Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding

7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**
   A. Valley Vision Stanislaus Update
   B. Motion to Nominate and Elect FY 2013/14 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair
   C. Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan
   D. Pedestrian Survey
   E. Share the Road Signs Update

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**  
   *The following items are for information only.*
   A. StanCOG Quarterly E-Newsletter
   B. Bike to Work Week Activities

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

10. **MEMBER REPORTS**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:**
**August 6, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 5:30pm**
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA  95354


BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA
Minutes of March 5, 2013 (Tuesday)
5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bonrepos, R J Corwin, Lennox Harris, J.D. Hightower, Leisser Mazariegos, Jeff Montgomery

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Malekos, Mike Costa, Charles Turner, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Charles Vasquez, (Stanislaus County); Yvette Davis, Kari McNickel (Commute Connection)

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Chair R. J. Corwin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR
   A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes of 1/8/13

      * By Motion (Lennox Harris/Stephen Bonrepos), and unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 1/8/13.

6. PRESENTATIONS
   A. National Bike to Work Week in Stanislaus County, May 13th through May 17th, 2013
      Yvette Davis and Kari McNickel provided information about the StanCOG Commute Connection program and the planned 2013 National Bike to Work Week activities. She mentioned that information was available at [www.valleybikecommute.com](http://www.valleybikecommute.com) regarding activities. She went over the various types of community outreach efforts that Commute Connection provides.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
   A. Share the Road Signs
      Chair Corwin asked Charles Vasquez to update members on the status of the Share the Road Signs. Charles Vasquez reported that the posts would need to be provided to put up the signs. He
mentioned that the utility companies would not allow the signs to be placed on their posts. He said he would report back at a later date the costs of the signs, posts, and placement. He also said that he was working toward the April 1st deadline requested by the bike club.

B. Pedestrian Survey
Stephen Bonrepos reviewed the pedestrian survey with members. Chair Corwin suggested that the survey be provided to members electronically to receive comments. Staff commented that StanCOG would send the survey out to members electronically, collect comments, and then compile them for the next BPAC meeting.

C. Trails Connecting Cities and Parks
Chair Corwin reported that a group of individuals in Oakdale are trying to put together a trail along the Stanislaus River. The trail would connect the parks from Oakdale, Riverbank, and Ripon along the river.

D. Bicycle Corridors Connecting Urban Areas
Chair Corwin reported that there are no bike corridors that connect from city to city. He mentioned that within a city there are trails indicated on Google Maps and he would like to see bike friendly roads indicated. Staff mentioned that this was part of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS - None

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - None

10. MEMBER’S REPORT - None

11. ADJOURNMENT
Chair R. J. Corwin adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:
April 30, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 5:30 pm
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA 95354
Minutes Prepared By:

[Signature]
Debbie Trujillo, Administrative Technician
DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS
TO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Rosa De Leon Park, Transportation Planning Manager
      Jaylen French, Associate Planner

DATE: April 22, 2013

SUBJECT: Valley Vision Stanislaus Schedule Update - May

Background

Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), of which StanCOG is one of 18 in the state, to prepare a new enhanced land use element for all future Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) updates. This new requirement will seek to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicles, through the coordination of transportation and land use planning.

To further link land use and transportation planning with the regional transportation planning process, Senate Bill 375 calls for the RTP and associated land use element to be consistent with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The combined effort of these three documents is referred to as the 2014 Valley Vision Stanislaus.

It is staff’s intent to provide monthly updates to the StanCOG advisory committees and to the Policy Board on the progress of the Valley Vision Stanislaus process.

Discussion

Development Schedule

Throughout the Valley Vision Stanislaus development process, which formally began in early 2011, StanCOG has anticipated an adoption date in late-2013. Recently, in information shared with the VVS Steering Committee, StanCOG has provided dates on key items or deliverables, including RHNA and Scenario Development that have been based on this original anticipated adoption date, specifically, November 2013.

The eight San Joaquin Valley Council of Governments (COGs) share an air basin and have many attributes in common. The eight valley COGs have implemented a program of coordinated planning. In September of 1992, the valley COGs entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to ensure a coordinated regional approach to transportation and air quality planning efforts. The MOU was revisited in 2006 to update and solidify the partnership. The adoption
date of the 2014 RTP is no different, at least 7 of the 8 COGs were adhering to the originally planned schedule.

Due to the complexities in preparing a plan that meets the requirements of SB 375 and due to the work involved with updating the eight valley COGs transportation models, the Valley COG Directors are considering extending the adoption date of the Valley Vision Stanislaus plan into 2014. The COG Director are set to take a formal action on the adoption date at their May 2, 2013 meeting.

The action could be to keep the original adoption date, however, StanCOG anticipates that the COG Directors will extend the adoption date to March 2014. The key issue is with the State of California Attorney General's office, which requested some of the Valley COGs to adopt a Sustainable Communities Strategy in calendar year 2013. However, the COG Directors have been working with the Attorney General's office on this issue and expect to get approval on this extension.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

StanCOG will prepare the 2014 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) together with the Regional Transportation Plan through an integrated process that links land use, housing, and transportation planning and also facilitates internal consistency amongst these policy documents per Senate Bill 375.

The preparation of the RHNA for the Stanislaus County region is a responsibility assigned to StanCOG by state housing element law. StanCOG is responsible for the allocation of the State-determined housing needs among the local jurisdictions in the region. The RHNA process is undertaken prior to each housing element cycle. This RHNA is for the fifth housing element cycle (2015 through 2023). Local agencies are required to adopt their fifth cycle Housing Element no later than 18 months after the adoption of the Valley Vision Stanislaus plan (i.e., 2015).

Existing Housing Capacity

Recently, StanCOG introduced the topic of developing a RHNA methodology for the 2014 RHNA.

The first step in the process will be to determine the local agencies' existing housing capacity. This approach is consistent with the previous RHNA methodology. StanCOG and the consultant team have reviewed the local agencies' Housing Elements to determine the existing housing sites inventory and capacity. This information was gathered from a review of the current housing elements. StanCOG will seek input from the local agencies to verify the existing housing capacity. This information will help us develop an acceptable RHNA methodology.

RHNA Determination Update

On February 25, 2013, StanCOG staff and the consultant team met with the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which is the agency responsible for providing the regional housing needs determination. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure our adopted demographic forecast was in line with their expected numbers and to request a draft (early) determination so that we could begin the process of developing a RHNA methodology.

StanCOG is currently reviewing the DRAFT determination and is actively working with HCD to come to consensus on a number.
Revised Proposed RHNA Schedule

Below is a summary of the expected RHNA schedule, which is based on the unapproved March 2014 adoption date.

April 30, 2013: Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee (VVS Committee) meeting - Review existing housing capacity numbers and continue discussion regarding draft proposed RHNA methodology and alternative methodologies

June 4, 2013: VVS Committee meeting - Provide Steering Committee initial draft 'proposed' RHNA methodology for review prior to 60-day public and agency review release

June 12, 2013: Release Proposed RHNA Methodology for 60-day public and agency review

August 6, 2013: VVS Committee meeting - Finalize and approve RHNA methodology

August 21, 2013: Policy Board Adopts RHNA Methodology

November 8, 2013: Release Draft RHNA as part of Valley Vision Stanislaus Draft Plan release

Scenario Development

StanCOG staff is in the process of finalizing/preparing four land use and transportation scenarios. The scenarios present different land use futures and transportation choices that can be compared against each other to measure their effectiveness in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and meeting other objectives of the Plan.

Scenario 1

Currently, Fregonese Associates is completing the final edits on Scenario 1, New Trend Scenario. We have worked closely with the local agencies, through a few iterations, to ensure the scenario is consistent with each agency's general plan.

The New Trend Scenario describes a new land use pattern based on expected growth within each local agency’s general plan. Growth will occur with a mix of compact and suburban development adjacent to community boundaries and include some infill within communities. Growth will occur at the mid-range or target-range of allowed general plan densities/intensities, and include more small-lot single-family housing types and an increased percentage of multi-family housing types than historical growth patterns.

Scenario 2

Fregonese Associates has used the information from Scenario to prepare a draft of Scenario 2, Historic Growth Scenario. This draft scenario is nearly complete and should be finished by May 10.

Scenario 2 will describe an increased desire for low-density single family residential development on the fringe of existing development. Growth will occur similar to recent trends that emphasize outward expansion. It will require the greatest expansion of infrastructure compared to the other scenarios. Development will occur at the low end of allowed general plan densities, and will consume more agricultural and open space land compared to the other scenarios.
Scenario 3 and 4

Mintier Hamish will use the information from Scenario 1 to prepare drafts of Scenarios 3 and 4. Scenario 1 information was provided to Mintier Hamish this week, expect for those agencies that have outstanding edits. It is anticipated that draft Scenarios 3 and 4 will be complete by May 10, 2013. During the following week, StanCOG will schedule one-on-one meetings with each agency and LAFCo to receive direct input on each scenario. It is anticipated that revising the Scenarios based on the input received during the one-on-one meetings will be complete in one week; by May 27th.

The Moderate Change Scenario (Scenario 3) will describe a more compact land use pattern than the New Trend Scenario. More growth will occur as compact development within and adjacent to community boundaries and as infill along existing and planned transportation corridors and in downtowns and mixed-use centers. It will result in a more efficient land use pattern to provide increased transportation choice, with little change to the overall character of the region. It will reduce the extension of infrastructure. It will account for higher expectations of infill policies and programs in local agency general plans. It will result in less agricultural and open space land consumed compared to Scenarios 1 and 2. Development will occur at the higher-end of allowed general plan densities/intensities, and include a higher percentage of multifamily housing types compared to Scenarios 1 and 2.

The More Change Scenario (Scenario 4) will describe a more compact land use pattern than Scenario 3, Moderate Change Scenario. This Scenario will focus additional growth within community boundaries and as infill along existing and planned transportation corridors and in downtowns and mixed-use centers. It will result in the most efficient land use pattern to better facilitate transportation choice and public services. It will reduce the extension of infrastructure and result in the fewest acres of agricultural and open space land consumed compared to the other scenarios. It will account for higher expectations of infill policies and programs in local agency general plans. Development will occur at the higher-end or exceed allowed general plan densities/intensities, and include the highest percentage of multifamily housing types compared to the other scenarios.
TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Rosa De Leon Park, Transit/Planning Manager
       Charles Turner, Associate Planner

DATE: April 24, 2013

SUBJECT: Nomination of FY 2013/2014 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation

By Motion:

Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/2014.

Background

The BPAC, each Fiscal Year, shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair. The current Chair is Mr. RJ Corwin and Vice Chair is Mr. Chuck Shoup.

Discussion

StanCOG BPAC Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1 states, “the BPAC shall elect from among its membership a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. The term of office shall be one year.”

The term for FY 2013/2014 shall commence July 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2014.
TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Rosa De Leon Park, Transit/Planning Manager
       Charles Turner, Associate Planner

DATE: April 24, 2013

SUBJECT: Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan

Background

StanCOG is responsible for creating and implementing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a 20-year blueprint that serves as a master plan for all regional air quality, highway, public transit, bicycle/pedestrian and other transportation improvements. The RTP defines transportation alternatives, funding, project priorities, local needs, and alternate modes of transportation. The plan reflects the community’s vision of how bicycle and pedestrian transportation systems will function in the future. A summary of the Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan is included as a part of the RTP.

StanCOG provides technical assistance to member agencies, facilities funding, and works with various community groups to identify transportation needs and solutions. StanCOG assigns and distributes federal and state funds earmarked for specific transportation projects that improve maintenance, safety, relieve traffic congestion, and promote economic development in Stanislaus County.

The Stanislaus Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan was written in February 1994 and was updated by the 1996 Regional Bicycle Transportation Master Plan. The Master Plan was updated again in 2001, 2004, and 2008.

The design standards and legislative requirements related to non-motorized facilities have changed since the adoption of the 2008 Master Plan. The goals of the 2013/14 Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan Update will be to address the changes in the legislative requirements, design standards, provide an “umbrella” document that will allow all jurisdictions access to state or federal funds for projects, reevaluate all of the goals of the previous plans, and expand the scope of the Master Plan to ensure that existing and future needs of bicycle and pedestrian plans are incorporated into the document. A primary goal of this activity is to establish a new baseline...
of available facilities and to identify a starting point for future expansion of non-motorized facilities.

**Discussion**

The Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan is completed and will be submitted to all committees for comments prior to the June 19, 2013 Policy Board for acceptance.

**Recommendation**

Since the BPAC does not meet in May or June, committee members may submit any comments on the Plan to me by May 31, 2013.

Copies of the Draft document will be provided to you electronically prior to the BPAC meeting of April 30, 2013.
TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Rosa De Leon Park, Transit/Planning Manager
       Charles Turner, Associate Planner

DATE: April 24, 2013

SUBJECT: Pedestrian Survey

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**Background**

This has become a standing agenda item to share progress on the development of a Pedestrian Survey that can be used to provide additional input on pedestrian concerns and safety.

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) has developed a draft survey that has been distributed to the BPAC members for consideration in the development of a pedestrian survey. Committee member Steve Bonrepos has contacted several organizations (DRAIL, California Department of Rehabilitation, Valley Mountain Regional Center) in order to solicit additional input. The BPAC has been requested to provide additional input from their personal experience and local needs. The objective is to develop this survey for distribution and additional community input.

At the March 5, 2013 meeting, a discussion of the Pedestrian Survey and need for committee input on the proposed survey questions and number of questions was discussed. It was put forth that the Pedestrian Survey submitted by Mr. Bonrepos be redistributed electronically to members of the BPAC for consideration and recommendations. The proposed survey was sent via email to members of the BPAC by Cindy Malekos. To date, we have received no suggestions or recommendations to that format. R J Corwin did provide a survey format used in another state for consideration.

**Discussion**

Review the proposed survey and develop a format and scope of data necessary to complete this project.
TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon

FROM: Rosa De Leon Park, Transit/Planning Manager
       Charles Turner, Associate Planner

DATE: April 23, 2013

SUBJECT: Share the Road Signs

Background

This is a standing agenda item, initiated in July 2009, to share progress of and exchange information on the local jurisdictions’ efforts to increase the number of signs and improve designation of bicycle routes in Stanislaus County.

During the last few meetings, consideration of additional “Share the Road” signs for bicycle routes to improve safety have been addressed. The BPAC is looking into the possibility of grant funding or other charitable donations to cover the cost of the signs and permitting needed to install the signs on desired routes in Stanislaus County. Members are also investigating the legal issues with regard to volunteers assisting with the installation of signs. The committee is looking at prioritizing routes in order to better utilize resources.

Maps have been provided to Stanislaus County indicating suggested locations for placement of “Share the Road Signs.” Members have worked with their local jurisdictions to encourage better signage and improved bicycle routes.

Discussion

Ongoing discussions between BPAC committee members and representatives from Stanislaus County are working together to establish definite locations and timing for installation of the signs. BPAC members are also working closely with the biking community to develop resources to purchase the signs. Mr. Charles Vasquez will be providing an update.
INFORMATION ITEMS
TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee  

Staff Report  

Information

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Cindy Malekos, Personnel & Administration Manager/  
Public Information Officer  
Debbie Trujillo, Administrative Technician

DATE: April 22, 2013

SUBJECT: StanCOG Quarterly E-Newsletter

Discussion

The latest edition of the StanCOG quarterly e-newsletter entitled, On the Move, is attached. Regional news and events from the first quarter of the year are featured.

The purpose of On the Move is to highlight the activities of StanCOG, its Policy Board and 10 Member Agencies in a concise and focused format, and to encourage public engagement in the issues of the region. Each issue features information about projects, upcoming public meetings, events and activities.

The e-newsletter is distributed via e-mail. It is also posted on the StanCOG website. Additionally, a hard copy is sent to the 13 public libraries in the Stanislaus region to be posted where the public has access to it.

On the Move is a tool that is used to enhance public awareness, involvement and participation in the transportation planning process in the Stanislaus region.

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Valley Vision Stanislaus Regional Transportation Plan

Development is underway of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Regional Transportation Plan, a long-range planning document that will provide the framework for investments in roads, freeways, public transit, bike trails and other ways people move around the Stanislaus region for the next 28 years. A collaborative effort involving the Cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock, Waterford; and the County of Stanislaus, the document will also include a plan to accommodate the region's future housing needs, and comply with new State-mandated legislation to reduce greenhouse gasses (SB375).

Extensive outreach has been conducted throughout the region in recent months to engage the public in the plan visioning process. A public workshop was held in Modesto, and presentations have been made at public City Council and/or Planning Commission meetings in each of the cities in the region as well as to a variety of community organizations. Attendees anonymously answered questions using audience polling devices regarding transportation, growth, and land use priorities. For those unable to attend a presentation in person, a website (www.ValleyVisionStanislaus.com) was developed dedicated to providing information and seeking the input of the public via online surveys. Thousands have already participated by visiting the site, attending a workshop, and sharing their thoughts, all of which are being used to help craft the plan.

In the coming months, input will again be sought from the public regarding potential scenarios which will propose various options for how the region could look in the future. Your participation is encouraged in this important effort! Please visit www.ValleyVisionStanislaus.com to share your thoughts about the region's future growth and development, and for information on future public meetings.

State Route 219 Phase II Groundbreaking

Work is beginning on a $44 million project to widen and improve State Route (SR) 219 (Kiernan Avenue) in Modesto.

Caltrans, StanCOG, Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto broke ground on the project March 26th which will widen SR 219 from two lanes to four along a two-mile section between Morrow Road and McHenry Avenue (SR 108). Crews will also resurface the existing lanes to provide motorists a smoother ride. Other improvements include new traffic signals at Carver and Tully Roads, a new bike lane along the entire length of the project, and two new left turn lanes at the intersection of SR 219 and McHenry Avenue.

"Projects like this keep the region moving and help us build the road to economic growth," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty at the groundbreaking.

The first stage of the project, completed in 2010, widened three miles of SR 219 from SR 99 to Morrow Road. When the final phase is completed in the fall of 2015, nearly five miles of the highway will have been widened between McHenry Avenue and SR 99.

StanCOG Policy Board Members Stephanie Burnside, Vito Chiesa and Terry Withrow participated in the groundbreaking ceremony along with Executive Director Carlos Yamzon and Caltrans officials.
Around the Region

Public Hearings Held for Transit Needs Assessment

StanCOG has been conducting its annual assessment to determine if there are any unmet transit needs in Stanislaus County. Visits have been made to the City Councils in the region as well as to senior meal sites around the County to solicit comments on the transportation needs of transit-dependent individuals, especially the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means. StanCOG also held public hearings in four communities; in Modesto on November 14th, Patterson on January 29th, Waterford on February 28th and Oakdale on March 27th. Received comments will be assessed to determine if they are reasonable to meet by establishing or contracting for new public transportation services.

StanCOG, a Regional Transportation Planning Agency, must complete an annual unmet transit needs assessment to identify and analyze potential transit needs for reasonableness based upon adopted state and local guidelines. For more information, visit www.stancog.org/unmet-transit-needs.shtml or call 209-525-4600.

Valley Voice Trip to Sacramento

Policy Board Chair Charlie Goeken, and Member Vito Chiesa represented StanCOG in the "Valley Voice" advocacy trip to Sacramento in March along with other elected officials from the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and staff. The purpose of the annual trip is to meet with key state legislators and agencies to discuss issues of priority and concern on which the eight Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in the Valley collaborate.

The group met with State Senators and State Assembly members who represent the San Joaquin Valley as well as key executives from agencies such as Caltrans, the California Air Resource Board and the California Transportation Commission. The meetings allowed for the Valley to speak with one voice and demonstrate the high level of regional collaboration that takes place among the eight agencies.

San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Stakeholders Meet

StanCOG hosted a workshop in January of the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The San Joaquin Valley region is one of the four major international trade regions in California. StanCOG and the other seven Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in the San Joaquin Valley have been working collaboratively to identify a future preferred goods movement system for the Valley implemented through a comprehensive interregional strategy. Participants from throughout the Valley attended the workshop to provide their input into the plan that is scheduled for completion in the next few months.
Around the Region

Bike to Work Festivities

StanCOG is pleased to announce that Bike to Work Week will be celebrated in Stanislaus County during the week of May 13th-17th! This annual event is part of a national campaign to promote bicycling as a healthy, pollution-free and efficient form of alternative transportation. Events will be held all over Stanislaus County as shown below.

The StanCOG regional rideshare program called Commute Connection works with employers and the community at large to promote Bike to Work Week activities. Prizes and promotional items are offered to reward participation. The overall goal is to improve air quality, public health, and roadway operations by helping commuters make the transition from driving alone to more sustainable, alternative travel options. Visit valleybikecommute.com for information on how you can sign up! Join the fun by riding your bike or walking to work or school during National Bike to Work Week May 13th-17th!

For more information, visit www.valleybikecommute.com.

Caltrans FTA 5310 Workshop

A workshop with Caltrans was hosted by StanCOG in January regarding the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Grant program. Agencies from around northern California were in attendance to learn more about the opportunity to apply for the FTA 5310 grant. As a result, several local agencies submitted applications for funding. Award notifications are pending.

Upcoming Meetings

StanCOG meetings listed below are open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend. Meeting times and agendas available at www.stancog.org.

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2 Valley Vision Stanislaus Committee
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MAY

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On the Move

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Councilmember Bret Durossette

City of Hughson
Mayor Matt Beekman

City of Modesto
Councilmember Stephanie Burnside*
Councilmember Dave Geer
Councilmember Joe Muratore

City of Newman
Mayor Ed Katen

City of Oakdale
Councilmember Michael Brennan

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City of Riverbank
Mayor Richard O'Brien

City of Turlock
Councilmember Forrest White

City of Waterford
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Supervisor Jim DeMartini
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Supervisor Bill O'Brien*
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On the Move
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StanCOG Members Chiesa and Burnside
Appointed to San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

The first meeting of the newly-formed San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) was held on March 22nd in Merced. StanCOG, along with eight other agencies, have joined together to enable regional governance/management of the San Joaquin Intercity passenger rail service. The aim of local administration is to enhance this vital passenger rail service, improve air quality, and provide more transportation choices.

The StanCOG Policy Board appointed Supervisor Vito Chiesa to represent StanCOG on the SJJPA, and Councilmember Stephanie Burnside as the alternate. Other member agencies of the SJJPA include Alameda County, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Fresno Council of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, Merced County Association of Governments, Sacramento Regional Transit District, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, and the Tulare County Association of Governments.

New Policy Board Member Forrest White

The City of Turlock appointed a new representative, Councilmember Forrest White, to serve on the StanCOG Policy Board. Welcome Member White! He succeeds former Councilmember Mary Jackson who was recognized at the January Policy Board meeting for her regional leadership and dedicated service on the Policy Board for the past four years.

In Brief...

- Congratulations to Bryan Whitemyer in his new role as the City Manager for the City of Oakdale;
- Thank you to Scott Calkins of Modesto for three years of service on the Citizens Advisory Committee;
- Welcome to new Citizens Advisory Committee member Jeffrey Goschen of Oakdale;
- Welcome to new Social Services Transportation Advisory Council member Jenny Kenoyer of Modesto;
- And, welcome aboard to Arthur Chen, newly-hired StanCOG Associate Planner!

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**Bike to Work Day**

**Locations & Activities**

**Modesto’s Bike to Work Day**  
Friday, May 10th,  
6:30-9:00AM  
10th Street Plaza  
Bike your way to downtown Modesto for treats, prizes, fun and more.

**Oakdale’s Bike to Work Day**  
Tuesday, May 14th,  
6:30-9:30AM  
Oakdale Bicycle Shop  
Meet up with fellow bike commuters and visit vendors behind the Oakdale Bicycle Shop, and be rewarded with free goodies. Local partners include the Oakdale Bicycle Shop, Visit Oakdale, and the City of Oakdale.

**Turlock’s Bike to Work Day**  
Friday, May 10th  
8:00AM-1:00PM  
In front of City Hall  
Bike your way to the Friday Farmer’s Market for prizes and giveaways.

**City of Newman**  
Thursday, May 16th  
7:00-9:30AM  
Downtown Plaza  
Join fellow cyclists in downtown Newman for giveaways, refreshments, visits with local vendors!

**Patterson Bike to Work Day**  
Friday, May 17th  
7:00-10:00AM  
Historical Society Museum Circle  
Sponsors and partners to date include La Becane (Patterson Bike Shop), US Bank, Patterson Irrigtor, Don Huston (West Valley Century), Patterson Family Pharmacy, Realty World Scheuber & Arendsee Properties, Patterson Historical Society Museum, Blues Cafe, and the City of Patterson.

**Other County Bicycling Events**

[Pleas note: events in this section are not coordinated by Commute Connection.  
We are just sharing information we think may be useful to the bike commuting community. Thanks!]

**Family Cycling Festival**  
Saturday, May 18th  
Downtown Modesto, 1 Street  
10:00am - 3:00pm