BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA
AUGUST 6, 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 6/25/13

6. PRESENTATIONS-None

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
   A. Valley Vision Stanislaus Update
   B. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt Resolution 13-03 to Update the Non-Motorized
      Transportation Master Plan

8. INFORMATION ITEMS
   The following items are for information only.
   A. StanCOG Quarterly E-Newsletter

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

10. MEMBER REPORTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

   Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:
   October 1, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 5:30pm
   StanCOG Board Room
   1111 I Street, Suite 308
   Modesto, CA  95354
CONSENT CALENDAR
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA

Minutes of June 25, 2013 (Tuesday)
5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Bonrepos, RJ Corwin, Lennox Harris (Conference Call), Jeff Montgomery, Chuck Shoup

ALSO PRESENT: Carla Alvisi, Mike Costa, Rosa Park, Charles Turner (StanCOG); Charles Vasquez, (Stanislaus County)

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair RJ Corwin called the meeting to order at 5:46 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 4/30/13

   *By Motion (Jeff Montgomery/Steve Bonrepos), and a unanimous vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

6. PRESENTATIONS - None

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
   A. Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan Update
   Charles Turner stated he had recently received the updated Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan from the consultant, Fehr & Peers, which he sent to the BPAC members, as well as several other groups, for their review. There was a discussion where each member provided feedback on the updated document. Charles Turner requested that any further changes and or comments be sent to him no later than July 15th. He said that all of the changes he received would be forwarded to the consultant, to be incorporated into the final revision of the document. The finalized Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan was scheduled to be sent through the Committees and on to the Policy Board for approval at their August 21st meeting.
8. INFORMATION ITEMS
The following items are for information only.

A. Stanislaus County Bike to Work Week 2013 Report

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Rosa Park on behalf of the Executive Director Carlos Yamzon, emphasized the importance of completing the final draft of the Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan and addressing all comments from members and their jurisdictions.

10. MEMBER'S REPORT
Member Bonrepos stated that the Mayor of Modesto, Garrad Marsh, had asked him to be on a bicycle committee for the City of Modesto, and that in July he would be presenting the Bicycle Survey slideshow to the Mayor.

Member Shoup commented that there was now a Share the Road sign on Milnes Road and thanked Charles Vasquez and the Stanislaus County Public Works department.

11. ADJOURMENT
Chair RJ Corwin adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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

Carla Alviso, Administrative Clerk III
DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS
TO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Rosa De Leon Park, Deputy Executive Director
       Jaylen French, Associate Planner

DATE: July 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Valley Vision Stanislaus Update - August 2013

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**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.

**Discussion**

**Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update**

**RHNA Background**

StanCOG is currently working with the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department to receive a RHNA Determination for the 5th RHNA Cycle (2014 - 2023). On March 27, 2013 HCD provided a draft determination of 35,341 or 3,800 per year (9.3 years). On April 15th, StanCOG provided an initial reaction response of 22,791 or 2,451 per year (9.3 years). HCD has since retracted the first draft determination and coordinated with the Department of Finance's (DOF) own demographic assumptions. On June 10, 2013 HCD provided a second draft determination of 30,600 or 3,138 units per year (9.75 years).

**RHNA Status Update**
On July 9th, a Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting was held to provide the Committee with the details and background of the three draft determinations and the differing demographic assumptions between StanCOG and HCD/DOF so that StanCOG could receive input from the Committee in preparation for an official response on the draft determination to HCD.

At the July 9th VVS Steering Committee meeting, Staff presented an alternative determination number based on the housing units from the adopted Demographic Forecast (January 2013). These figures are being used for the scenario process and for the Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF) Nexus Study. This number was just over 19,000.

Staff considers the 19,500 number is realistic based on current housing market conditions and the expected time for the market to fully recover. With this in mind, Staff increased the 'other' vacancy rate and absorption rate factors in the RHNA spreadsheet and arrived at approximately 19,600 units. Staff contends that a determination of 19,623 or 2,013 units per year (9.75 years) is representative of current demographic and market conditions and most importantly is consistent with the information used for the RTP/SCS, which is required per state legislation. The Committee concurred with this approach. Staff will utilize this figure in the discussions with HCD regarding the final determination.

**RHNA Approach Update**

Based on the clear direction from the Committee meeting, staff has outlined an approach to prepare the Final Determination with HCD. Staff scheduled a technical meeting with HCD on Tuesday, July 23rd to discuss the demographic assumptions and other factors that separate our two numbers. StanCCG has invited Glen Campora, Deputy Director of HCD to attend the August 13th VVS Steering Committee meeting.

**RHNA Schedule Update**

- September 29, 2013: HCD issues Final RHNA Determination
- September 20, 2013: StanCOG releases Proposed RHNA Methodology for 60-day review
- November 20, 2013: StanCOG Policy Board adopts preferred RHNA Methodology
- March 1, 2014: StanCOG issues Draft Allocation of RHNA

If there are no requested revisions or appeals
- May 14, 2014: StanCOG adopts Final RHNA consistent with VVS plan development pattern

*All dates are indicated as 'no later than'*

**Valley Vision Stanislaus Plan Development Update**

*Transportation Modeling Update*

StanCOG has completed the land use and transportation investment (i.e. project list) components of all four Valley Vision Stanislaus scenarios in coordination with the VVS Steering Committee and other local agency staff.

As of the date of this Technical Advisory Committee, StanCOG anticipates that the transportation modeling will be complete for each scenario (land use and transportation component), which will provide information necessary to compare the scenarios against each other. The public and ultimately the Policy Board will compare these results against each other to identify the scenario, which will become the basis for the 2014 VVS plan.
Public Outreach Update

StanCOG has planned an extensive public outreach effort for this phase of the 2014 VVS plan. StanCOG will provide the results of the scenarios to the public for their review and comment. The intent is to analyze the received input to prepare a recommendation to the Policy Board. Three public workshops and six presentations have been scheduled throughout the County beginning on August 12, 2013. The anticipated schedule is as follows:

Public Workshops:
- August 14th at 6:30 pm (Patterson),
- August 20th at 6:30 pm (Oakdale)
- August 27th at 6:30 pm (Ceres)

City Council/Planning Commission presentations:
- August 12th at 6:00 pm (Riverbank)
- August 13th at 7:00 pm (Newman)
- August 15th at 5:30 pm (Waterford)
- August 15th at 7:00 pm (Turlock)
- August 26th at 6:00 pm (Ceres)
- August 26th at 7:00 pm (Hughson)
- August 28th at 6:30 pm (Modesto)

Schedule Update

Upon completion of the public outreach effort, StanCOG will compile the input received and present this to the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee on September 6th and then to the Policy Board at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 19th. During this meeting, the Policy Board will identify the scenario (land use pattern and project list) that will ultimately become the basis for the 2014 VVS plan.

StanCOG staff will prepare the plan document and the environmental document using the selected scenario. These plans are anticipated to be complete by the end of November and will be released for a 55-day review and comment period (VVS Plan) and a 45-day review and comment period (environmental document). Both of these periods will end at the end of January. StanCOG will take approximately 1 month to review and respond to these comments and then the Policy Board is anticipated to adopt the Plan at the regularly scheduled March 2014 Board meeting.
TO: Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon

FROM: Rosa De Leon Park, Deputy Executive Director
        Charles Turner, Associate Planner

DATE: July 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan Update

Recommendation

By Motion, recommend that the Policy Board adopt Resolution 13-03 amending the StanCOG 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, facilitates 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 (NMTMP) 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 2013/2014 NMTMP addresses the changes in the legislative requirements, design standards, and provides an “umbrella” document that will allow all jurisdictions access to state or federal funding for
projects. The NMTMP reevaluates all of the goals of the previous plans, and expands 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 2013/2014 Master Plan update emphasizes new and relevant information, regional efforts, and local community projects and programs.

The draft NMTMP has been reviewed and commented on by each jurisdiction in Stanislaus County. The draft NMTMP was also reviewed and commented on by the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, Technical Advisory Committee, Citizen Advisory Committee, Management & Finance Committee, Valley Vision Stanislaus committee, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. A final round of review with the local jurisdictions was completed on July 19, 2013. All comments and changes to the NMTMP are incorporated into this final draft.

**Next Steps**

Copies of the report will be sent electronically to the Technical Advisory Committee, Citizen Advisory Committee, Management & Finance Committee, Valley Vision Stanislaus committee, and Social Services Transportation Advisory Council prior to submission for approval of the StanCOG Policy Board meeting on August 21, 2013.

The Draft NMTMP is also available on the StanCOG website ([www.stancog.org](http://www.stancog.org)):

STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION 13-03
RESOLUTION APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is a Regional
Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to
State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus Council of Governments is designated the Stanislaus County
Local Transportation Authority, pursuant to the provisions of Public Utilities Code Section I,
Division 19 commencing with Section 180000; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Stanislaus County to consider and
support alternative methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS, accessibility to non-motorized transportation routes throughout the County
are vital to health and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, a cohesive and well coordinated bicycle and pedestrian plan is provided to
assist in future development; and

WHEREAS, the non-motorized plan will provide an opportunity to secure additional
resources; and

WHEREAS, it will expedite the process of including additional Non-motorized
Transportation Plans and/or Bicycle/Pedestrian Plans into the StanCOG Non-Motorized
Transportation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Stanislaus Council of Governments agrees
to authorize the Executive Director to amend the StanCOG Non-Motorized Transportation
Master Plan to include new plans provided by local jurisdictions after review by StanCOG staff.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Stanislaus Council
of Governments, on the 21st day of August 2013. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the
foregoing Resolution. Motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

MEETING DATE: August 21, 2013

ATTEST: ____________________________________________
LUIS I. MOLINA, CHAIR

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CARLOS P. YAMZON, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
INFORMATION ITEMS
Policy Board Elects New Chair and Vice-Chair

The StanCOG Policy Board elected new officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013. Mayor Luis Molina (City of Patterson) who served as vice-chair over the past year was voted the FY 2013/14 chair, and Supervisor Vito Chiesa (Stanislaus County) was chosen as the vice-chair.

The chair and vice-chair lead StanCOG and represent the Policy Board on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council. They also participate in meetings with government leaders in Sacramento and Washington, DC.

Special thanks to outgoing chair Charlie Geeken (City of Waterford) for his service over the last year and congratulations to the new officers.

California Transportation Commission to Visit Stanislaus Region

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has announced that their statewide meeting in October will be held in Modesto.

The CTC, responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California, consists of a 13 member board, nine of which are appointed by the Governor. It is an independent public agency dedicated to ensuring a safe, financially sustainable, world-class multimodal transportation system that reduces congestion, improves the environment, and facilitates economic development through the efficient movement of people and goods.

"Through the coordination efforts between StanCOG and CTC staff, we are honored and very excited to announce that the CTC will be meeting in Modesto on October 8th" said StanCOG Executive Director Carlos P. Yamzon. "We also want to express our appreciation to Policy Board Member Stephanie Burnside for her continued support to make this happen."

Kiernan Avenue Interchange Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 30th for reconstruction of the State Route 99/State Route 219 Kiernan Avenue Interchange in Salida. U.S. Representative Jeff Denham and other area dignitaries were on hand to participate.

The project, lead by Stanislaus County and Caltrans, in collaboration with StanCOG, will replace the existing bridge and on and off ramps; provide improved operations for turns and movements to and from State Route 99; and construct associated local road improvements at Sisk Road and Salida Boulevard. It will help meet future traffic demands, alleviate traffic congestion, and improve the overall operation of the interchange.

Funding for the project is provided by Stanislaus County Public Facilities Fees, environmental mitigation fees, and State Route 99 Proposition 18 Bond Savings Funds. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2016.
Around the Region

Bike to Work Week Events Held in Stanislaus County

Successful Bike to Work events were held around Stanislaus County in May as part of the national campaign to promote bicycling as a healthy, pollution-free and efficient form of alternative transportation.

A "Ride with the Mayor" kicked off Bike to Work Day in Modesto with Mayor Garrad Marsh and in Patterson with Mayor Luis Molina. "It's really important for Patterson to be involved in providing healthy options for our community members," Molina said. "Biking to work, taking public transportation, doing some walking and taking advantage of our parks all promote active living. People need to see the benefits of these options." Other successful gatherings were held in Newman, Oakdale and Turlock.

The goal of the annual Bike to Work Week is to encourage commuters to try biking (or walking) to work. By pledging to ride instead of drive one day a week, commuters were eligible to win prizes — and enjoy the rewards of a car-free commute. Congratulations to individual winners Gary Kuhlman of Modesto, Maryann Hight of Turlock and Curtis Reynolds of Modesto. Local companies also competed for prizes by aiming for the highest percentage of employee participation which the City of Patterson achieved.

Special thanks to the following businesses/organizations who encouraged their employees to participate in Bike to Work Week: Bay Metal Food Containers, LLC; City of Modesto; City of Patterson; City of Turlock; Evergreen Packaging; Gerling Applied Engineering, Inc.; Gianelli & Associates; Patterson Chiropractic Center; Stanislaus County; Sutter Health; Warden's Office, Inc.

Pictured Above: StanCOG staff with Mayor Garrad Marsh at Modesto Bike to Work Day

Pictured at Right and Upper Right: New Policy Board Chair Luis Molina and StanCOG Executive Director Carlos Yanzon at Patterson Bike to Work Day

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.

AUG
6 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
6 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
7 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
7 Management & Finance Committee
12 Executive Committee
13 Valley Vision Stanislaus Committee
21 StanCOG Policy Board

SEP
3 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
3 Valley Vision Stanislaus Committee
4 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
4 Management & Finance Committee
9 Executive Committee
18 StanCOG Policy Board
27 San Joaquin Valley Rail JPA

SAVE THE DATE October 10-11, 2013
University Plaza Waterfront Hotel, Stockton
San Joaquin Valley Fall Policy Conference
CalCOG Regional Leadership Forum

Policy Board Members Luis Molina and Forrest White represented StanCOG at the California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG) Regional Leadership Forum in Monterey in April. The annual gathering was an opportunity for local officials, staff, state officials and others to discuss the fiscal, economic and policy challenges facing the Councils of Governments in California.

CalCOG is a statewide organization. The Board of Directors engage in consensus-based discussions and advocacy on high priority issues in transportation, housing, environmental quality, land use and planning.

Stanislaus Region Awarded Over $10 Million for Transit

The Stanislaus region was awarded over $10 million in funding by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in June to improve local public transit.

Some of the projects included in this amount are $4.1 million to the City of Modesto for refurbishments to extend the life of existing buses; $2.3 million to Stanislaus County for new ‘low floor’ buses that make boarding and exiting more convenient for people with disabilities; over $500,000 to the City of Turlock for Phase II of its Transit Center; and $295,000 to the City of Ceres for a new CNG/alternative fuel bus and other improvements.

The funding is provided by Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond, which is providing $3.6 billion statewide over a 10-year period to improve public transit in California. “These projects give Californians a viable alternative to using their cars,” Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougerty said in a news release. “Public transit reduces traffic congestion and protects the environment by lowering greenhouse gas emissions.”

In Brief...

- Welcome Raul Mendez, the newly hired City Manager of Hughson;
- Congratulations to the FY 2013/14 Chairs/Vice Chairs of the following StanCOG Committees:
  - Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee - RJ Corwin, Chuck Shoup
  - Citizens Advisory Committee - Chris Esther, Terhesa Gamboa
  - Social Services Transportation Advisory Council - George Sharp, Jenny Kenoyer
  - Management & Finance Committee - Bryan Whitemyer, Tim Ogden
  - Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee – Richard O’Brien, Patrick Kelly
- Special thanks to Gil Bostwick who was recognized at the May Policy Board meeting for serving eight years on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Appointed in 2005, he lead the CAC as Chair from 2008-09, and was the CAC representative on the Valley Vision Stanislaus Committee from 2011-13;
- Best wishes to Jean Foletta as she departs from her role as the Program Manager of the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA). Established by the Policy Board in July 2010, the CTSA developed transit programs and services to assist seniors and individuals with disabilities in the Stanislaus region under her leadership.