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 2/4/15

6. PRESENTATION
   A. Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Annual Report

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
   A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Approve the Amendment to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Bylaws
   B. Motion to Nominate a FY 2015/16 Chair and Vice-Chair

8. INFORMATION ITEMS
   The following items are for information only.
   A. Commute Connection Monthly Reports – March and April 2015
   B. StanCOG E-Newsletter

9. MANAGEMENT REPORT

10. MEMBER REPORTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:
August 5, 2015 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 am
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 February 4, 2015 (Wednesday)
10:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Bonrepos, RJ Corwin, Lennox Harris, Greg Jacquay

ALSO PRESENT: Carla Alviso, Arthur Chen, Jeanette Fabela, Travis Jacobs, Rosa Park, Regina Valentine, Cathy Wang, Carlos Yamzon (StanCOG); Lisa Donahue (Commute Connection)

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Chair RJ Corwin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR
   A. Motion to Approve Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Minutes of 12/3/14
      *By Motion (Member Lennox Harris/Member Greg Jacquay) and a unanimous vote, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
   A. Draft 2015 Public Participation Plan (PPP)
      Travis Jacobs provided an overview of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and said that the Draft 2015 PPP had been released for a 45-day public review and comment period, which was to end on March 9th. He stated that two Public Workshops had been scheduled in February and provided the dates, times and locations. He stated that a public hearing would be held at the February 18th Policy Board meeting, and that the final PPP would go before the Policy Board at their March 18th meeting. A discussion followed and members’ questions were answered.

   B. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Steering Committee
      Arthur Chen provided a review of the federally-mandated Congestion Management Process (CMP), and stated a CMP Steering Committee would be formed to oversee the updating of the document. A discussion followed and Member Lennox Harris volunteered to represent the Bicycle/Pedestrian
Advisory Committee on the CMP Steering Committee; Member Stephen Bonrepos would be the alternate member.

C. **State Route 99 Beautification Plan**
Carlos Yarzon gave background information on a State Route (SR) 99 Beautification Plan. He said staff was following up on previous discussions that were held at the Policy Board and Management and Finance Committee meetings, and that a proposal would be presented to the Policy Board.

D. **Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program**
Regina Valentine provided an overview of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). She stated the TIRCP was a competitive grant program created to fund capital and operations for transit systems and intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems. She reviewed the eligibility requirements, application timeline and stated that the application materials were available on the Caltrans website. A discussion followed and members’ questions were answered.

E. **2016 Stanislaus County Transportation Expenditure Plan**
Carlos Yarzon provided an update regarding the 2016 Transportation Expenditure Plan. He stated that the Policy Board had instructed staff to move forward with public education and outreach.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
The following items are for information only.

A. **Commute Connection Monthly Reports – November and December 2014**

8. **MANAGEMENT REPORT**
Regina Valentine gave an update on the Pedestrian Survey. She said that some of the survey questions could be included in the public outreach planned in the coming months. Member Stephen Bonrepos offered to assist.

Lisa Donahue gave an update on the annual Bike to Work Week that takes place in May. She stated that this year it would include the whole month of May and not just one week as in previous years. She also said that this year it would include walking to work. She requested that members contact her with any suggestions.

9. **MEMBER REPORTS**
Chair RJ Corwin provided information on the Golden Hills Century bike ride that the Stanislaus Bicycle Club would be holding from Knights Ferry on October 10th.

10. **ADJOURMENT**
Chair RJ Corwin adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

**Next Regularly Scheduled BPAC Meeting:**
**April 1, 2015 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 am**
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA 95354

Minutes Prepared By:

Carla Alviso, Administrative Assistant
TO: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)  

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director  

FROM: Rosa De León Park, Deputy Executive Director  
       Regina Valentine, Associate Planner  

DATE: May 26, 2015  

SUBJECT: Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Annual Report  

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Background  

In July 2010, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) established the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) in response to an “unmet transit need,” which the StanCOG Policy Board found as “reasonable to meet” during the FY 2009/10 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment, for specialized transportation services to seniors and the disabled communities. The CTSA’s role is to coordinate with and offer support to the region’s existing public transit and social service agencies in an effort to meet the transit needs of Stanislaus County’s senior and disabled communities. The CTSA currently offers two programs to the Stanislaus region, travel training and the BRIDGES Volunteer Driver Program. Additionally, the CTSA continually conducts outreach to the County's senior and disabled communities to educate these residents on transportation options in the region.  

Discussion  

The CTSA will present an Annual Report to the StanCOG Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) during the June 2015 meeting.  

Should you have further questions regarding this staff report, please contact Regina Valentine at 209-525-4644 or via e-mail at rvalentine@stancog.org.
DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS
To: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Through: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

From: Rosa Park, Deputy Executive Director
Cindy Malekos, Manager of Administrative Services

Date: May 27, 2015

Subject: Amendment to BPAC Bylaws

Recommendation

By Motion:

Approve the amendment to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Bylaws as reflected on the attached revised BPAC Bylaws.

Background

StanCOG is a joint powers agency that was created by a joint powers agreement originally entered into on May 11, 1971, and last amended on December 12, 2007. The member agencies of StanCOG are Stanislaus County and all of the incorporated cities within Stanislaus County, which includes the Cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock and Waterford.

On March 18, 2015, the Policy Board approved updates to the JPA to include the following: 1) update some of the standing committee descriptions and composition information to more accurately describe the committees; 2) clarify selection process for Executive Committee so that the five members are selected annually; 3) adjust Chair and Vice-Chair term of office from fiscal year to calendar year to be more in line with elected officials terms of office. The BPAC Bylaws serve as an appendix to the JPA.
Discussion

During the JPA update, the BPAC Bylaws were reviewed by staff and legal counsel for any needed updates. It is proposed that some of the language be revised to become more consistent with the Bylaws of the Policy Board and the other standing committees, and that the following items be updated:

1. Article II Membership: To be consistent with the application process of the other StanCOG standing committees, revise Section 3 and 4 to state, “Any resident of Stanislaus County may apply for membership on the BPAC. The Secretary of StanCOG shall maintain a current list of all applicants. Each application for membership on the Committee shall be valid for a period of two years. After this time, the applicant’s name may be removed from the list of applicants.” This would change from the current process of having to apply to serve on the BPAC through the potential member’s jurisdiction of residence.

2. Article VII Officers, Rules, and Procedures and Article VIII Staff: Clarify that the BPAC shall elect from among its membership a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Executive Director of StanCOG, or his or her appointee, shall serve as the Secretary of the BPAC and shall provide the Committee with appropriate staff assistance.

An amendment to the BPAC Bylaws is being brought to the BPAC for action at the June 3, 2015 meeting. The revised BPAC Bylaws would then be presented for approval to the Policy Board.

The proposed bylaws were provided to members in the agenda packet for the April 1, 2015 BPAC meeting in accordance with Article X of the current BPAC Bylaws which state:

The BPAC Bylaws state that:

Changes or amendments to these Bylaws shall be approved by two-thirds of the members of the BPAC voting at a regular meeting of the Committee, and shall be subject to the majority approval of the Stanislaus Council of Governments Policy Board members voting at a regular meeting of the StanCOG Policy Board. In no case shall a vote on a proposed amendment be conducted unless the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the members of the BPAC at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which a vote is to be taken.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Rosa Park, Deputy Executive Director at 209.525.4600 or via e-mail at rpark@stancog.org.

Attachment:

Revised BPAC ByLaws
APPENDIX III

STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
FUNCTION

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) shall be a standing committee of the Stanislaus Council of Governments. The Committee shall advise the StanCOG Policy Board on matters related to bicycle and pedestrian needs or concerns and advise on the development of the StanCOG Non-motorized Transportation Plan.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall be comprised of ten (10) residents of Stanislaus County. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of one-half (1/2) plus one (1) of the current membership.

Section 2: The ten members of the Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the following jurisdictions:

- City of Ceres
- City of Hughson
- City of Modesto
- City of Newman
- City of Oakdale
- City of Patterson
- City of Riverbank
- City of Turlock
- City of Waterford
- Stanislaus County

Section 3: Any resident of Stanislaus County may apply for membership on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Secretary of StanCOG shall maintain a current list of all applicants. Each application for membership on the Committee shall be valid for a period of two (2) years. After this time, the applicant’s name may be removed from the list of applicants.

Section 4: The Policy Board’s Executive Committee shall appoint from the list of applicants the members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Section 5: When making Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee appointments, the Policy Board’s Executive Committee shall attempt to fill vacancies on the Committee by appointing members from an agency or jurisdiction that is not already represented on the Committee. The Executive Committee shall also consider obtaining a balance of views and a cross-section of county interests.
Section 6: The following agencies are invited to have members attend meetings of the BPAC and share their expertise, as non-voting members.

- Various City agencies having an interest in non-motorized transportation
- Stanislaus County [Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering, or related departments]
- California Department of Transportation [CalTrans]
- Stanislaus County-based bicycling or pedestrian organizations

Section 7: Any appointment term shall commence as of the date of appointment.

ARTICLE III
TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1: Each appointment to the Committee shall be for a term of four (4) years.

Section 2: In no case shall any member of the Committee serve on the Committee longer than eight (8) consecutive years.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS

Section 1: The Policy Board shall establish a regular place and time for meetings of the Committee, in consultation of the Committee members.

Section 2: The Executive Director may designate agenda items for any meetings of the Committee. The members of the Committee may also designate agenda items for consideration by the Committee.

ARTICLE V
ATTENDANCE

The members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee are expected to attend the meetings of the Committee on a regular basis. Any member of the Committee who has three consecutive un-notified absences, four consecutive notified absences, or five absences in any one calendar year may be dismissed from the Committee.
ARTICLE VI
REMOVAL

The Policy Board Executive Committee may, at any time, recommend the removal of any member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. A majority vote of the members of the Policy Board Executive Committee shall be required to approve any removal.

ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS, RULES, AND PROCEEDURES

Section 1: The BPAC shall elect from among its membership a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The term of office for each shall be one year.

Section 2: The BPAC shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings. These rules and procedures shall be subject to approval by the StanCOG Policy Board. The Committee shall conduct all proceedings in conformity with Robert’s Rules of Order and the Brown Act.

Section 3: All references to “year” shall refer to the California fiscal year, July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE VIII
STAFF

The Executive Director of StanCOG, or his or her appointee, shall serve as the Secretary of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and shall provide the Committee with appropriate staff assistance.

ARTICLE IX
FINANCING

Section 1: Except as specifically provided by the Policy Board, the members of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall receive no compensation for their service.

Section 2: The Policy Board shall provide the BPAC with the financial support deemed necessary for the successful functioning of the Committee.

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Changes or amendments to these Bylaws shall be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the BPAC voting at a regular meeting of the Committee, and shall be subject to the
majority approval of the Stanislaus Council of Governments Policy Board members voting at a regular meeting of the StanCOG Policy Board. In no case shall a vote on a proposed amendment be conducted unless the proposed amendment has been submitted, in writing, to the members of the BPAC at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which a vote is to be taken.
TO: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Rosa Park, Deputy Executive Director
       Cindy Malekos, Manager of Administrative Services

DATE: May 28, 2015

SUBJECT: FY 2015/16 Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Chair and Vice-Chair

Recommendation

By Motion:

Nominate a FY 2015/16 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

Background

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 for each shall be one year.”

Discussion

The BPAC each year elects a Chair and a Vice Chair. The current Chair is RJ Corwin and the current Vice-Chair is Chuck Shoup. The term of office for fiscal year 2015/16 shall be from July 2015 through June 2016.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Rosa Park, Deputy Executive Director at 209.525.4600 or via e-mail at rpark@stancog.org.
INFORMATION ITEMS
TO: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Rosa De León Park, Deputy Executive Director
      Regina Valentine, Associate Planner

DATE: May 26, 2015

SUBJECT: Commute Connection Monthly Reports – March and April 2015

Background

Commute Connection is the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program for the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG). As a designated non-attainment region, the Commute Connection program serves as Stanislaus County’s transportation control measure that satisfies the mitigation measure requirements contained in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District’s air quality plan. Implementing this program also allows the Stanislaus region to receive approximately seven million dollars ($7,000,000) annually in federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

Discussion

Commute Connection has served as the TDM program for StanCOG since 1987. Commute Connection provides the following services:

- Rideshare matching;
- Vanpool formation, subsidies and maintenance;
- Employer and commuter outreach promotions and education;
- Emergency Ride Home Program; and
- Marketing of services to the commuting public and employers.

During the month of March, Commute Connection helped organize and promote Bike to Work events at Frito Lay and the City of Modesto. Commute Connection also met with Parker Hannifin and the Center for Human Services to discuss vanpool opportunities for employees.

In April, Commute Connection began preparing a Request for Proposals for a marketing plan and website development, presented Bike to Work month to the Stanislaus Green Team, picked up Bike to Work donations from Frito Lay, and attended a Parker Hannifin Employee Earth Day event.
Should you have further questions regarding this staff report, please contact Regina Valentine at 209-525-4644 or via e-mail at rvalentine@stancog.org.

Attachments:

2. Commute Connection’s April 2015 Monthly Report

rvalentine@stancog.org
Meet the newest member to the Commute Connection Community, Scholle Packaging. Lisa Donahue, Commute Connection Outreach representative for Stanislaus and Merced met with the H.R./Environmental Coordinator for Scholle. Scholle employs over 150 people and manufacturers packaging for a variety of industries such as, wine, dairy, automotive and oil. Lisa assisted with Rule 9410 compliance and is planning to promote the program directly to employees at the work site.

San Joaquin County Commute Connection Outreach Representative, Kari McNickle participated in the annual REXPO, sponsored by the Green Team San Joaquin. The Green Team is a great partner providing opportunities to meet new employers and showcase the Commute Connection program to the community. Kari was also greeted by a special visitor, Dr. Alexander Sherriffs, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and California Air Resources Board Member. Dr. Sherriffs was complimentary of the program as it relates to AB 32 and offered his support and assistance.

A “Lunch and Learn” was held at the Center for Human Services in Modesto. Lisa Donahue presented to a group of employees on the benefits and tools available when choosing an alternative to driving alone. Commute Connection will partner with the Center and Stanislaus County to offer more opportunities to assist commuters find the right choice. The Center plans to promote Bike to Work activities in the near future at this site as well as their other sites in Stanislaus County.
## March Activities & Outreach

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### TRI-COUNTY
- Finalized contract with Vendor for new TDM System
- Worked with graphic designer to create Bike Month designs, secured donations from SJVAPCD, Frito Lay and Diamond Foods and continued BTW Planning
- Coordinated implementation of MTC Rideshare Database Sharing MOU
- Performed significant database maintenance on commuter profiles
- Met with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to discuss collaboration opportunities on Rule 9410 and marketing to employers
- Held discussions with vanpool providers on collaboration opportunities to promote vanpools
- Sent Commute Connection Newsletter to Employers and Commuters

### SAN JOAQUIN
- Continued work with SJRTD to implement NTD Vanpool Reporting
- Continued work with Interregional TDM Action Plan
- Attended Green Team Meeting for Employer and Community Networking
- Met with the City of Lodi to plan Bike to Work Community Event
- Participated at Green Team REXPO Event and hosted a table exhibit
- Attended Lathrop Chamber Network Mixer
- Presented to the City of Tracy Transportation Commission

### STANISLAUS
- Met with Frito Lay’s Environmental Coordinator to discuss BTW sponsorship and distribute brochures
- Met with Parker Hannifin’s Env. Manager to discuss vanpool opportunities
- Met with City of Modesto Rideshare Coordinator to discuss Bike To Work Day City Event
- Attended Green Team Meeting for Employer and Community Networking
- Presented to group of employees at Center for Human Services
- Presented to TAC and SSTAC for Bike To Work

### MERced
- Met with H.R./ Env. Coordinator with Scholle Packaging to discuss Rule 9410 and Commute Connection
- Attended Green Team Meeting for Employer and Community Networking
Commute Connection Supports Marketing Strategy for Rule 9410 Implementation

As part of the Rule 9410 mandate, the SJVAPCD is offering a marketing class to assist employers satisfy the necessary point target within the Marketing Strategy of the e-trip. A Commute Connection representative will be available on the day of the class to showcase the tools and services which are available to any employer. The program offers a variety of readily available tools and services to assist employers implement many measures contained in the employer trip reduction plan (e-trip). Tools and services such as marketing assistance, emergency ride home services, ridematching program and preferred parking signs, provide employers with a turn-key option making it easier to implement several measures in a short amount of time with minimal investment. As in the case of Parker Hannifin in Modesto, a company with over 500 employees, the support has helped their bottom line.

“Commute Connection has been vital in helping us meet our own ridesharing performance initiatives and the legal requirements of the Valley Air District”

- Sean Howard / Parker Hannifin Corporation
## April Activities & Outreach

### Rideshare Database Profile

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- Started implementation of new TDM System
- Performed significant database maintenance on commuter profiles
- Held discussions with vanpool providers on collaboration opportunities to promote vanpools
- Sent Commute Connection Newsletter to Employers and Commuters
- Discussed e-trip workshop ideas with Kern COG.
- Worked on Request for Proposal for marketing plan and website development
- Met with new Sutter Gould contact for program overview and Rule 9410

### TRI-COUNTY

- Met with ACE to meet new marketing staff and Bike to Work efforts
- Met with City of Stockton and Star Nut Company to discuss Rule 9410 and Bike to Work Day
- Discussed Bike to Work efforts with Kaiser Permanente, Lodi Chamber of Commerce, City of Lodi,
- Delivered Bike to Work presentation to approx. 25 members at Green Team San Joaquin
- Delivered Bike to Work material to SJ County Health, Downtown Stockton Alliance, PG&E, Doctor’s Hospital
- Held Bike to Work promotion exhibit at University of the Pacific
- Presented to San Joaquin County Green Committee
- Attended SJ Human Resource Association to network with Human Resource professionals

### SAN JOAQUIN

- Delivered Bike to Work presentation to StanCOG BPAC, CAC and Policy Board
- Delivered Bike to Work material to Center for Human Services, StanCOG, City of Newman, City of Turlock
- Delivered Bike to Work Presentation to Stanislaus Green Team
- Attended Riverbank City Council Meeting to accept Bike to Work Proclamation
- Met with Bike to Work Sponsor, Frito Lay and picked up donations
- Attended Parker Hannifin Employee Earth Day event and

### STANISLAUS

- Held Bike to Work promotion at Golden Valley Health Center
- Delivered Bike to Work material to MCAG, Bicycle Coalition
TO: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director

FROM: Jeanette Fabela, Senior Planner
       Debbie Trujillo, Planning Technician

DATE: May 27, 2015

SUBJECT: StanCOG E-Newsletter

Background

StanCOG develops and distributes an electronic newsletter entitled On the Move. The purpose of the newsletter is to highlight the activities of StanCOG, its Policy Board Members and its 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 and events.

Discussion

The latest edition of the StanCOG newsletter is attached in English and in Spanish. Regional news and events from the last few months are featured.

The 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.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Jeanette Fabela at 209.525.4645 or via e-mail at jfabela@stancog.org.

Attachments: StanCOG E-Newsletters in English and Spanish
The South County Corridor project is a feasibility study to determine if there is a suitable route connecting Interstate 5 and State Highway 99 in the southern portion of Stanislaus County and if so, can it be funded for construction. The purpose of this effort is to foster and promote a viable and vital expressway facility that would improve goods movement in the southern portion of the County and promote a successful business climate, including the inclusion of appropriate, desirable land uses which would increase investment and enhance the South County Corridor area for all travel modes.

The project generally encompasses the vicinity of West Main Street / Las Palmas Avenue, an east-west corridor in rural Stanislaus County that traverses between the City of Turlock and the cities of Patterson and Newman. Currently, the road is generally a two-lane highway through rural areas; although there are four-lane segments within the city limits of Turlock and three lane segments within the city limits of Patterson. It is anticipated that the ultimate connector will be a four-lane divided expressway.

StanCOG has allocated $200,000 of State Planning, Programming, and Monitoring (PPM) funds for the Study. The County contributed $100,000 and the Cities of Patterson and Turlock are contributing $22,000 each with the City of Newman contributing $6,000 for a total of $350,000.

The first round of public workshops were held in February to provide an overview of the planning process and identify key issues. A second round is planned for April to review alternative routes and alternative performance measures, and a third round later this year to review the results of the alternative analysis and funding scenarios. The Study is expected to be completed by February of 2016.
2015 Sacramento Valley Voice Trip

On March 4th, StanCOG Policy Board Chair Vito Chiesa and Member Luis Molina, along with other elected officials from the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, met with key state legislators and staff during the annual "Valley Voice" advocacy trip to Sacramento. Some of the legislators that they met with included State Senator Anthony Cannella, and State Assembly Members Adam Gray and Henry Perea.

Legislators and their staff had the opportunity to listen to the San Joaquin Valley's priorities and concerns, and offer their comments and feedback. This year's platform included the need to fund major regionally significant corridors; the need for reliable, adequate water quality supply; continued support and increased funding for state-supported passenger rail services; and consideration of a new $15 billion bond exclusively for state highway safety, maintenance and capital improvements. The trip to Sacramento was a huge success and allowed the Valley to demonstrate its strong level of regional collaboration.

Get Involved

Get involved and let your voice be heard! StanCOG is seeking interested citizens to serve on two of its standing committees. The Citizens Advisory Committee is comprised of citizens from the region who provide their recommendations on matters that go before the Policy Board. The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee is made up of bicycle and pedestrian enthusiasts who offer their insight on issues related to non-motorized transportation. For more information on how you can be a part of these two committees, visit [www.stancog.org/cac-committee.shtm](http://www.stancog.org/cac-committee.shtm) and [www.stancog.org/bpac-committee.shtm](http://www.stancog.org/bpac-committee.shtm).
North County Corridor Update

The North County Corridor project is in full swing with the expectation of the release of the draft environmental document in May or June of 2015. Approximately 30 days following the release of the NCC environmental document, the second public outreach session will be held in Oakdale. The NCC Project Development Team has been working diligently to approve intersection designations which will identify what type of control will be implemented at new intersections, either signalized or roundabouts. The approval of the intersection designations is an important step in the facilitation of the NCC project timeline.

Stanislaus Region Local Events

City of Newman
Tuesday, May 12th
7:00—9:00 AM
Downtown Plaza

City of Oakdale
TBD

City of Patterson
TBD

City of Modesto
Thursday, May 14th
6:30—8:30 AM
10th Street Plaza

City of Turlock
Saturday, May 16th
9:00 AM
Farmer’s Market

For more information visit the Valley Bike Commute website.

Upcoming Meetings

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

MAY

5 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
5 Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee
6 Management & Finance Committee
6 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
11 Executive Committee
20 Policy Board
22 San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Location TBD

JUNE

2 Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
3 Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
3 Management & Finance Committee
3 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
8 Executive Committee
17 Policy Board
19 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council—Location TBD

JULY

24 San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Location TBD

There are no StanCOG meetings for the month of July
Donna is a wonderful example of how mobility training can change your life. When Donna moved from Rhode Island to Turlock, she did not have a vehicle to meet her transportation needs. Donna began taking the Bus Line Service of Turlock (BLST), although she was not comfortable attempting to transfer to any other bus systems.

One day, however, Donna learned about the StanCOG-designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) during a presentation at her apartment complex. She decided to join the group that was going to be trained how to travel on several bus systems. During the training, Donna was shown how to easily get to and from Modesto and transfer between several bus systems. She is now able to go to places she would not have been able to travel to before.

With mobility training from the CTSA, she now uses the BLST, Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT), and Modesto Area Express (MAX) buses. Donna utilizes the bus routes to frequently meet her son and friends for lunch, shopping, and to attend doctor’s appointments. She loves the convenience of the bus stop being only two blocks from her residence. Donna says she has lots of fun while taking the bus, stating that the drivers are always friendly and accommodating. Donna says that she lives by the motto “My going shoes are always on.”

The goal of the CTSA is to coordinate transportation and assist individuals with finding the best modes of transportation to meet their needs. The CTSA can be contacted at (209) 522-2300 to assist anyone who is unsure how to travel around Stanislaus County or needs assistance with learning how to ride public transit.
Eje Vial del Sur del Condado - Conectando I-5 con la Ruta Estatal 99

El proyecto Eje Vial del Sur del Condado es un estudio de viabilidad para determinar si existe una adecuada ruta para conectar la autopista Interestatal 5 con la Ruta Estatal 99 en el sector sur del Condado Stanislaus y, de ser así, si es posible financiar su construcción. El propósito de esta iniciativa es impulsar y promover una importante y posible vía expresa que mejore el movimiento de mercaderías en la sección sur del condado de modo que incluya variados tipos de carriles para todo tipo de transporte y que estimule un buen clima comercial que atraiga la inversión en toda el área del Eje Vial Sur del Condado.

En general, el proyecto comprende la vecindad de la Calle Main Oeste / Avenida Las Palmas, un eje vial este-oeste en el sector rural entre la ciudad de Turlock y las ciudades de Patterson y Newman. En este momento la ruta es generalmente de dos pistas en doble sentido por los sectores rurales, aunque dentro de los límites urbanos de Turlock hay secciones de cuatro carriles y de tres dentro de los límites de Patterson. Se espera que la conexión final sea una vía rápida de dos carriles dobles, separados.

El StanCOG ha designado $200 000 de fondos para Planificación, Programación y Supervisión Estatal (PMM, por sus siglas en inglés) para ejecutar el estudio. El Condado contribuyó $100 000, los ayuntamientos de Patterson y Turlock contribuyeron $22 000 cada uno, y el de Newman $6 000 para un gran total de $350 000.

La primera ronda de foros abiertos al público se celebró en febrero para presentar una reseña general de los planes e identificar problemas de importancia. Se ha programado una segunda ronda para abril en la que se tratará tanto rutas alternativas como diferentes indicadores de rendimiento. En una tercera ronda —más tarde en el año— se compararán los resultados de los análisis de alternativas y escenarios de financiación. Se estima que el Estudio esté terminado para febrero del 2016.
Viaje Voz del Valle 2015 a Sacramento

El 4 de marzo el presidente del Comité de Políticas del StanCOG, Vito Chiesa, y el miembro del mismo, Luis Molina —junto a otras autoridades electas del Consejo Regional de Políticas del Valle San Joaquín— se reunieron con legisladores y personal claves durante el viaje anual de cabildo “Voz del Valle”. Los legisladores visitados incluyeron al senador estatal Anthony Canella y los asambleístas Adam Gray y Henry Perea.

Los legisladores y su personal tuvieron la oportunidad de escuchar sobre las prioridades y preocupaciones del Valle San Joaquín, ofreciendo comentarios y respuestas. La plataforma de este año incluía la necesidad de financiar dos ejes viales de gran importancia regional; la necesidad de contar con un suministros de agua de calidad, estable y adecuado; continuar e incrementar fondos para servicios ferroviarios de pasajeros subvencionados por el estado; y que se considere un nuevo fideicomiso por $15 mil millones para utilizarlo exclusivamente en seguridad, mantenimiento e importantes inversiones viales. La visita a Sacramento fue muy provechosa y permitió que el Valle demostrase su alto nivel de colaboración.

Participe

¡Participe y hágase escuchar! StanCOG busca ciudadanos interesados en integrarse a dos de sus comités permanentes. El Comité Asesor Ciudadano se compone de ciudadanos de la región que aportan sus recomendaciones en temas que se presentarán al Comité de Políticas. El Comité Asesor Ciclopeatunal está integrado por entusiastas del ciclismo y de caminar quienes ofrecen su opinión sobre el transporte sin motor. Para mayor información sobre cómo integrarse a estos dos comités, visite www.stancog.org/cac-committee.shtm and www.stancog.org/bpac-committee.shtm.
Actualización sobre el Eje Vial del Norte del Condado

El proyecto Eje Vial del Norte del Condado (NCC, por sus siglas en inglés) avanza y se encuentra en espera que se publique el documento preliminar de impacto medioambiental en mayo o junio del 2015. Más o menos 30 días después de la publicación se celebrará en Oakdale una segunda sesión abierta al público. El Grupo de Desarrollo del Proyecto NCC ha trabajado diligentemente para que se aprueben la designación de intersecciones de modo que saber qué tipo de control se implementará en ellas: señalización o rotonda. La aprobación de designación de intersecciones es un importante paso para avanzar en el calendario del proyecto NCC.

Para más información visite el sitio virtual de Valley Bike Commute
Donna es un maravilloso ejemplo de cuanto puede cambiarle la vida la capacitación para movilizarse. Cuando Donna se mudó a Turlock desde Rhode Island no tenía vehículo para movilizarse de un lado a otro. Comenzó hablando con el Servicio de Autobuses de Turlock (BLST, por sus siglas en inglés) a pesar que no se sentía cómoda cambiándose a cualquier otro sistema de locomoción pública.

No obstante llegó el día que durante una presentación en el complejo habitacional donde residía Donna supo de la Agencia de Servicios de Transporte Público Consolidados (CTSA, por sus siglas en inglés). Decidió unirse a un grupo que iban a capacitar en cómo trasbordar entre diferentes sistemas de buses. Ahora puede ir a lugares a los cuales nunca antes había podido viajar antes.

Con esa capacitación de movilidad de la CTSA ahora utiliza autobuses del BLST, StaRT (Movilización Pública Regional de Stanislaus) y el Expreso del Área de Modesto (MAX). Donna usa con frecuencia las rutas colectivas para juntarse con su hijo y sus amigas para almorzar, ir de compras y a citas médicas, Le encanta la conveniencia que el autobús se detenga a solo dos cuadras de su residencia. Donna dice que es muy entretenido viajar en autobús, notando que los choferes son siempre amistosos y están dispuestos a ayudarla. Donna dice que su lema es “Mis zapatos para salir están siempre listos”.

El objetivo de la CTSA es coordinar transporte y asistir a que toda persona encuentre el método de traslado que más le acomode a sus necesidades. Toda persona que no esté segura de cómo trasladarse por el Condado Stanislaus o necesite ayuda para saber cómo usar el sistema colectivo puede llamar a la CTSA al teléfono (209) 522-2300.

StanCOG es una asociación de ayuntamientos y gobierno del condado. Fue creado en 1971 por el Condado Stanislaus y sus nueve ciudades autónomas para servir como foro regional donde tratar y resolver temas que traspasan sus fronteras individuales. Bajo ley federal, el StanCOG es la Organización de Planeación Metropolitana (MPO por sus siglas en inglés) designada por las autoridades federales y —bajo ley estatal— es la Agencia de Planeamiento de Transporte Regional (RTTPA, por sus siglas en inglés) para la región de Stanislaus.