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**CONSOLIDATED PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

10<sup>th</sup> Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street  
**Room 2008, Second Floor**  
Modesto, CA  
September 26, 2006 – 10:00 A. M.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

CERES CITY HALL  
Council Chambers, 2210 Magnolia Street  
Ceres, CA  
September 28, 2006 – 2:00 P. M.

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Questions: Contact CJ Johnson at (209) 558-7830

**AGENDA**

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*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.*

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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| A. Adopt Technical Advisory Committee Minutes (08.31.06)                     | MOTION |
| B. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim: City of Patterson | MOTION |
| C. FY 2006/07 Budget and Overall Work Program Amendment #1                   | MOTION |
| D. Meeting Schedule for Year 2007  | MOTION |

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

(NONE)

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

(NONE)

**5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS**

(NONE)

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items are for information only.*

- A. Update – Blueprint Regional Planning Process
- B. Update – Consultant Selection for Completion of the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and Environmental Impact Report

**7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

- A. Policy Board Minutes (09.13.06)
- B. Citizens Committee Minutes (08.30.06)
- C. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Minutes (08.23.06)

**8. CALTRANS REPORT**

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**10. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

*Topics may be presented, but no action may be taken except to place an item on a future agenda*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Next regular meeting scheduled for:*

**Consolidated Planning Committee**

**October 24, 2006 10:00 AM**

10<sup>th</sup> Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street

**Room 2008**, Second Floor

Modesto, CA

**Technical Advisory Committee**

**October 26, 2006 2:00 PM**

Ceres City Hall

Council Chambers

2210 Magnolia Street

Ceres, CA

\* No Attachment



# Consent Items

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes of August 31, 2006

Present: Cleve Morris, Chair (City of Patterson), Brad Kilger (City of Ceres), David Chase (City of Hughson), George Britton (City of Modesto), John Word (City of Oakdale), Laurie Barton (City of Riverbank), Tim Kerr (City of Turlock), Rick Robinson (Stanislaus County)

StanCOG

Staff: Vince Harris, Lark Downs, Robin Whitehead, CJ Johnson

Also

Present: Kathleen McClafin (Caltrans)

Chair Morris opened the meeting at 2:04 PM

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR FY 2006/07

Mr. Morris nominated Joe Donabed, City Manager for the City of Hughson, for Technical Advisory Committee Chair for FY 06/07.

BY MOTION, (Kerr/Britton, Chase - No) Mr. Joe Donabed was elected Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for FY 06/07.

Mr. Britton nominated Brad Kilger, City Manager for the City of Ceres, for Technical Advisory Committee Vice-Chair for FY 06/07.

BY MOTION, (Britton/Kerr, unanimous) Mr. Brad Kilger was elected Vice-Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for FY 06/07.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Adopt Technical Advisory Committee Minutes (06.01.06)
- B. FY 2005/06 Local Transportation Fund Supplemental Apportionment
- C. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim: City of Newman

BY MOTION, (Kerr/Britton, unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee adopted the consent calendar.

4. PRESENTATIONS

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. ORAL REPORT ITEMS

- A. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Programming Recommendation

Mr. Harris presented this report and announced corrections to the numbers in the staff report. The first correction is on page 1, paragraph 3 [approximately 12.4 million in CMAQ funding] and the second is change motion to read: Program the (approximately \$6.2 million for FY 2007/08 and the (approximately) \$6.2 million for FY 2008/09 of CMAQ funds...

BY MOTION, (Britton/Kerr unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board approve the staff recommendation with corrections for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program programming.

**B. Administration of Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF)**

Mr. Harris reviewed the staff report and explained this is returned for the Technical Advisory Committee for the review of the actual Administrative Agreement before it is presented to the Policy Board for approval. Following discussion by the members, and, distribution of additional information by Mr. Robinson, action was taken by the Committee.

BY MOTION, (Robinson/Chase unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board adopt the Administrative Agreement with Stanislaus County which authorizes StanCOG to become the formal administrative authority (representing the nine cities and the county) for the Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF).

**C. San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Mr. Harris presented this report. He briefly discussed changes to the 1992 MOU and the proposed establishment of the "San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council" (SJVRPAC). The Policy Board will be asked to select the current Chair (Mayor Ridenour) and Vice-Chair (Council member E. Timothy Parker) as the designated representatives, and, Past Chair (Supervisor Grover) as the designated alternate for the SJVRPAC Policy Council. This Council will allow policy - makers a more direct involvement in policy decisions that may impact the entire San Joaquin Valley.

BY MOTION, (Robinson/Chase unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board follow the recommendations presented in the staff report.

**D. Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Update**

Mr. Harris reviewed the major components of this report and thanked the jurisdictions, Caltrans, FHWA and the other agencies that assisted StanCOG staff in obligating funds far surpassing previous years. He indicated working together allows everyone to achieve above and beyond anything done previously. This cooperation will continue and grow creating bigger and better interaction and benefits for all agencies .

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Included with Agenda Packet.

Mr. Downs presented background information as it relates to StanCOG's recruiting effort to hire a consultant to complete the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Mr. Downs explained the Blueprint Regional Advisor Committee (BRAC) and what the composition will achieve for Stanislaus County. Extensive discussion between staff and members regarding the contracts for facilitators extended by SJCOG/StanCOG and the Mayoral Group or data vs vision. A request for a meeting between StanCOG, City Managers/CEO to discuss the possibility of the processes merging.

**8. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Included with Agenda Packet

**9. CALTRANS REPORT**

Ms. McClafin commended StanCOG on behalf of Pat Robledo, Deputy Directory D-10, for the excellent cooperative work between the agencies and jurisdictions to obligate funds for the next fiscal year obligation cycle. A copy of the District 10/StanCOG Delivery Goals 2005/2006, created by Mr. Robledo's staff was distributed.

Ms. McClafin distributed information on the California Transportation Plan which includes the website for additional information. She also encouraged as many as possible to attend the upcoming Grant meetings and said she would be available if anyone would like assistance.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Harris highlighted the following items:

1. The upcoming RTP and the work on the Blue Print Process continues to be high priority;
2. StanCOG is actively recruiting for the Finance Director and Senior Planner.

11. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

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1. Mr. Chase asked about the Pavement Management Program and what jurisdictions can expect from the program. Major arterials and minor arterials projects are the first on the list, then local roads that can use FEMA funds.
2. Today is the last day of the legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting scheduled for:

Technical Advisory Committee  
September 28, 2006 2:00 PM  
Ceres City Hall  
Council Chambers  
2210 Magnolia Street  
Ceres, CA

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**TO:** Technical Advisory Committee  
 Consolidated Planning Committee STAFF REPORT  
Motion

**THROUGH:** Vince Harris, Executive Director *bj*

**FROM:** Robin Whitehead, Budget & Grants Coordinator *RW*

**DATE:** September 18, 2006

**SUBJECT:** FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim: City of Patterson

**Background**

The claimant has submitted a claim for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>2006/07 Claim</u>
Nonmotorized	LTF-99234	\$ 11,293
Streets	LTF-99400a	<u>200,285</u>
		\$ 211,578

Consistent with the Transit Cost Sharing Procedures, all transit claims for FY 2006/07 were presented to the StanCOG Policy Board on 6/14/06. The City of Patterson does not provide transit service; therefore they had no transit claim.

The claim has been checked and determined to be complete. The claimant has submitted all required audits and reports. The audit for FY 2004/05 contains no audit recommendations.

The rules governing the LTF require the adopting resolution to contain specific findings prior to any LTF allocations. The findings are as follows:

**Required Findings**


- (1) The claimant's proposed expenditures are in conformity with the Regional Transportation Plan.
- (2) The sum of the claimant's allocations from the Local Transportation Fund does not exceed the amount the claimant is eligible to receive during the fiscal year.
- (3) There are no unmet transit needs which are reasonable to meet within the jurisdiction.

**Recommendation**

BY MOTION, based on the above findings and comments, recommend that the Policy Board approve the claim as submitted.

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**TO:** Citizens Advisory Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee Staff Report  
Motion

**THROUGH:** Vince Harris, Executive Director 

**FROM:** <sup>RW</sup> Robin Whitehead, Budget & Grants Coordinator

**DATE:** September 18, 2006

**SUBJECT:** FY 2006/07 Budget & Overall Work Program Amendment #1

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### Background

As we approach the end of the first quarter of FY 2006/07, there is a need to amend the Budget and Overall Work Program (OWP) to include a consultant to prepare the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

### Recommendation

BY MOTION, recommend that the Policy Board:

**A. Amend the FY 2006/07 Budget** to increase the Contracts and Projects category to include a consultant contract to prepare the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 (amount may be reduced downward depending on outcome of consultant proposals).

**B. Amend the FY Overall Work Program** (Work Element 300) to include a consultant contract to prepare the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 (amount may be reduced downward depending on outcome of consultant proposals).

### Discussion

On June 14, 2006, the StanCOG Policy Board approved the FY 2006/07 Budget and OWP. The current Regional Transportation Plan was approved by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in October 2004. When the FY 2006/07 Budget and OWP were adopted, it was anticipated that the RTP would be updated in 2008.

With the passage of the new federal transportation re-authorization legislation, the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), new schedules for RTP submittal and approval are now required. Under SAFETEA-LU, all regional planning agencies are required to have Caltrans and FHWA approval of the RTP by June 30, 2007. If the deadline is not met, federal transportation funds could be at risk, not only for Stanislaus County, but also for the entire San Joaquin Valley.

In order to meet the June 30, 2007 Caltrans/FHWA approval deadline, (which requires submittal of a draft RTP to the StanCOG Policy Board at their February 14, 2007 meeting), a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on August 18, 2006 for the purpose of selecting a consultant to complete the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and accompanying environmental document. Proposals are due to StanCOG on September 22, 2006. At its meeting of October 11, 2006, the StanCOG Policy Board will be asked to approve the selection of the proposed consultant as well as the Scope of Services to be completed.

StanCOG staff is recommending that the FY 2006/07 Budget and OWP be amended to include a consultant contract to complete the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and accompanying environmental document in an amount not to exceed \$350,000. Should the successful proposal come in at an amount less than that, the Policy Board will be asked to approve the lesser figure. Funds to support this action will come from prior year unexpended FHWA PL funds, matched with Local Transportation Funds.


cc: Consolidated Planning Committee

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TO: Technical Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director 

FROM: CJ Johnson

DATE: September 15, 2006

SUBJECT Meeting Schedule for Year 2007

Staff Report  
Motion

**Recommendation**

Approve the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Technical Advisory Committee schedule as listed below. The meetings are normally held at the Ceres Council Chambers, 2210 Magnolia St, Ceres, CA, unless otherwise notified.

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE TECHNICAL ADVSORY COMMITTEE 2:00 p.m.
<b>FEBRUARY 1</b>
<b>MARCH 1</b>
<b>MARCH 29</b>
<b>APRIL 26</b>
<b>MAY 31</b>
<b>JUNE 28</b>
<b>JULY 26 **</b>
<b>AUGUST 30</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 1</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 29**</b>
<b>DECEMBER 27**</b>
<b>Technical Advisory Committee meets on the Thursday immediately following the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting unless otherwise noted.</b>

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TO: Consolidated Planning Committee

Staff Report  
Motion

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

FROM: CJ Johnson

DATE: September 15, 2006

SUBJECT Meeting Schedule for Year 2007

**Recommendation**

Approve the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Consolidated Planning Committee schedule as listed below. The meetings will be held in the Second Floor Conference Room, Room 2008, Tenth Street Place, Modesto, CA, unless otherwise notified.

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE CONSOLIDATED PLANNING COMMITTEE 10:00 a.m.
<b>JANUARY 30</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>
<b>MARCH 27</b>
<b>APRIL 24</b>
<b>MAY 29</b>
<b>JUNE 26</b>
<b>JULY 24 **</b>
<b>AUGUST 28</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 25</b>
<b>OCTOBER 30</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 27**</b>
<b>DECEMBER 25**</b>
<b>The Consolidated Planning Committee meets on the last Tuesday of the Month, unless otherwise noted.</b>

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# Information Items



Item 6A

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To: Consolidated Planning Committee  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee

STAFF REPORT  
Information

Through: Vince Harris, Executive Director

From: Lark Downs, Sr. Regional Planner

Date: September 20, 2006

RE: Update – Blueprint Regional Planning Process

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**Background:**

The goal of the two-year Blueprint Process is to develop a 2050 vision for the San Joaquin Valley that is created and shared by its residents. The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint will formulate an approach to long-term planning that addresses land use, housing, transportation, environmental issues, and economic development interests in the San Joaquin Valley. The project will develop alternative scenarios and identify a "preferred scenario".

**Discussion:**

- Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee

StanCOG has recently completed a Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) recruitment. All member agencies were contacted along with municipal advisory councils, chambers of commerce, and various community interest groups to solicit potential BRAC applicants. The ten applications received will be reviewed by the Executive Committee, which will make recommendations to the Policy Board. Final appointment will be made by the Policy Board at their October 11 meeting.

The Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee's primary purpose will be to make recommendations pertaining to the creation of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint. The Blueprint will identify issues related to future growth and subsequent impacts on the San Joaquin Valley. It is projected the BRAC will meet once every two months for the duration of the two-year process.

- **Community Outreach and Participation Facilitator Services**

StanCOG has partnered with the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOC) to contract for a Blueprint Community Outreach and Participation Facilitator. Although a single facilitator will be selected to provide services to both counties, direction for consultant responsibilities in Stanislaus County will come directly from StanCOG.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Blueprint Facilitator Services was released on August 4, with a submittal deadline of September 5. Oral interviews will be held September 21, and Advisory Committees will be updated orally as to staff recommendation. The Policy Board will be asked to take action on the recommendation at their October 11 meeting.


- **Member Agency Coordination**


StanCOG staff has been meeting with the member jurisdiction Mayors and the Board of Supervisors to provide information and answer questions about the Blueprint Process. As the Mayors are proceeding with a countywide visioning process, discussions have taken place on the coordination of specific issues such as schedule, goals, objectives, and funding.

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TO: Consolidated Planning Committee  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
Technical Advisory Committee

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director 

FROM: Lark Downs, Sr. Regional Planner 

DATE: September 20, 2006

SUBJECT: Update – Consultant Selection for Completion of the 2007 Regional  
Transportation Plan and Environmental Impact Report

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Staff Report  
Information

### Background

In the past, StanCOG has prepared a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every three years. The current Regional Transportation Plan was approved by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in October 2004. The RTP is a long-range (20-year) diagram for all multi-modal transportation activities in the Stanislaus region. The RTP provides a vision for the future regional transportation system, and addresses major transportation investments over the 20-year period, in short, medium, and long-range timeframes.

With the passage of the new federal transportation re-authorization legislation, the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), new schedules for RTP submittal and approval are now required. Under SAFETEA-LU, all regional planning agencies are required to have Caltrans and FHWA approval of the RTP by June 30, 2007.

### Discussion

As you recall, StanCOG will be contracting out the majority of the tasks involved in the preparation of the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and Environmental document. For this purpose, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on August 18, to invite qualified firms to submit proposals for the project. A Pre-proposal conference was held September 6, with two firms attending. Final proposals are due Friday, September 22. The contract funding maximum is \$350,000. The contract will expire on June 30, 2007.

On August 30, representatives from the eight San Joaquin Valley Councils of Government met with Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to discuss growing concerns over several topics regarding the 2007 RTPs. It was the consensus of the group that due to the extremely short timeframes for RTP approval by FHWA, that a "minor update" approach to the RTP was necessitated. While all agreed that the time constraints placed upon the COGs is challenging, if not unfeasible, all yielded to the inevitable of complying with FHWA mandates.

At their October 11 meeting, the Policy Board will be asked to approve the selection of the recommended consultant as well as the Scope of Services to be completed.

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# Committee Minutes

Present: Jeff Grover, County of Stanislaus; Chris Vierra, City of Ceres; Stephen Qualls, City of Hughson; Jim Ridenour, City of Modesto; Brad Hawn, City of Modesto; Janice Keating, City of Modesto; E. Timothy Parker, City of Newman; David Keller, City of Patterson; Billy Wallen, City of Turlock; Greg Dugovic, City of Waterford

Staff: Vince Harris, Lark Downs, Bruce Abanathie, Robin Whitehead, CJ Johnson

Also Present: Pat Robledo, Caltrans District 10, DeeAnne Gillick, Neumiller and Beardslee

Chair Ridenour called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

NONE

### **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A.** Adopt Minutes of Policy Board (07.12.06)

**B.** Conflict of Interest Biennial Notice

#### **RESOLUTION 06-03**

**C.** FY 2005/06 Local Transportation Fund Supplemental Apportionment

#### **RESOLUTION 06-04**

**D.** FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim: City of Newman

#### **RESOLUTION 06-05**

**BY MOTION**, (Wallen/Dugovic) the Policy Board approved the consent calendar item. Unanimous.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

### **5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS**

**A.** Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Programming Recommendation

Mr. Harris presented the information.

**BY MOTION**, (Hawn/Keating) the Policy Board approved the programming of approximately \$6.2 million for FY 2007/08 and the approximately \$6.2 million for FY 2008/09 of CMAQ funds in the manner recommended in the tables of the staff report. Unanimous

**B.** Administrative Agreement - Regional Transportation Impact Fee

Mr. Harris reviewed the Agreement and requested the Board adopt this document. Council member Qualls asked when an accounting of this would be presented to the Board. Mr. Harris advised the members that the agreement requirements would not begin until the beginning of 2007. Reports would be presented to the Board on a regular basis following the inception of the Agreement.

**BY MOTION**, (Dugovic/Grover) the Policy Board adopted the Administrative Agreement with Stanislaus County which authorizes StanCOG to become the formal administrative authority (representing the nine cities and the county) for the Regional Transportation Impact Fee program. Unanimous.

**C. San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Memorandum of Understanding**

Mr. Harris reviewed the need to make changes to the 1992 Memorandum of Understanding between the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies. He described the need for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council and what is expected from these policy makers. Mayor Keller requested staff report on the discussions from the Policy Council events. He also expressed interest on the progress of the State Route 130 project. Mr. Harris will keep the Board informed on these issues.

**BY MOTION,** (Wallen/Qualls) the Policy Board

- 1). adopted the Memorandum of Understanding with the seven San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies,
- 2) appointed current Chair, Mayor Jim Ridenour, and Vice-Chair, Council member E.T. Parker as StanCOG representatives to serve on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council;
- 3) appointed past Chair, Supervisor Jeff Grover as the designated alternate.

Unanimous.

**D. Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Update**

Mr. Harris noted that in FFY 2005/06 approximately 115% of the available Obligational Authority was delivered. This is noteworthy because the past years FTIP delivery did not reach this level. This achievement was a collaborative effort between StanCOG, local jurisdictions, state and federal agencies. Following discussion by members, Chair Ridenour acknowledged this as a wonderful achievement, and needs to be shared with the community.

**6. INFORMATION ITEM**

Included in Agenda Packet.

**7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Included in Agenda Packet.

**8. CALTRANS REPORT**

Caltrans designated representative for this meeting was Mr. Pat Robledo, Chief Local Assistance Engineer Caltrans D-10. He distributed information and reported on the following:

1. California Transportation Plan
2. 2006 Caltrans Response and Recovery Conference
3. SHOPP worksheet listing Projects in Stanislaus County
4. Worksheet showing StanCOG/Caltrans Delivery Goals FY 2005/6

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Harris reported on the following subjects:

1. Responses to the public regarding Measure K, cannot campaign only give information
2. Released area specific brochures - informational only
3. A Request for Qualifications for SR 132 Construction Manager Services for StanCOG is scheduled to be released this month.
4. Working with Caltrans and CTC staff to set guidelines for Stanislaus County to receive possible state bond funds for SR 99 and Goods Movement.

5. Mr. Harris is also tracking criteria for "Corridor Mobility Improvement Account" (CMIA) bond funding.
6. StanCOG is actively recruiting for a Finance Director and Senior Regional Transportation Planner.
7. He discussed how important it will be for StanCOG to use a consultant to complete the 2007 RTP. This selected consultant will be brought to the Policy Board in October for approval.

#### **10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

1. Council member Qualls asked whether any new display items are available for the next "booth" StanCOG will have.
2. Council member Dugovic asked how far along the Right of Way acquisitions are for the SR 132 Infill. Mr. Abanathie explained all the notices have been sent and "Permits to enter" will be available when construction is started.
3. Council member Keating requested a document to explain StanCOG funding. To provide total StanCOG project funding and corresponding expenditure. What funding sources are available to StanCOG? Mr. Harris will provide the Policy Board members with this information. StanCOG does not receive any gas tax; those funds go directly to the local jurisdictions.
4. Supervisor Grover announced that the first meeting of the group to go to Washington DC met today.
5. Supervisor Grover stated it is time to work with Housing and Community Development to request Stanislaus' inclusion in the same cycle as the Bay Area. He will speak with the Secretary of Housing & Community Development tomorrow and broach this plan.
6. Council member Wallen announced the push the new President for CSUS is making to bring more attention to the University and also involve the local regions and the University as partners.
7. Council member Qualls mentioned he is pleased to see StanCOG moving forward.
8. Council member Qualls expressed a safety concern about the light at Hart Rd. and SR 132. The warning light needs to be moved back about a quarter of a mile. Mr. Robledo will follow up on this item.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting scheduled for:  
October 11, 2006– 6:00 P.M.  
Tenth Street Place  
Basement Chambers  
1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Modesto, CA

**Stanislaus Council of Governments**  
**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
StanCOG Offices  
900 H Street, Suite D  
Modesto, California

Item 7B

**Minutes of August 30, 2006**

Members Attending: Dennis Wann, Bill Axtell, Dwight Bateman, Amanda Evans, Andrew Van Allen, Ed Maring

Members Not Attending: Gil Bostwick, Andy Constantinou, Charles Goeken, Keith Silva, Doug Sweetland, Dennis Wilson

Also Present: Carl Henderson, Steve Bonrepos (Public), Lark Downs (StanCOG)

**Chairman Dennis Wann** called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**1. Public Participation**

Citizens Advisory Committee applicant Steve Bonrepos provided personal and professional background information to the Committee.

Lark Downs (StanCOG) presented outgoing Citizens Advisory Committee member Carl Henderson with a framed certificate of appreciation, and thanked him for his eight years of voluntary service to StanCOG and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**2. Adopt Minutes of Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting (06.28.06)**

Dwight Bateman noted that he did not attend the June 28, 2006 meeting as reflected in the minutes. Staff will correct the minutes.

By Motion (Maring-Van Allen) and unanimous vote, the Committee approved the corrected minutes of the June 28, 2006 meeting.

**3. Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Programming Recommendation**

Lark Downs explained both the 'formula' and 'competitive' distributions of the CMAQ funds to the local agencies, noting that staff is recommending the inclusion of the 15% Policy Board discretionary funds to the 35% competitive funds. He also noted corrections to the staff report, indicating corrected funding of \$6.2 million for each year of the two-year programming cycle. **Ed Maring** noted that the city of Patterson is not recommended to receive any competitive funds. Mr. Downs explained that the competitive funds are recommended to the member agencies who's projects are the most efficient at reducing mobile emissions. In response from **Mr. Bonrepos**, Mr. Downs stated that geographical equity has been addressed in prior years, but is not being recommended for this programming cycle.

By Motion (Bateman-Axtell) and unanimous vote, the Committee recommended that the Policy Board program the (approximately) \$6.2 million for the FY 2007/08 and the (approximately) \$6.2 million for FY 2008/09 of CMAQ funds in the manner recommended in the staff report.

#### **4. Administration of Regional Transportation Impact Fee (RTIF)**

Lark Downs provided background information on the proposed changes to the Regional Transportation Impact Fee. The fee collection process will remain unchanged, however, once current RTIF projects are completed, StanCOG's responsibility will be to identify and prioritize proposed projects. A short discussion followed on the future approval process of the newly identified projects.

By Motion (Bateman-Maring) and unanimous vote, the Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt the attached Administrative Agreement with Stanislaus County, which authorizes StanCOG to become the formal administrative authority (representing the nine cities and the county) for the RTIF program.

#### **5. San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Memorandum of Understanding**

As a result of the many changes which have occurred since the current MOU was adopted (1992), all eight San Joaquin Valley COGs have agreed to update the current MOU to better reflect current roles and responsibilities. Lark Downs explained that the eight San Joaquin Valley Councils of Government (COGs) have always worked very closely on many issues that take on regional significance. While the large population centers of the state have opted for multi-county COG alignments, the San Joaquin Valley counties have attempted to work together while still retaining their individual transportation planning approach. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) identifies the roles and responsibilities of the respective San Joaquin Valley COGs.

The MOU also establishes the "San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council", which will give policy-makers a more direct involvement in policy decisions that may impact the entire San Joaquin Valley. Each COG will appoint two Policy Board members to the Council. Staff is recommending that the StanCOG Chair and Vice-chair be appointed to represent StanCOG.

The Committee discussed the regional issue of the San Joaquin COG study of Route 130 over the Coast Range into Patterson. **Ed Maring** asked if StanCOG is involved in the study. Lark Downs replied that StanCOG will be very active in the study through the five-county Inter-regional partnership, and will provide input throughout the process.

By Motion (Maring-Evans) and unanimous vote, the Committee recommended that the Policy Board:

1. Adopt the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the other seven San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies.
2. Appoint the current Policy Board Chairman (Mayor Jim Ridenour) and Vice-chairman (Councilman E. Timothy Parker) as StanCOG's representatives to serve on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Council.
3. Appoint the just past Policy Board Chairman (Supervisor Jeff Grover) as StanCOG's alternate representative to serve on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council.

#### **6. Federal Transportation Improvement Plan Update**

Lark Downs updated the Committee on the results of the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Plan

(FTIP). He stated that the 2004 FTIP was successful in allocating federal funds to local agencies for local transportation projects. Mr. Downs added that StanCOG had been successful in allocating more than \$9 million in State funds to construct the Route 132 (Yosemite Boulevard) Infill Project at the September California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting .

In response to a question raised by **Amanda Evans**, members of the Committee discussed issues of State and Federal project funding and some of the problems encountered in bringing a project to completion. **Ed Maring** asked if StanCOG is involved with the Planning of the Crows Landing Air Field. Mr. Downs replied that StanCOG will be involved in the transportation issues resulting from the development of the Air Field, and that it will be discussed in the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan. **Mr. Maring** expressed strong concern over the loss of farm land which will occur as a result of the Air Field development. The Air Field may potentially become a major transfer sight for the Port of Oakland. StanCOG Executive Director Vince Harris has been active on this issue and will update the Committee at their September 27 meeting.

**7. Informational Items (Included In Agenda)**

- Lark Downs updated the Committee on the latest activities of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint process. Applications are being accepted for membership on the Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC). Mr. Downs invited interested Committee members to apply. He also informed the Committee that StanCOG is partnering with the San Joaquin Council of Governments for the hiring of a consultant for outreach and facilitator services for the Blueprint process.
- StanCOG has recently released a Request for Proposal for completion of the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and accompanying environmental document.


**8. Stanislaus Council of Governments Advisory Committees Minutes**  
Included in agenda.

**8. Executive Director's Report**  
None

**10. Members Closing Comments**

- **Chairman Dennis Wann** asked the Committee members if they had seen any of the Transportation Sales Tax Measure informational brochures, that were recently distributed by StanCOG. Some of the members answered in the affirmative. Upon request of the Committee members, Lark Downs distributed the community-specific informational brochures. The Committee members agreed that future brochures should also be printed in an alternative language.

**Chairman Wann** adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

  
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**Next Meeting:**  
**September 27, 2006 7:00 PM**  
**StanCOG Conference Room**  
**900 H Street, Suite D**  
**Modesto**

**Stanislaus Council of Governments**  
**Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)**  
StanCOG Conference Room  
Modesto, California

Item 7C

Minutes of August 23, 2006

Members Attending: Mike Bohannon, Betty Arwood, Irene Lopez, Lynn Ewen

Members Not Attending: Greg Gaudio, Jana Barton, Jill Erickson, Kris Rowe

Also Present: Brad Christian, (County of Stanislaus), Donna Bridges (ROTA), Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres), Wayne York, (City of Turlock), Terry Easley (City of Modesto), Vince Harris, Lark Downs, Robin Whitehead (StanCOG)

Meeting called to order by Vice-chair Mike Bohannon at 10:00 a.m.

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Comments from the Public**

None

**3. Approval of minutes for June 21, 2006**

By Motion (Arwood-Lopez) and unanimous vote, the minutes of the June 21, 2006 meeting were approved.

**4. SSTAC Priorities**

Mike Bohannon requested additional Transportation Sales Tax Measure brochures from staff. He will be speaking to a group of realtors and developers and wishes to provide them with accurate information. Executive Director Vince Harris distributed all eight (8) of the Tax Measure Community Brochures to the Council. He also updated the Council on the latest activities involving the Tax Measure, reserving specific SSTAC comments for the Executive Directors segment (Agenda Item No. 7) of the agenda.

Lark Downs reported that the StanCOG Policy Board unanimously approved the SSTAC Priorities at their July meeting.

**5. Unmet Transit Needs Roundtable**

Mike Bohannon commended both County Transit and City of Modesto Transit for their efforts in providing transit services to UCP clients recently employed at the Crossroads commercial center. At present, ROTA provides fixed-route service to the Center from the Oakdale/Riverbank area. Service is also provided by StaRT via the Eastside Runabout on a time-limited basis. Brad Christian, County Transit Manager, stated that the transit service to the Center will be in direct proportion to ridership demand.

The Council discussed the issues involved in providing adequate public transportation to/from the Crossroads Center and the Modesto area. It was agreed that as ridership demand increases, transportation services will expand to meet those needs. The Council and transit operators agreed to work together to ensure that reasonable transit services to and from the Modesto will be provided.

## 6. Transit Managers Reports

Kay Dunkel, City of Ceres

- CAT fixed route ridership is continuing to exceed Dial-a-ride
- Potential of adding a third CAT route
- Fuel price increase

Lynn Ewen, Catholic Charities

- Very busy. Numerous request for transportation services from the Oakdale and Riverbank areas.
- Recruiting for volunteers. Four drivers are using their own vehicles.

A short discussion on the issue of inter-county service followed. It was agreed that as the valley population increases, the demand for inter-county and inter-regional transportation services will expand. Executive Director Vice Harris shared his personal experiences regarding inter-regional public transit usage, imparting details of his daily long-distance reverse commute using BART and the City of Modesto MAX system.

Donna Bridges, Riverbank-Oakdale Transit Authority

- In the process of purchasing a third trolley.
- The revised route plan will provide for fixed routes in Riverbank and Oakdale, and the third trolley as an express
- The General Manager for the ROTA contractor will be resigning effective October 1.
- Donna has moved her office to the ROTA Building.
- Has recently initiated one-bus Sunday service. Ridership has been adequate

Brad Christian, County Transit

- Annual service changes were effective August 7. Most changes were to fixed route service, due to changing/increasing auto traffic patterns.
- Will monitor requests for Friday Medivan service. If demand is sufficient, Friday service may be added.
- Short Range Transit Plan – completion soon.
- StaRT bus shelters will include route maps of other local transit operators.

Terry Easley, City of Modesto Transit

- Distributed new Ride Guide which includes latest route changes.
- Has obtained a new MCC commuter bus for 2<sup>nd</sup> route. New hybrid bus on order.
- MAX (daily): 6,000 miles, 470 service hours and 12,000 Monday through Friday riders.

Wayne York, City of Turlock Transit

- The new Ride Guide is at the printer
- BLAST ridership is up.
- Met with CSU Stanislaus on accommodating student transit needs.
- Fare increase possible at end of year.

## 7. Executive Director's Report

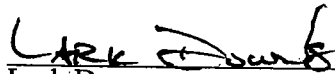
Executive Director Vince Harris updated the Council on the latest activities of the proposed Transportation Sales Tax Measure, emphasizing the responsibilities of the SSTAC when the measure passes in November of this year. He explained that the SSTAC will be responsible for formulating criteria and guidelines for the Para-transit Program. Mr. Harris informed the Council that an estimated \$800,000 a year will be available for the Program. Acting upon his suggestion, the Council members directed staff to invite the San Francisco Muni Paratransit Program Manager to speak to the SSTAC at a future meeting.

Lark Downs informed the Council that a Request for Proposals will soon be released for consultant services to complete the 2003/04 – 2005/06 Triennial Transit Performance Audits.

**8. Comments from Council Members**

None.

Vice-chair Bohannon adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

  
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**Next Scheduled Meeting:**  
September 20, 2006  
10:00 a.m.