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**CONSOLIDATED PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

10th Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street
Room 2005, Second Floor
Modesto, CA
April 24, 2007 – 10:00 A. M.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

CERES CITY HALL
Council Chambers, 2210 Magnolia Street
Ceres, CA
April 26, 2007 – 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

A. Adopt Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee:
(Jan., Feb., March 1, 8, 29, 2007)

MOTION

B. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claims:
City of Waterford

MOTION

3. PRESENTATIONS

(NONE)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(NONE)

5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS

- A. Adoption of 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and Supporting Documents
- B. Support for the City of Modesto Bus Maintenance Facility Funding

**MOTION
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6. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items are for information only.

- A. Update on Blueprint Regional Planning Process

7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. Citizens Committee Minutes (03.28.07)

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

May 29, 2007 10:00 AM

10th Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street

Room 2005, Second Floor

Modesto, CA

Technical Advisory Committee

May 31, 2007 2:00 PM

Ceres City Hall

Council Chambers

2210 Magnolia Street

Ceres, CA

* No Attachment

Consent Items

Present:

Joe Donabed, Chair (City of Hughson); Brad Kilger (City of Ceres); George Britton (City of Modesto); Michael Holland (City of Newman); Steve Hallam (City of Oakdale); Cleve Morris (City of Patterson); Laurie Barton (City of Riverbank); Tim Kerr (City of Turlock); Chuck Deschenes (City of Waterford); Keith Boggs (Stanislaus County)

StanCOG Staff:

Vince Harris, Vince Canales, Robin Whitehead, Bruce Abanathie, Vince Angelino, Sam Kaur, Charles Turner, CJ Johnson

Also Present:

Annette Clark, Caltrans District 10

Chair Donabed opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Adopt Technical Advisory Committee Minutes (11.30.06)

BY MOTION, (Boggs/Kerr-Unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A Presentation will be made to the StanCOG Policy Board on January 10, 2007 By Peter Rei, Executive Director, Tuolumne County Transportation Council, regarding potential Upgrade to County Highway J-59 in Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
(NONE)

5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS

A. Approval of Caltrans/StanCOG State Route 132-east Infill Project Construction Cooperative Agreement
Mr. Harris presented this report. The agreement corrected by Caltrans was included in agenda packet.

By Motion, (Britton/Hallam - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the Project Construction Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the SR 132 Infill Project.

B. Approval of Construction Contract for State Route 132 East Infill Project
Mr. Harris discussed this staff report and reviewed input from the Construction Management Team, Caltrans and Engineer of Record, Rajappan and Meyers. This begins StanCOG's change to an implementation agency. Mr. Britton asked about the reimbursement to the agencies that front funded this project. Mr. Harris stated that staff is working on that currently.

By Motion, (Deschenes/Morris - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy

Board authorize the Policy Board to execute and issue a Notice to Proceed with George Reed, Inc. to provide construction services for the SR 132 east Infill Project.

C. Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan – Consultant Selection

Chair Donabed read an e-mail from Ms. Barton (City of Riverbank) 12:56 PM.

"I just got the agenda this morning. Riverbank is unable to send a representative today as we all have previously set meetings. I would like clarification on the scope of work for the Non Motorized consultant. The report does not state how this will benefit each agency. Will they write a bicycle plan for each of us? Will they perform an ADA audit for each of us? I need to know how this will work because I am getting ready to go out with an RFP to address those two issues for Riverbank."

Mr. Abanathie said the Scope of Work for this contract (Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan) was presented to all the committees prior to issuing the Request for Proposals. The Scope of Work includes not only the Bicycle requirements but also the non-motorized, pedestrian and ADA requirements. This plan is intended to be sufficient for each of the Stanislaus County agencies to apply for BTA funds. This Plan will meet Caltrans' and the state's requirements. Jurisdictions and StanCOG's plans will reference each other in individual plans. Mr. Abanathie said StanCOG staff is available to assist jurisdictions' staff to write their Plan.

Alta Planning and Design Associates, Inc. have written plans for Modesto and are associated with Fehr and Peers. Alta Planning and Design Associates, Inc. firm is considered well qualified and capable of providing these services and, they have performed work for other jurisdictions within our region.

By motion, (Kerr/Britton - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract and issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP) with Alta Planning & Design Associates, Inc., to provide consulting services for the Non-motorized Transportation Master Plan.

D. Land Use Projections, Goals, Policies, Objectives and Performance Measures – Update for 2007 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Harris reviewed this report. Members confirmed the text is the same with updated forecast numbers from the California Department of Finance.

By Motion, (Hallam/Boggs - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board approve the Land Use Projects, Goals, Policies, Objectives and Performance Measure for the 2007 Regional Transportation Advisory Board.

E. Extension of Cari Anderson Consulting (CAC) TCM Substitution Professional Services Agreement to June 30, 2007

Mr. Harris introduced Mr. Abanathie and Ms Kaur as technical support for questions from the members. Mr. Harris presented the report and answered questions from the committee members. To date, the EPA has not provided the MPOs with specific Transportation Control Measure (TCM) substitution guidance or procedures. CAC's expertise in the Air Quality field will allow StanCOG to continue the pursuit for a State Implementation Plan (SIP) amendment to modify the River Road Bicycle Project, currently programmed for the Stanislaus County Public Works Department. The project cannot be constructed as it is programmed (cost prohibitive).

By motion, (Deschenes/Boggs - unanimous) recommended the Policy Board extend the TCM Substitution Professional Services contract with Cari Anderson Consulting (CAC) to June 30, 2007 with no additional costs.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Distributed with Agenda Packet.

A. Update - Blueprint Regional Planning Process

Mr. Harris addressed this item at the request of members. He mentioned the upcoming Workshops and advise the specific dates and locations when finalized. The consultants (MIG) have requested volunteers to assist with these community outreach meetings. This will allow jurisdictions to participate in these meetings.

Mr. Kilger has requested a Ceres representative, Ken Craig, to be added to the Blueprint Professional Review Panel. Mr. Harris will ask Senior Planner Lark Downs to follow up on this request.

Mr. Kilger expressed concern about the language in the draft brochure - it gives the wrong impression about previous jurisdictions' members and decisions. Members were asked to send changes they would like to see in the brochure to CJ @ cjohnson@stancoq.org.

StanCOG has been asked to fund (through contingencies) the facilitation by MIG for the upcoming BOS/Mayor meeting.

Mr. Deschenes mentioned the possibility of a plan to group RSTP funding between jurisdictions. This would allow smaller cities to receive up front funding for projects that are ready, when the individual portions are not significant enough to complete the project. A plan of this type has been used in prior years, and would be viable with agreement from the jurisdictions. Mr. Abanathie will assist the jurisdictions that would like to use this plan to make sure necessary requirements are met. He also indicated there should not be any problem with drawing down the funds.

Mr. Abanathie stated that cities can agree to swap RSTP funds, as long as StanCOG has put them in the Lump Sum category - and, the jurisdictions create an Memorandum of Understanding, copies to StanCOG, so appropriate action can be taken.

B. StanCOG Joint Federal Certificate Review

Mr. Britton requested this item be discussed at the next meeting regarding the recommendations on pages 8-12.

7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES Distributed with Agenda Packet.

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Mr. Tom Dumas is now the Caltrans representative to this committee.

10. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

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Mr. Kilger asked to be notified when Agenda Packets are available on the Website, or if they could be e-mailed when they are ready.

ADJOURNMENT at 2:50 PM

Vincent J. Harris

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of February 1, 2007

Present:

Joe Donabed, Chair (City of Hughson); Brad Kilger (City of Ceres); Brian Whitemeyer (City of Modesto); Michael Holland (City of Newman); Steve Hallam (City of Oakdale); Cleve Morris (City of Patterson); Laurie Barton (City of Riverbank); Tim Kerr (City of Turlock); Chuck Deschenes (City of Waterford); Rick Robinson (Stanislaus County)

StanCOG Staff:

Vince Harris, Lark Downs, Vince Canales, Robin Whitehead, CJ Johnson

Also Present:

Annette Clark, Caltrans, Terry Bowen, Gray Bowen & Co.

Chair Donabed opened the meeting.

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENIZED

Determine there is a need to take immediate action on item(s) and that the need for action arose subsequent to the posting of the Agenda. Adoption of this recommendation requires a two-thirds vote of the Technical Advisory Committee members present or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote.

Two items were requested for addition to the Agenda, under Oral Reports, by Executive Director Harris.

- 5C. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Rajappan & Meyer contract for services
- 5D. Proposition 1B - StanCOG's STIP Augmentation Programming.

By Motion, (Deschenes/Holstein - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee added two items to the Agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Revision of the Previously Adopted Fiscal Year 2006-07 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Non-Transit Apportionment
- B. Fiscal Year 2007/08 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionment

By Motion, (Deschenes/Holstein - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee approved the consent calendar.

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS

- A. Regional "Use It or Lose It" Policy

Mr. Harris presented this item to the Committee. The Technical Committee members discussed this in detail; expressing concerns about the draft policy that included:

- Time line schedule is a major concern for the jurisdictions. Until further consultation with their technical staff, the administrators did not feel they could meet the five month cycle, i.e., lack of engineering staff is a major problem at this time.
- This item to go to Board as discussion item, for their input, then, come back through the advisory committees and get a consensus from involved group.
- Agreement that a policy needs to be set for everyone - all members would follow the policies that are set.
- Confirmation that the Policy Board would be responsible to reassign funds to ready projects, any funds that become available when it is apparent that a nominated project cannot meet the time line.
- The need to reconvene the Planning and Programming Working Group (PPWG) to assist in redrafting the proposed policy. There will be further investigation for the PPWG version of a Policy document.
- Riverbank expressed concern that StanCOG has not programmed TE funds and that imposing a Use It or Lose It Policy on the jurisdictions is premature.

The items listed above were the primary concerns from the Technical Advisory Committee members. Mr. Harris agreed to bring the item before the Policy Board as an information item, no action to be taken, that included these concerns.

Mr. Harris was asked which jurisdictions have not met the deadlines for this funding source, he was not certain, however, he will formulate the list and bring it back to the Committee.

Mr Kerr commented on the difficulties of dealing with the attempt to improve the image of StanCOG and commended staff on their efforts to make it a successful agency. Mr. Robinson agreed and recommended continuing to negotiate for consensus and support from all the jurisdictions. The members agreed that philosophically they are in favor of the concept of the draft policy but stated that the policy needs to have consensus before the Policy Board receives a recommendation to adopt it.

By Motion, (Deschenes/Kerr - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee requested this item be brought to the Policy Board as a discussion item, not an action item. The draft policy, as distributed to the Technical Advisory Committee to be included in the Policy Board Agenda packet with a staff report that reviews the concerns and recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee, as stated in the above minutes.

B. Adoption of the 2007/08 Unmet Transit Needs Report

Mr. Downs presented this item.

BY MOTION, (Deschenes/Hallam - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board adopt the 2007/08 Unmet Transit Needs Report.

C. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Rajappan & Meyer contract for services

Mr. Harris presented this report and explained the need for continuity on the State Route 132 Infill construction project. It is necessary to have an Engineer of Record, and this company has

been involved with the project continuously; this is a standard requirement and an expected cost. This Amendment is not to exceed \$139,100.

By Motion, (Deschenes/Whitemeyer - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Rajappan and Meyer contract in an amount of \$139,000.00.

D. Proposition 1B - StanCOG's STIP Augmentation Programming

Mr. Harris introduced Terry Bowen, consultant to StanCOG, City of Modesto and Stanislaus County, as relates to the State Route 99 to McHenry Avenue (SR 219). Mr. Harris presented this item and expressed the importance of this project to the Stanislaus Region.

The Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Program is a competitive program and the California Transportation Commission CTC) has received applications that greatly exceed the amount of money available for this program. StanCOG has independently applied for funds for the SR 219 project for Phase 2 - Dale Road to McHenry Avenue. In order to create a better opportunity for this application to be approved; staff proposes to provide additional STIP Augmentation to this application, this would assign all 2006 STIP Augmentation funds to the SR 219 project.

Mr. Robinson stated having the project extend from State Route 99 to McHenry Avenue will help to accomplish a needed east west corridor on the north side of the County, similar to the State Route 132 east west corridor project on the south side of the County.

Mr. Hallam asked about the Trade Corridor Improvement Program and whether other funds/projects are available for other corridors in the Stanislaus region. Mr. Harris said he is currently working with the Northern California Logistical Working Group to help identify corridors. Ms. Bowen explained the intent to go to the California Transportation Commission and show the SR 219 would be funded, and that would take it off the Priority list and allow other projects to move up on the list.

By Motion, (Robinson/Deschenes - unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board approve State Route 219 Phases 1 and 2 as Stan COG's project for STIP Augmentation Funding.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Included in Agenda Packet.

Staff is scheduling a draft of the Regional Transportation Plan to be available at the March/April series of meetings.

7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

None

8. CALTRANS REPORT

None

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Harris addressed the concerns of the SAFETEA projects and what has happened. He is working with Caltrans and staff from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to identify what has caused the delays in moving on these projects. He distributed a chronology of what is known at this time, and will work assiduously to solve the problem. These projects were previously at the Caltrans District offices, however, the CTC is currently the acting body for these funds.

He is working with Riverbank on the specific questions that were asked through an e-mail to him regarding the TE funds programming and lapse of funding for Fiscal Years 04/05, 05/06, and 06/07.

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:

March 1, 2007

1:30 PM

Immediately following the Managers Meeting.

Hughson City Council Chambers

7018 Pine St

Hughson, CA

Vincent J. Harris

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes of March 1, 2007

Present:

Joe Donabed, Chair (City of Hughson); Brad Kilger (City of Ceres); George Britton (City of Modesto); Michael Holland (City of Newman); Steve Hallam (City of Oakdale); Cleve Morris (City of Patterson); Laurie Barton (City of Riverbank); Tim Kerr (City of Turlock); Chuck Deschenes (City of Waterford); Stan Risen (Stanislaus County)

StanCOG Staff:

Vince Harris, Lark Downs, Vince Canales, CJ Johnson

Also Present:

Tom Dumas, Caltrans, Matt Machado, Stanislaus County, Laurie Barton, City of Riverbank, David Chase, City of Hughson

Chair Donabed opened the meeting at 1:55PM.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NONE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR
Ms. Barton requested item 2A be pulled.

BY MOTION, (Britton/Morris unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee approved Consent Items 2B through 2D.

Ms. Barton requested a rewrite to Item 5A, Use It or Lose It draft report that includes the concerns raised at the meeting of February 1, 2007 . These are draft minutes and will be rewritten and reintroduced to the Committee for approval.

3. PRESENTATIONS
NONE

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
NONE

5. ORAL REPORTS
Item B will be heard first.

B. Highway J-59 Concept Report

The Policy Board asked that this be brought to the Advisory Committee for recommendation. Mr. Peter Rei, Director, Tuolumne County Transportation Council and Tuolumne County Public Works, presented this report requesting multi-county (Tuolumne, Stanislaus and Merced Counties) action for matching funds to bring J59 to State Highway standards. Mr. Harris said the match funding would probably be Local Transportation Funds. Following indepth discussion, the Committee suggested only the miles from State Route 132 to State Route 120/108 be included in the recommendation to the Board. The approximate cost for this would be \$6,000.

Riverbank does not support this item.

A. Update on 2007 Regional Transportation Plan

Mr. Downs presented the current information on Regional Transportation Plan and expressed his pleasure about the Inter West Consultant's work in preparing this document. He reiterated the potential for problems from the federal agencies since the final guidelines have not been distributed.

D. FY 2006/07 Overall Work Program and Budget Amendment No 4

Mr. Harris introduced this item and explained the need to present this to the Policy Board to meet the required time lines for amendments for federal monies and grants. If the Committee is uncomfortable with taking an action, due to the lateness of the document; he will explain what happened to the Policy Board. Following discussion by the Committee, actions were taken on the separate motions.

BY MOTION, (Britton/Deschenes, unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board amend the 2006/07 Line Item Budget - Schedule 1, according to the staff report.

BY MOTION, (Morris/Holmer, unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board amend the 2006/07 Overall Work Program - Schedule 2 with the correction "Net OWP **increase of \$21,572.**"

C. FY 2007/08 Overall Work Program and Budget Concept Report

Mr. Harris apologized for the tardiness of this document. Some discussion was held, however, the Committee requested time to discuss with their staffs and then, give a recommendation for the Policy Board.

Mr. Harris will revise the staff report to reflect Work Elements, be more descriptive and include comments from the members. A special meeting will be held to discuss this item.

BY MOTION, (Holmer, Deschenes, unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee continued this item.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Included in Agenda Packet.

7. STANCOG ADVISORY COMMITTEES' MINUTES

Included in Agenda Packet.

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Mr. Dumas congratulated StanCOG for approval of the CMIA application. Mr. Britton thanked District 10 for the great job they did in assisting the completion of the application.

If anyone would like to see what the standards for J59 would be, check the Caltrans Website.

Mr. Yamzon is now working with the Blueprint project.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Harris thanked the Committee for the guidance and input that is given to StanCOG.

The Fiscal Audit for FY 05/06 has been completed; StanCOG finance department is waiting for the report from the Auditor. It is expected by March 31.

State Route 132 Infill Project will be breaking ground, expect to happen within 45 days. You will be invited. Expect State Route 219 ground breaking in the fall of this year.

10. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Britton asked about the new Model Integration Project and expressed his concern that no StanCOG representative has attended the last three meetings. Mr. Harris will check on this concern.

Mr. Risen introduced Mr. Matt Machado, Stanislaus County Public Works Director.

Congratulations were extended to Joe Holland. He will retire on March 30, 2007.

CJ Johnson

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)
Technical Advisory Committee - SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes of March 8, 2007

Present:

Joe Donabed, Chair (City of Hughson); Joe Hollstein (City of Ceres); George Britton (City of Modesto); Michael Holland (City of Newman); Steve Hallam (City of Oakdale); Laurie Barton (City of Riverbank); Tim Kerr (City of Turlock);

StanCOG Staff:

Vince Harris, Lark Downs, Vince Canales, CJ Johnson

Also Present:

David Chase, City of Hughson, Kathleen Cleek, City of Riverbank

Chair Donabed opened the meeting at 1:02 PM.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NONE

2. StanCOG FISCAL YEAR 2007/08 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM CONCEPT REPORT
Mr. Harris introduced this report to the Committee. He explained that this updated report includes a more detailed description of the work elements and estimated time for staff on those work element.

Members held an indepth discussion about the various work elements and work projects defined in the report and discussed areas of interest to them.

BY MOTION, (Britton/Kerr, unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board direct staff to complete the preparation of the draft FY 2007/08 Overall Work Program and Budget consistent with the concept report.

Meeting adjourned 1:55 PM.

CJ Johnson

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)
Technical Advisory Committee -
Minutes of March 29, 2007

Present:

Joe Donabed, Chair (City of Hughson); Lenn Guillette, (City of Ceres); George Britton (City of Modesto); Michael Holland (City of Newman); Cleve Morris (City of Patterson); Laurie Barton (City of Riverbank); Roger Fall (City of Turlock); Matt Machado (Stanislaus County)

StanCOG Staff:

Vince Harris, Lark Downs, Charles Turner, CJ Johnson

Also Present:

Tom Dumas, Caltrans District 10; Scott Butler, Inter West Consulting

Chair Donabed opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NONE
2. CONSENT CALENDAR
 - A. FY 2006/07 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUND AMENDED TRANSIT CLAIMS: CITY OF TURLOCK AND COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
 - B. FY 2006/07 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND NON-TRANSIT CLAIM: CITY OF CERES
 - C. FY 2006/07 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND NON-TRANSIT CLAIM: CITY OF RIVERBANK
 - D. FY 2006/07 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND NON-TRANSIT CLAIM: CITY OF TURLOCK
 - E. FY 2006/07 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND NON-TRANSIT CLAIM: COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
 - F. FY 2007/08 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE (STA) REDUCTION

BY MOTION, (Morris/Holland, unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee adopted the Consent Calendar.

3. PRESENTATION

NONE

4. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

5. ORAL REPORTS

A. SR 132 INFILL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER POLICY

Mr. Harris introduced this item. He explained the Consolidated Planning Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee requested the inclusion of a total limit (amount not to exceed a maximum of 10% of the Policy Board approved construction contract award or \$594, 332) for the Executive Director regarding the execution of Construction Change Orders. Each change order has a not to exceed limit of \$50,000 for Executive Director approval. Construction Change Orders beyond \$50,000 (or beyond the Executive Director's cumulative authority) must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Policy Board.

Committee discussed this item, realizing it is a first for StanCOG to be implementing a project, and certain thresholds must be in place.

BY MOTION, (Britton/Morris, unanimous) the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the Change Order Policy as written, with the inclusion of the total Construction Change Orders limit

(not to exceed a maximum of 10% of the Policy Board approved construction contract award amount or \$594, 332), for the Executive Director regarding the execution of Construction Change Orders.

B. DRAFT 2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR), AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS, AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)

Mr. Downs introduced Mr. Scott Butler, Inter-West Consulting, to give the information for this report to the Committee.

Mr. Kilger indicated that StanCOG is welcome to request assistance from the City of Ceres when a meeting site (location) is needed.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. UPDATE ON BLUEPRINT REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS

Mr. Downs thanked all the cities for the facilitation assistance for the Blueprint Workshops. These Workshops are proving to be extremely informative. He will include the comments in his final report.

7. StanCOG ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES INCLUDED IN AGENDA PACKET

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Mr. Dumas announced that Caltrans is losing another person, Mr. Yamzon.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Harris updated the Committee on current activities.

10. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Barton asked if any more information is available about the FTIP amendments. Mr. Harris will check with staff.

CJohnson

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 • County of Stanislaus

TO: Technical Advisory Committee
Consolidated Planning Committee Staff Report
Motion

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

FROM: Vincent Canales, Finance Director *VC*
Robin Whitehead, Budget & Grants Coordinator *RW*

DATE: April 16, 2007

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

Recommendation

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

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	\$ 6,868
Streets	LTF-99400a	147,039
		<u>\$ 153,907</u>

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.

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Oral Reports

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TO: Consolidated Planning Committee
Citizens Advisory Committee
Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Lark Downs, Sr. Regional Planner *LD*

DATE: April 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Adoption of 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Staff Report
Motion

Recommendation

Recommend that the Policy Board adopt the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Background

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is updated every 4 years as a requirement of the Federal Highway Administration. Along with the Plan update, there is the required Environmental Impact Report and Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The 2007 RTP will have a horizon year of 2030.

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is, under the SAFETEA-LU legislation, is also updated every four years.

Due to the legislation taking effect this July 2007, all of these documents are to be released simultaneously.

Discussion

The Draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) was distributed to the StanCOG Advisory Committee at their March meetings. At that time Advisory Committee members were informed that the Public Comment period will end on April 19.

No comments were received at the Public Hearing held April 11 at the StanCOG Policy Board meeting. As of this writing, very few comments have been received from the member agencies, of these, most are project specific. No comments have been received from Caltrans, FHWA, or any other federal agencies; however we expect to receive comments from these agencies prior to the April 19 deadline. All comments and response to comments will be presented to the Advisory Committees at their meetings. All comments will be addressed in a response to comments section of the Environmental Impact Report.

Adoption is scheduled for the May 9, 2007 Policy Board meeting. The Draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and supporting documents (Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)) are available for viewing/download at the StanCOG website at StaCOG.org, or if you prefer, a CD or hard copy can be provided. For more information contact Lark Downs at 558-7830.

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TO: Consolidated Planning Committee
Citizens Advisory Committee
Technical Advisory Committee Staff Report
Motion

THROUGH: Carlos Yamzon, Senior Planner *cy*

FROM: Vince Angelino, Associate Planner

DATE: April 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Support for the City of Modesto Bus Maintenance Facility

Recommendation

BY MOTION, recommend that the Policy Board support the City of Modesto Bus Maintenance Facility.

Background

The City of Modesto is seeking funding under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) discretionary program (Section 5309) for the replacement and expansion of its bus maintenance facility. The City has requested letters of support from StanCOG and the other transit operators in the County.

To date, Modesto has received \$8,943,608 in approved federal grants and earmarks for the project, and needs an additional \$6,498,968 in FTA Section 5309 funds. Section 5309 funds, which can only be used for transit projects, have FTA – established criteria for award of these particular grant funds. A major criterion is "project readiness." The City owns the property, environmental clearances have been completed, the site has been cleared, and all utilities have been relocated. Design is at the 65% level, and in-progress toward completion. The City has expended several years in time, and over \$2.7 million to get to this point. (See attachments for further information on the project).

Modesto is ready to move quickly to complete the project, and now it seeks support from StanCOG before the May 22 application deadline. The FTA is familiar with this project, as previous approval of grants for this project have been received by the City, therefore, StanCOG staff recommends that the Policy Board unanimously support this project.

Attachment

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Modesto Bus Maintenance Facility Project

Project Description, Scope and Objectives

The project would replace and expand the City of Modesto's existing Bus Maintenance Facility. The current Facility was constructed in 1917 for use as a creamery; it was later converted to a school bus maintenance facility, and then sold to the City of Modesto in 1973 for use with its public transit service, Modesto Area Express (MAX).

A new and expanded maintenance building is needed to replace the existing one, which is undersized and in very poor condition.

Insufficient maintenance building capacity requires that work on buses routinely occur outdoors, where it is frequently hampered by inclement weather. The proximity of the existing facility to the property line requires several maneuvers for a standard-sized bus to enter or exit from the garage. In addition, three of the 51 buses owned by the City are too tall to fit through the facility's doors, again requiring maintenance outdoors. The concrete in the maintenance pits has deteriorated so badly that heavy parts (e.g. transmissions) cannot be lowered from buses into the pits because the concrete cannot support the weight of the stands upon which the parts rest and they sink into the concrete below. The concrete block walls are literally crumbling and are patched with concrete in hopes of delaying further deterioration.

Fare revenues are removed from buses in an unenclosed area, frequently subjecting fare collection employees to inclement weather. These employees are occasionally challenged to keep currency from blowing away in breezy conditions or getting wet from wind-driven rain. Maintaining proper security of the fare revenues is a significant challenge in the open-air environment of the current facility.

Also of significance is a lack of bus parts storage, which requires that a large portion of bus parts be stored in trailers and outdoor areas. Other deficiencies include the poor condition of the restroom and the unreliability of the 20-year old existing bus washer, which is frequently broken. Crews must wash the entire fleet of buses by hand when the washer breaks down.

The bus parking area at the current facility is too small to accommodate any growth in the existing fleet of 51 MAX buses. Nevertheless, the Modesto area continues to grow at a significant pace and additional buses are needed to accommodate the City's expansion.

The proposed Bus Maintenance Facility project includes construction of a new bus parking area, new maintenance building, fuel island, and wash building. The project also includes employee/visitor off-street parking.

The proposed project will provide parking for 70 buses. With minor modification (via re-striping), bus parking can be increased to meet transit system needs for many years to come.

Attached are a project location map, a facility site plan and a floor plan for the new maintenance building.

Total Project Cost and Status of Project Elements

Land acquisition, site demolition and utility relocation have been completed for the new facility. Architectural/Engineering design is 65% complete. The City is currently in the process of hiring a project manager to oversee implementation of the project, beginning with completion of the design and continuing through the end of construction. The following table summarizes the cost of each project element and its completion status:

Project Cost Element	Cost	Status
Land Acquisition	\$ 2,198,990	Complete
Demolish and clear site	\$ 118,416	Complete
Utility Relocation	\$ 125,741	Complete
Construction	\$ 15,408,077	Awaiting Funding
Design	\$ 1,270,500	65% Complete
Project Administration	\$ 181,500	Ongoing
Total	\$ 19,303,224	

Project Revenues Currently Available

The total project cost is estimated at \$19,303,224. Local funding totaling \$3,860,645 is available for use on the project at this time, including:

- Local Transportation Funds - \$3,210,645
- Local In-Kind Match - \$650,000 (City-furnished property)

Federal funding either received in approved grants or earmarks for this project totals \$8,943,608 and includes:

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 (formula) grants received - \$720,000
- FTA Section 5309 (discretionary) grants received- \$7,390,765
- FTA Section 5309 (discretionary) funds earmarked by Congress but not yet received- \$832,843

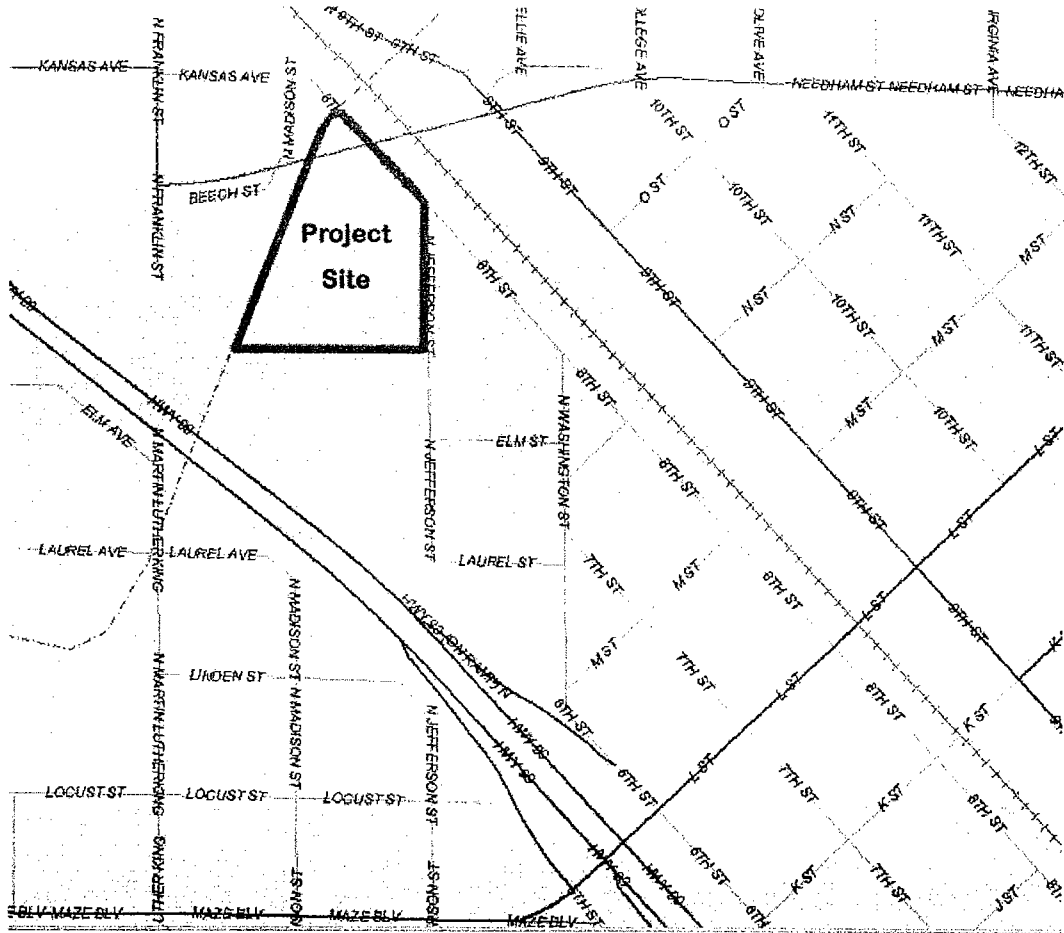
Additional Federal Revenue Needed for Project

An additional \$6,498,968 in federal funds is needed to complete the funding of this project.

The project is eligible to receive up to 80% (\$15,442,579) of its cost in FTA Section 5309 funds. Since \$8,943,608 in approved grants and earmarks have previously been received, the City needs the additional \$6,498,968 to reach the 80% mark. The City has already budgeted

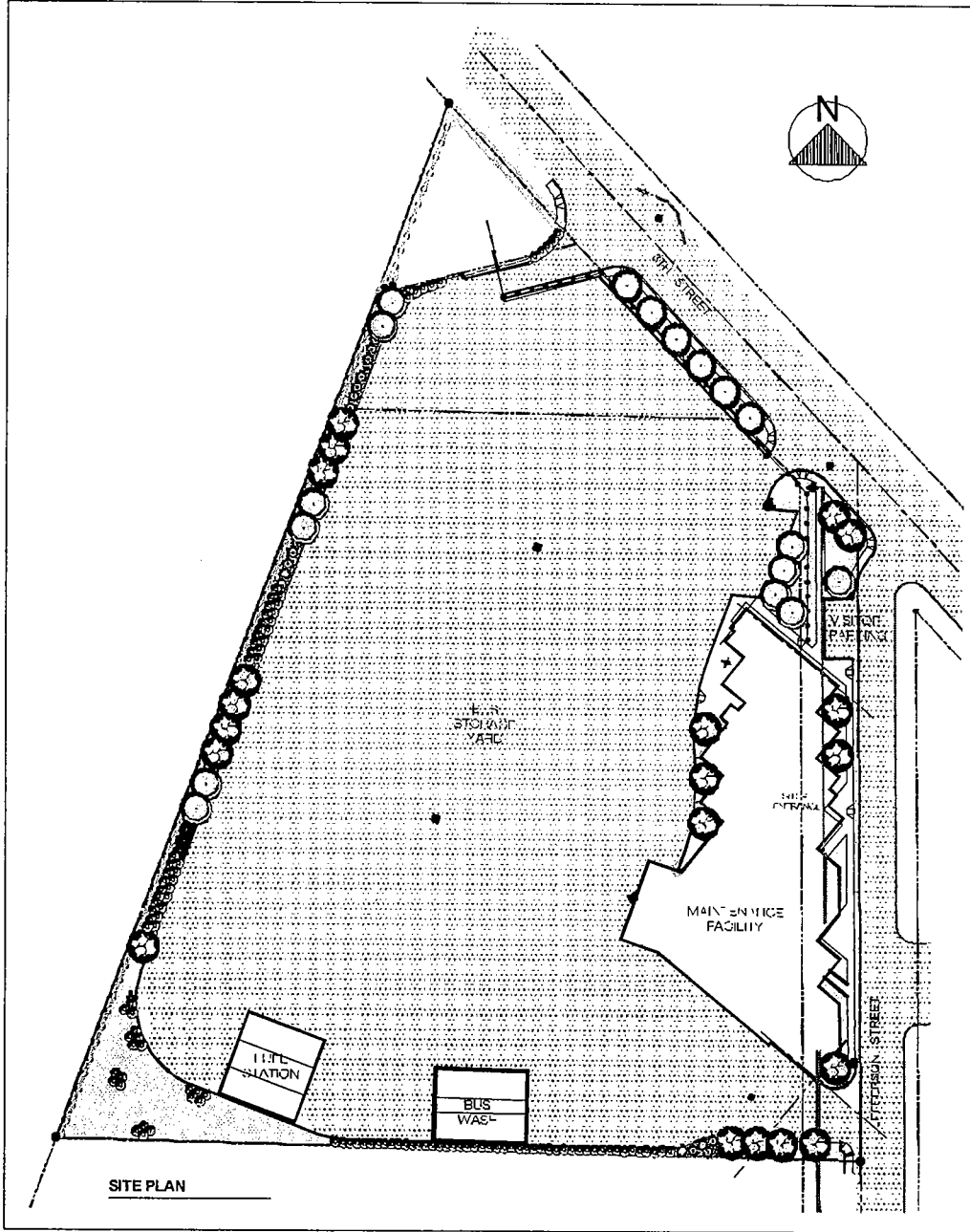
for the local match requirement for this amount of funding on the assumption that these additional funds would come in the form of FTA Section 5309 funds.

City of Modesto New Bus Maintenance Facility



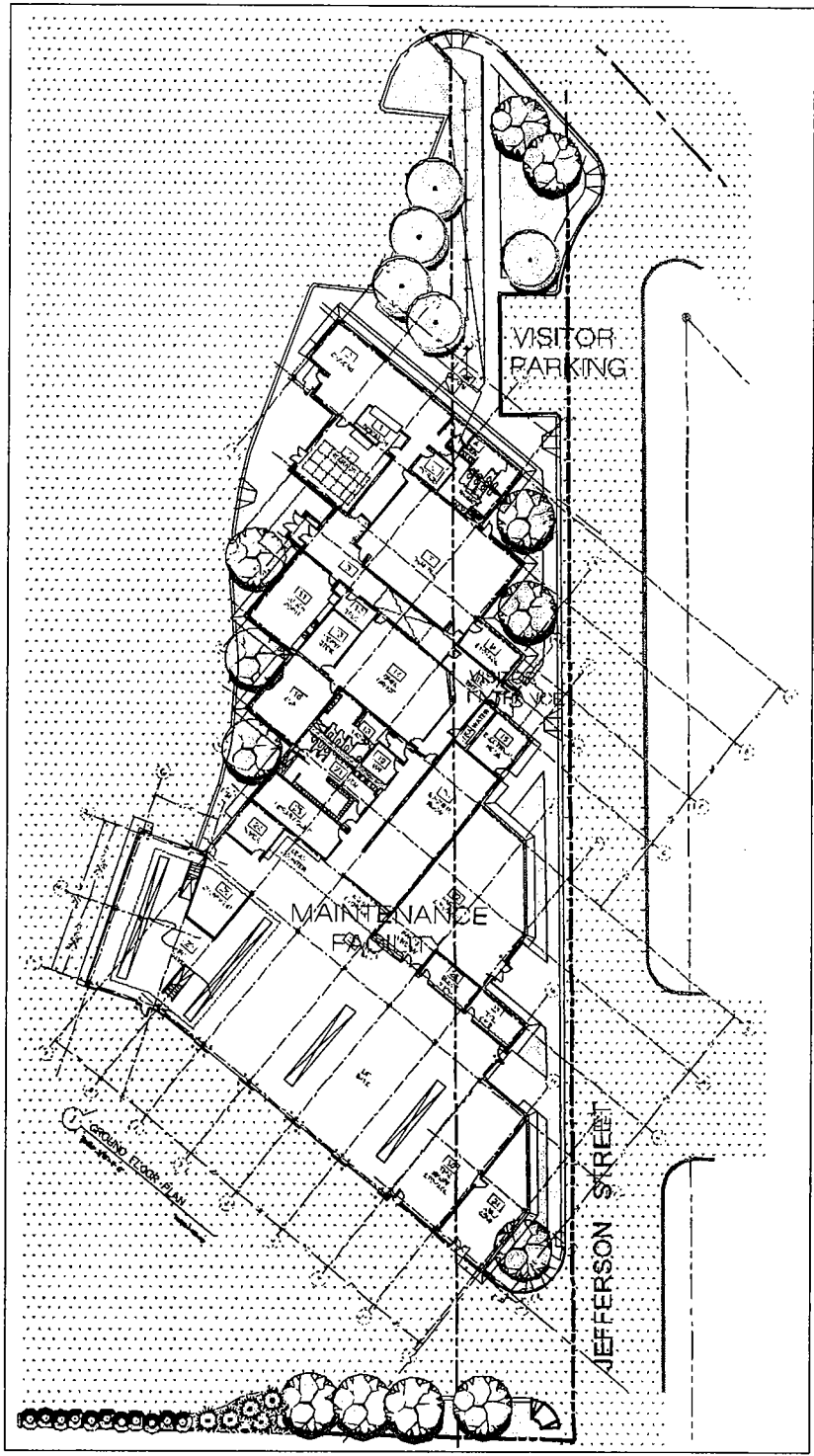
Location Map





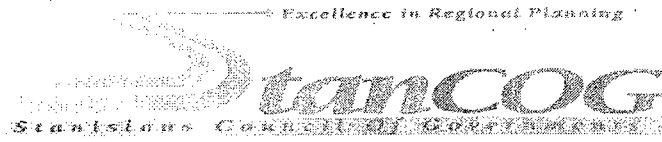
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FROM: Lark Downs, Sr. Regional Planner *LD*

DATE: April 18, 2007

RE: Update – Blueprint Regional Planning Process

Background

The goal of the two-year (2005/06 and 2006/07) 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 regional planning that addresses land use, housing, transportation, environmental issues, and economic development interests in the San Joaquin Valley. This approach will develop and examine alternative scenarios and identify a "preferred scenario".

Discussion

Recent Local and Regional Blueprint Activities:

Outreach Workshops – Seven Blueprint Outreach Workshops have been held in several areas of the County. Attendance has been good to excellent, with close to 300 residents providing input into the Blueprint Planning Process.

Attendance to date:

Modesto-North / Salida:	80
Turlock:	91
Patterson, Newman, Crows Landing:	28
Modesto-South / Hughson / Keyes:	14
Oakdale / Riverbank / Waterford:	30
Ceres:	<u>41</u>
Total to Date:	284

In addition to the seven Outreach Workshops already held, three Spanish language

Outreach Workshops are planned:

Spanish Language Workshops

Tuesday, April 24

Patterson

Specific time and location TBD

Thursday, April 26

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Registration

11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Workshop

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1314 H Street, Modesto

Thursday, April 26

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Workshop

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Once the Outreach Workshops are completed, results of the Workshops will be summarized. This summary will be the foundation of Stanislaus County Blueprint Goals and Vision Statement that will be brought before the Policy Board for their approval at their June 13 meeting.

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County: What's in the cards?

By **TIM MORAN**
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Stanislaus County residents were playing card games for high stakes Tuesday night — the future of the county.

But they weren't gambling. They were deciding how they want the county to look 43 years from now.

The meeting at the Salida Library was the first of seven town hall gatherings sponsored by the Stanislaus Council of Governments.

The goal is to arrive at a set of principles — a "blueprint" — for city councils and the Board of Supervisors to follow to build the community residents want.

The Stanislaus County effort is part of a larger San Joaquin Valley blueprint process being coordinated among eight counties.

The card games were a method of finding the top priorities of the 75 or so residents who showed up, and how much effort they would like to see put into pursuing them.

Participants were asked to list the things they liked and disliked about Stanislaus County, and what they would like to see if they flew over the valley in the year 2050.

A sobering projection was thrown out at the beginning: If the county and cities continue their current policies, the population will grow from a little more than 500,000 to 1.2 million by 2050, according to StanCOG.

"The blueprint can be whatever you want it to be," said Lark Downs, StanCOG senior regional planner. "If you know where you want to go, hopefully you know how to get there."

The likes and dislikes weren't a surprise. People like open space, agriculture, a small-town attitude, good schools, and the diversity of retail and restaurants.

"I like the current population," said Juanita Jackson of Modesto. "I don't want it to grow."

People don't like traffic congestion, crime, air and water quality problems, limited job opportunities and poor planning.

"There's a lack of planning for more schools," said Gary Robbins of Modesto.

From a hot air balloon 43 years in the future, participants said they want to see clear air, farmland, parks and affordable mass transit options.

"I'd like to see the growth on poor ground on the far sides of the valley," said Robert Martin of Escalon.

"I'd like to see BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit trains) coming into the valley," said Bess Tollefson of Riverbank.

More youth activities, better utilization of schools after hours, more vertical development and more water storage were included in the wish list.

The card games narrowed the list, and allowed participants to indicate how much change was needed.

The consensus was for aggressive change across many issues.

"We are willing to be paying the price now rather than putting it off and paying a greater price later," Martin said.

Six more meetings are planned. The next one, for residents of Turlock, Hughson and Denair, is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 3 in the Turlock City Council chamber, 156 S. Broadway Ave., Turlock.

The rest of the schedule:

Patterson, Newman, Grayson, Westley and Crows Landing, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 4 in the Patterson City Council chamber, 1 Plaza, Patterson.

Modesto south, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 5 at Harvest Hall in the Stanislaus Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto.

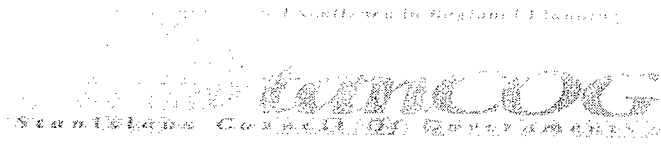
Oakdale, Riverbank, Waterford, Hickman and Knights Ferry, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 10 in the Oakdale Community Center, 110 Second St., Oakdale.

Ceres, Hughson, Empire and Keyes, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 12 in the Ceres City Council chamber, 2210 Magnolia St., Ceres.

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Committee Minutes

**Stanislaus Council of Governments
Citizens Advisory Committee**

Item 7A

StanCOG Offices
900 H Street, Suite D
Modesto, California

Minutes of March 28, 2007

Members Attending: Dennis Wann, Bill Axtell, Stephen Bonrepos, Gil Bostwick, Reginald Bronner, Amanda Evans, Ed Maring, Dennis Wilson

Members Not Attending: Dwight Bateman, Keith Silva, Doug Sweetland,

Also Present: Scott Butler, Interwest Consultant, Vince Harris, Executive Director, Lark Downs, Terri Estes, (StanCOG)

Chairman Dennis Wann called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Public Participation

Mr. Downs introduced Scott Butler, Consultant, Interwest Consulting Group. He briefly reviewed Mr. Butler's duties with regard to the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan.

2. Adopt Minutes of Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting (02.28.07)

By Motion (Bronner/Axtell) and unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of February 28, 2007.

3. SR 132 Infill Project Construction Change Order Policy

Mr. Harris presented this item. He reviewed the "Construction Change Order" policies as detailed in the staff report.

Mr. Harris explained that in the event of a Construction Change Order (CCO), if under \$50,000 dollars, the Executive Director will need to act and within 24 hours of the request from the contractor. He added that Caltrans has primary oversight on this project. Mr. Harris said that he will be able to receive guidance from the project engineer and Caltrans in the case of a CCO.

Mr. Harris said that 'ground-braking' will be held within the next week and work will start within two to three weeks.

Mr. Harris spoke of the Consolidated Planning Committee's concern that, in the event of multiple change order requests, that the total cumulative costs will not exceed ten percent of the original contract price. Mr. Harris concurs with that request.

Mr. Bonrepos asked for further explanation regarding the "Unilateral CCOs" listed in the procedures in the staff report. Mr. Harris explained that this CCO happens when the agency and the contractor both agree additional work needs to be done but they do not agree on the additional cost. The Executive Director can direct the contractor to do the work even though it is under protest by contractor. He further explained that the contractor can file a claim for the additional amount in dispute.

By Motion (Wilson/Bonrepos) and unanimous vote, the Committee approved the Executive Director to execute Construction Change Orders on the State Route 132 Infill Project in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and consistent with Policy Procedures delineated in the staff report.

4. Draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Mr. Downs presented this item. He distributed a CD with all 4 of the documents listed in the staff report. He added that these documents are presently out for public review and comment which ends April 19, 2007. Mr. Downs reviewed the date of May 9, 2007 when the final 2007 RTP is scheduled to go before the Policy Board for adoption.

Mr. Downs introduced Scott Butler, Consultant, Interwest Group. Mr. Butler described several ways to enter comments, either by letter, fax, e-mail, or verbal. He spoke of the public workshops held and reviewed the activities and results of those workshops as described in the staff report. Mr. Butler spoke of Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects. He explained Tier 1 projects are regionally forecast projects with funds available. Tier 2 are projects that we show the FHWA and Caltrans what the actual need is. Mr. Butler also explained the 5-year lead time needed for projects in order to qualify for funding. Mr. Downs added that it most critical to identify all projects in the RTP. He added that in the case of additional dollars, like the potential of a future half-cent sales tax measure, or bond dollars, the RTP will need an amendment. Mr. Butler added that they are proceeding with the 2007 RTP projects as if there is no bond money since that has not been finalized at this time.

There were extensive questions regarding the workshops and explanation of activities involved.

Comments are to be e-mailed to Lark Downs.

5. Informational Items

A. Update-Blueprint Regional Planning Process

Mr. Downs presented this item. He reported that approximately 80 people attended. The first workshop was held in Salida. He said this workshop concentrated on what the attendees thought were the most important issues to them. Mr. Downs reported on the activities conducted. He said after the workshops are completed, the consultants will summarize and start formulating five different scenarios. He updated the Committee of the latest activities of the Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC).

5.

B. FY 2007/08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Reduction

Mr. Harris provided background information. He said that although this is a motion item for the Consolidated Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and the Policy Board, staff believed the Citizens Committee should be informed. Mr. Harris reviewed the TDA and LTF funding.

Mr. Harris reported that Stanislaus County is the only county in the state that has a Transit Cost Sharing formula in statute. He explained the Unmet Transit Needs process and what is done with the funding not allocated for transit.

Mr. Harris also discussed the situation regarding the 2007/08 STA funds as explained in the staff report.

6. Stanislaus Council of Governments Advisory Committees Minutes

Included in agenda.

7. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Harris reported on the Washington D.C. "One Voice" trip. He said they met with Congressman Radanovich, Senator Boxer, and the Governor's Washington delegation.

He spoke of the SAFETEA-LU federal transportation bill and discussed the SR 132 connectivity study that is funded by the Federal Demonstration Fund that was sponsored by Congressman Cardoza. He reported on the 14 million dollars allocated for the SR 132 project to the west side of Highway 99 and of the need of a 20 percent match (2.8 million).

Mr. Harris reported on a recent meeting he attended regarding the joint application for the Trade Corridor funding portion of the Proposition 1B Bond. He discussed several projects that need access to this funding including the proposed Crows Landing Facility and also the SR 132 project.

There was extensive discussion regarding SR 132 safety, Crows Landing Facility, and funding.

Mr. Downs reported on the CPC meeting discussion of the Oakdale Bypass.

Mr. Downs also reported that a Policy Board member is looking at a more representative make-up of the Citizens Committee membership. He said it would not effect the current membership, but as new members are selected, the Committee should have a more equal representation.

10. Members Closing Comments

Chairman Wann adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



Terri Estes
Administrative Assistant III

Next Meeting:
April 25, 2007 7:00 PM
StanCOG Conference Room
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Modesto