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**CONSOLIDATED PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

10th Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street
Room 2008, Second Floor
Modesto, CA

March 27, 2007 – 10:00 A. M.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

CERES CITY HALL
Council Chambers, 2210 Magnolia Street
Ceres, CA

March 29, 2007 – 2:00 P. M.

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Matters not on the posted agenda may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Committee for consideration. However, California law prohibits taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the Committee. Any member of the public wishing to address the Committee will be limited to five minutes or the discretion of the Chair.

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. FY 2006/07 Transportation Development Act Fund Amended Transit Claims:
City of Turlock and County of Stanislaus | MOTION |
| B. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
City of Ceres | MOTION |
| C. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
City of Riverbank | MOTION |
| D. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
City of Turlock | MOTION |
| E. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
County of Stanislaus | MOTION |
| F. FY 2007/08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Reduction | MOTION |

3. PRESENTATIONS

(NONE)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(NONE)

5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS

- A. SR 132 Infill Project Construction Change Order Policy
- B. Draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

MOTION

DISCUSSION

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 (02.28.07)
- B. Policy Board Minutes (02-14-07)

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

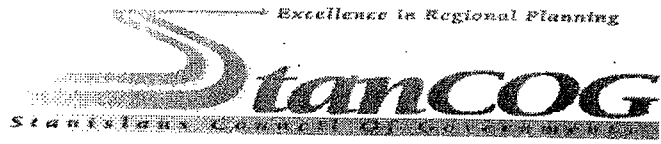
ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting scheduled for:

Consolidated Planning Committee
April 24, 2007 10:00 AM
10th Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street
Room 2005, Second Floor
Modesto, CA

Technical Advisory Committee
April 26, 2007 2:00 PM
Ceres City Hall
Council Chambers
2210 Magnolia Street
Ceres, CA

* No Attachment



Consent Items



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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: March 20, 2007

SUBJECT: FY 2006/07 Transportation Development Act Fund
Amended Transit Claims: City of Turlock and County of Stanislaus

Recommendation

BY MOTION, recommend that the Policy Board approve FY 2006/07 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Fund amended transit claims for the City of Turlock and the County of Stanislaus, as submitted to StanCOG.

Background

On February 14, 2007, the StanCOG Policy apportioned additional State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to the City of Modesto, the City of Turlock, and the County of Stanislaus. The City of Turlock and the County of Stanislaus have now submitted their amended transit claims #2 to reflect this action.

The revised apportionment increased the City of Turlock's STA apportionment by \$8,573. The County of Stanislaus' STA apportionment was increased by \$13,634. The additional STA apportionments reduced the City of Turlock's and the County of Stanislaus' Local Transportation Fund (LTF) apportionments by like amounts.

The required findings for these claims were previously made on June 14, 2006.

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TO: Technical Advisory Committee
Consolidated Planning Committee

Staff Report
Motion

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VGH*

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

DATE: March 19, 2007

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

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	\$ 33,538
Streets	LTF-99400a	798,177
		<u>\$ 831,715</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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TO: Technical Advisory Committee
 Consolidated Planning Committee

Staff Report
Motion

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VGH*

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

DATE: March 19, 2007

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

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	\$ 17,096
Streets	LTF-99400a	<u>408,143</u>
		\$ 425,239

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.

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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: March 19, 2007

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

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	\$ 57,861
Streets	LTF-99400a	<u>1,377,322</u>
		<u>\$1,435,183</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.

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

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

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

DATE: March 19, 2007

SUBJECT: FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim: County of Stanislaus

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</u> <u>Claim</u>
Nonmotorized	LTF-99234	\$ 99,462
Streets	LTF-99400a	<u>2,362,991</u>
		<u>\$2,462,453</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.

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- (1) The claimant's proposed expenditures are in conformity with the Regional Transportation Plan.
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TO: Consolidated Planning Committee
Technical Advisory Committee
Citizen’s Advisory Committee (Informational only)

STAFF REPORT
MOTION

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director 

FROM: Vincent Canales, Finance Director 

DATE: March 19, 2007

SUBJECT: FY 2007-08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Reduction

Recommendation

BY MOTION, recommend that the Policy Board adopt a resolution reducing the amount of State Transit Assistance Funds (STA) Stanislaus expects to receive in FY 2007-08 from \$5,748,179 to \$1,351,927

Background

On February 5, 2007, StanCOG received a letter from the State Controller’s Office. This letter contained State Transit Assistance (STA) estimates each region would receive for FY 2007-08. On the schedule attached to the State Controller’s letter, it was estimated that Stanislaus would receive \$5,748,179, a significant increase from prior years. From examining the schedule, it was apparent that \$4,396,252 was attributable to the proposition 1B bonds. Based on this letter, staff asked the Policy Board to pass a resolution accepting the amount of \$5,748,179 as the STA estimate for FY 2007-08. At the Policy Board Meeting of February 14, 2007, this resolution was passed.

On Friday, March 16, staff received information from the transit manager for the City of Modesto. Modesto’s transit manager informed staff that the State Controller’s estimate was questionable. Upon hearing this information, staff contacted the State Controller’s Office, and spoke with the contact person referred to in the letter. The State Controller’s Office confirmed Modesto information. The State Controller’s staff stated that Stanislaus will probably receive the proposition 1B bonds referred to in the letter. However, it would most likely, “take a different form.” They could not be more specific, and much would depend on the Governor’s budget for 2007-08.

Discussion

In light of the new information, StanCOG proposes that the amount of \$1,351,927 be used as the STA apportionment amount for FY 07-08. This is the amount of STA specified in the letter (\$1,276,590 + \$75,337), but does not include the proposition 1B bond money. Staff will keep you updated on the status of the proposition 1B bond money

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Attachment

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JOHN CHIANG
California State Controller
Division of Accounting and Reporting

January 29, 2007

StanCOG

FEB 05 2007

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COUNTY AUDITORS RESPONSIBLE FOR STATE TRANSIT
ASSISTANCE FUNDS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCIES
COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS
SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Pursuant to Section 99312.7 of the Public Utilities Code (PUC), the State Controller is required to provide a preliminary estimate of the amount of the State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to be allocated to each transportation planning entity for the purposes of Sections 99313 and 99314 of the PUC.

The amount of STA funds budgeted, according to the Department of Finance, for the 2007-08 fiscal year is \$784,510,744. In addition, Section 99313 allocations are based on the latest available annual population estimates from the Department of Finance.

Section 99314 allocations are based primarily on qualifying revenues from the Annual Report of Financial Transactions of Transit Operators and Non-transit Claimants under the Transportation Development Act.

We anticipate that the first quarter's allocation will be paid in October. Enclosed are schedules indicating the specific fund allocation for the fiscal year 2007-08 to each transportation planning entity by operator. If you have any questions regarding the STA program, please call Mike Silvera at (916) 323-0704.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly J. Martell".

KELLY MARTELL, Section Supervisor
County Cost Plans and Local Apportionments Section

STATE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUND ALLOCATION ESTIMATE
FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Regional Entity	Public Transportation	Proposition 1B Fund	Public Transportation	Proposition 1B Fund	2007-2008 Allocations
	Account Fund PUC 99313 Allocations	PUC 99313 Allocations	Account Fund PUC 99314 Allocations	PUC 99314 Allocations	
TRPA	\$ 220,113	\$ 715,772	\$ 11,619	\$ 37,785	\$ 985,289
MTC	17,686,369	57,513,299	47,275,735	153,733,276	276,208,679
SACOG	4,311,540	14,020,451	2,222,839	7,228,323	27,783,153
Alpine	3,080	10,015	0	0	13,095
Amador	94,640	307,756	8,004	26,027	436,427
Butte	539,080	1,753,004	14,008	45,551	2,351,643
Calaveras	113,448	368,915	0	0	482,363
Colusa	53,390	173,614	3,359	10,923	241,286
Del Norte	72,460	235,629	0	0	308,089
El Dorado	354,621	1,153,174	34,754	113,016	1,655,565
Fresno	2,232,459	7,259,607	328,570	1,068,458	10,889,094
Glenn	71,108	231,230	0	0	302,338
Humboldt	328,910	1,069,563	49,143	159,805	1,607,421
Imperial	413,439	1,344,438	0	0	1,757,877
Inyo	45,951	149,427	7,346	23,887	226,611
Kern	1,935,518	6,294,001	171,898	558,986	8,960,403
Kings	366,641	1,192,260	74,557	242,447	1,875,905
Lake	159,099	517,365	9,240	30,048	715,752
Lassen	87,987	286,119	4,061	13,207	391,374
Los Angeles	25,427,974	82,687,785	31,629,927	102,855,562	242,601,248
Madera	358,370	1,165,361	0	0	1,523,731
Mariposa	45,209	147,013	577	1,873	194,672
Mendocino	224,471	729,945	25,188	81,908	1,061,512
Merced	612,399	1,991,425	24,225	78,778	2,706,827
Modoc	24,412	79,383	0	0	103,795
Mono	33,745	109,735	0	0	143,480
Monterey	1,054,394	3,428,725	164,174	533,868	5,181,161
Nevada	248,349	807,591	12,069	39,245	1,107,254
Orange	7,625,078	24,795,557	3,197,765	10,398,630	46,017,030
Placer	648,103	2,107,529	74,405	241,954	3,071,991
Plumas	53,221	173,066	0	0	226,287
Riverside	4,847,872	15,764,520	623,386	2,027,152	23,262,930
San Benito	143,022	465,084	0	0	608,106
San Bernardino	4,943,421	16,075,230	845,843	2,750,549	24,615,043
SANDAG	1,892,190	6,153,105	746,872	2,428,710	11,220,877
San Diego MTDB	5,719,197	18,597,934	2,670,509	8,684,078	35,671,718
San Joaquin	1,658,534	5,393,292	433,747	1,410,476	8,896,049
San Luis Obispo	653,327	2,124,517	106,601	346,647	3,231,092
Santa Barbara	1,046,410	3,402,762	281,208	914,446	5,644,826
Santa Cruz	651,116	2,117,326	732,106	2,380,694	5,881,242
Shasta	450,414	1,464,675	21,119	68,677	2,004,885
Sierra	8,689	28,255	0	0	36,944
Siskiyou	114,527	372,425	5,029	16,351	508,332
Stanislaus	1,276,590	4,151,268	75,337	244,984	5,748,179
Tehama	152,715	496,608	0	0	649,323
Trinity	34,806	113,182	645	2,097	150,730
Tulare	1,043,913	3,394,642	42,931	139,608	4,621,094
Tuolumne	144,521	469,959	0	0	614,480
Ventura	2,028,530	6,596,462	326,576	1,061,974	10,013,542
State Totals	\$ 92,255,372	\$ 300,000,000	\$ 92,255,372	\$ 300,000,000	\$ 784,510,744



Oral Reports



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

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

FROM: Charles Turner, Associate Planner *CT*

DATE: March 21, 2007

SUBJECT: State Route 132 Infill Project Construction Change Order Policy

Recommendation

By motion, authorize the Executive Director, to execute Construction Change Orders on the State Route (SR) 132 Infill Project in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and consistent with Policy Procedures delineated in this report.

Background

StanCOG has initiated the administration of our first highway construction project, the SR 132 Infill Project. The first phase of this project will widen SR 132 (Yosemite Blvd) in Modesto to a consistent 4-lane urban highway from Riverside Ave. to Claus/Garner Rd. with improved railroad at grade crossings, center median with turn lanes, bicycle lanes, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. This will improve traffic safety and goods movement along the corridor to SR 99.

Discussion

This Policy is requested in order for StanCOG to efficiently administer daily construction activities. The Policy is consistent with Caltrans protocols and the SR 132 Construction Cooperative Agreement. Construction of this project is being funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

In order to effectively manage this project some staff approval authority is needed in order to ensure that the contractor will not be delayed. It is typical on construction projects of this magnitude that some changes may occur. In order to approve these changes a "Change Order Policy" needs to be in place. It is not expected that large Change Orders will occur on this project; however, if they do, Policy Board approval will be necessary to move the project forward. For minor Change Orders (up to \$50,000) it is reasonable and beneficial for the Executive Director to have the authority to authorize certain expenditures to maintain the delivery schedule of the project. These authorized expenditures are made after consultation with the Project Manager, Construction Manager, Project Engineer (if design changes are needed), and Caltrans personnel.

Proposed Contract Change Order Policy

Under the delegation of authority granted by the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Policy Board, the following are Contract Change Order (CCO) procedures for the State Route 132 East In-Fill Project from Riverside Drive to Claus/Garner Road.

Authority to approve CCOs is as follows:

The Executive Director is authorized to approve signed CCOs up to \$50,000.00 (increase or decrease) and CCOs with up to 20 working days of time.

The Executive Director is authorized to approve Unilateral CCOs up to \$50,000 where the Contractor refuses to sign in order to maintain contract schedule.

All CCOs over \$50,000.00 or 20 working days are to be approved by the StanCOG Executive Committee on behalf of the StanCOG Policy Board.

All CCOs and CCO Memorandums received by the Resident Engineer (RE) are to be faxed or e-mailed to StanCOG's Project Manager for review before they are presented to the Contractor. The RE shall include a cost estimate analysis with the CCO when submitted.

Pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement entered into effective January 29, 2007 between the State of California (STATE) and Stanislaus Council of Governments (STANCOG), Section III, Article 14, "All changes affecting public safety or public convenience, all design and specification changes, and all major changes as defined in STATE's Construction Manual shall be approved by STATE in advance of performing the work. This provision remains in effect under the conditions of StanCOG's SR 132 East Infill CCO Policy.

If Executive Committee approval is required, the Executive Director will present the CCO to the Committee for "Authorization to Proceed with Work." If this authority is given, the RE must comply with the Committee's comments and proceed as directed.

StanCOG's CCO Policy also requires concurrence from the Project Engineer (PE) when changes affect the design of the project.

After Final Acceptance of the construction contract, all outstanding CCOs and/or claims will be approved by the StanCOG Policy Board.

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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
Bruce Abanathie, Associate Planner

DATE: March 20, 2007

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

Staff Report Discussion

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, also updated every four years.

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

Discussion

Interwest Consulting Group will make a short presentation on the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan to the Policy Board at their April 11, 2007 meeting.

A Public Hearing will also be held at the April 11, 2007 Policy Board meeting to receive comments on the Plan and its supporting documents.

- **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is currently in the 45-day comment period, which will end Thursday, April 19, 2007. All public comments received during this period will be included in the Final EIR.

- **2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

The Draft 2007 Regional Transportation has also been released and is in the 45-day comment period. Interwest Consulting Group of Elk Grove will make a presentation on the 2007 RTP at the April 11 Policy Board meeting, followed by a Public Hearing to receive public input on the draft documents. The Final RTP is scheduled for adoption by the Policy Board on May 9, 2007. FHWA requires that all San Joaquin Valley MPOs have their updated Plans submitted and approved by Caltrans and FHWA by June 30, 2007.

- **Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)**

The FTIP will follow the same schedule as the RTP. This document will have four years of financially constrained/committed programming with one year of additional informational programming. The FTIP is the short term planning document that addresses the projects outlined in the RTP to be delivered in the next four years. This FTIP will be SAFETEA-LU compliant.

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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**Results of Citizen Input
On Transportation Priorities and Preferred Scenarios
Public Workshops
February 6- 7-8, 2007**

Over 40 citizens participated in workshops at three locations throughout the Stanislaus region. Interwest Consulting Group assigned between three and four citizens to sit at a table for the evening. Citizens self-identified which of three interests they represented when they signed-in, and Interwest Consulting Group made table arrangements designed to create a broad cross-section of community interests at each table (i.e., business, environment, public agency, etc., mixed together at each table). Each table was lead by a table leader. The table leaders were chosen by their table group.

There were a total of 12 table discussions at the workshops, as follows:

City of Modesto	2 Tables
City of Patterson	5 Tables
City of Turlock	5 Tables
Regional Total	12 Tables

Some of the exercises at the tables were done by individuals and some were done through majority opinion of the table participants.

Two exercises were done by the full table. Exercise B Transportation Principles, participants were asked to choose two of their *Transportation Goals* that asked them to identify from five RTP policy principles their first and second priority principles for guiding the development of the RTP. The five principles are listed below:

- 1. Improve Mobility for People & Freight** – Improve mobility by increasing access points and flow to the destinations.
- 2. Operate the Regional Transportation System Safely & Efficiently** – Promote public safety and protect the region’s transportation investment.
- 3. Enhance Environmental Quality** – Minimize the environmental impacts of proposed projects.
- 4. Support the Economic & Community Vitality of the Region** – Encourage job creation, business development, retention, and expansion.
- 5. Promote Equal Access for System Users** – Ensure that economically, physically, and socially disadvantaged groups have access to and benefit from transportation service improvements.

A summary of those results follows.

Workshop Location	1 st Priority	2 nd Priority
City of Modesto	Improving Mobility for People and Freight	Operate the Regional Transportation System
City of Patterson	Improving Mobility for People and Freight	Support Economic and Community Vitality
City of Turlock	Improving Mobility for People and Freight	Support Economic and Community Vitality

The results show broad-based agreement that **Improving Mobility for People and Freight** were the top priority of most of the participants completing this questionnaire.

One table in Patterson chose **Enhance Environmental Quality** as their 2nd priority. One table in Turlock chose **Operate the Regional Transportation System Safely & Efficiently** as their 2nd priority.

Table Votes on Corridor Scenario Preferences

Exercise C participants were asked to choose the pros and cons of 3 different scenarios, and a simple majority selected their favorite Scenario. Participants were asked to do complete the 3 scenarios, and they had complete freedom to select which corridors they discussed first, second, etc. Participants ranked their choices by Short, Medium, and Long Range.

Participants were given the choice of how many scenarios to express an opinion about, and in what order to discuss the scenarios. Because every table determined its own approach to working through the scenarios, the total number of tables expressing an opinion for each scenario varies.

A summary of the 1st choice Scenario for the tables at the workshop sites follows:

Table Preferences for Top 1 st Transportation Scenario by Range	
Short Range	City of Modesto
Long Range	City of Patterson
Long Range	City of Turlock

A summary of the 2nd choice Scenario for the tables at the workshop sites follows:

Table Preferences for Top 2 nd Transportation Scenario by Range	
Medium Range	City of Modesto
Short Range	City of Patterson
Short Range	City of Turlock

City of Modesto

Below are citizens' comments from the public workshops in Modesto on their preferred Transportation Priorities:



Improving Mobility for People and Freight Challenges

- This category includes all the other categories that's why it's number one
- Improving the roads, timing the stop lights, pullouts for buses
- Dedicated bus lanes, BRT express services
- East west corridor
- Keep 99 traffic out of Modesto
- Oakdale bypass

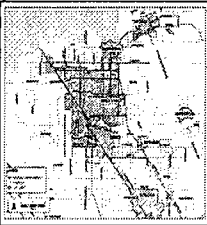


Operate the Regional Transportation System Safely & Efficiently

- Maintaining expressways
- South Modesto is an example
- If you can't maintain it, you can't build it

Below are the comments and Transportation Scenarios chosen by citizens at the Modesto workshop:

Transportation Scenarios Community Voices and Priorities



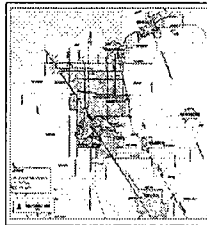
Community Voices

- Let's get the medium distance off the main streets
- Expressways
- 219, 73 to 99
- Lincoln Lakewood Bridge
- Prescott all the way to Kiernan
- Let's get freight and people through the city without impeding traffic
- Palmdale to Oakdale road
- Fixing Yosemite traffic, take traffic away from Hatch
- Need to transport trucks
- Clarabelle and tying it with 132

Medium Distance Commute

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Transportation Scenarios Community Voices and Priorities



Community Voices (continued)

- Need to alleviate traffic
- Turlock and Patterson (east west traffic)
- Widen Crows Landing (North to South corridor)
- Lots of action in North part of county, slows development in the rest of region
- Northern Corridor (east west)
- Northern, east west on the 99

Medium Distance Commute

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City of Patterson

Below are citizens' comments from the public workshops in Patterson on their preferred Transportation Priorities:



Improving Mobility for People and Freight Challenges

- Connect more to the Bay Area, more than just local area
- Connecting business and government economic systems
- Enhancing funding to improve this aspect
- Relate transportation in the west side to the whole region, i.e. BART, Alameda County
- East - west transportation corridor
- Must have money to start improvements from state/federal/local
- Patterson has been a leader in collection money and finding grants for developments for homes, I-5, businesses
- Modesto lacks option to collect business fees
- Possible expressway, and mass transit
- Improving mobility to save transit time
- Everyone wants a car, providing other options could help save money (gas, road improvements, taxes)
- Encourage policymakers to look at public transportation more closely
- Educate the public about mass transportation
- Give college students equal access and options for transit
- More public transit options in terms of bus schedules to match everyday needs



Support Economic and Community Vitality

- Encouraging jobs, and prepare the area for jobs
- Need money to enhance environmental quality
- Improving mobility in tandem with economic infrastructure
- Community support necessary for better quality of life
- With an east/west corridor you can improve the economics of the region

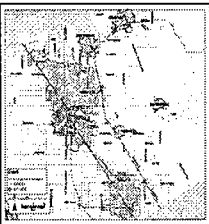


Other Principles and the Challenges

- Improve education system
- Need road access to schools to develop area

Below are the comments and Transportation Scenarios chosen by citizens at the Patterson workshop:

Transportation Scenarios Community Likes and Dislikes



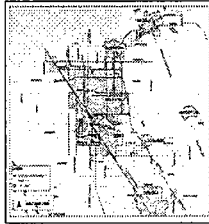
Short Distance Commute

Community Voices

- Linking southern routes to Las Palmas
- M-street intersection...highway 33, Sperry Ave
- Short range must connect to other distance commutes as well
- Too many kids cross M-street, Sperry improvements would benefit us short term
- Need to find money for short term

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Transportation Scenarios Community Likes and Dislikes



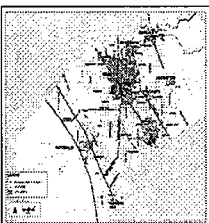
Medium Distance Commute

Community Voices (continued)

- Improve I-5 areas until a interchange can be installed
- Make roads instead of bridges

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Transportation Scenarios Community Likes and Dislikes



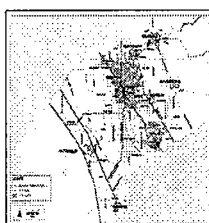
Long Distance Commute

Community Voices

- Westside not connected to the community
- Patterson needs be connected to the bypass
- Need access where freight and trucks are not blocking the daily commute, I-5.
- Longer range expressways
- Zacharias connection, need second bypass
- Long range is going to grow the region's economy
- Increasing Las Palmas to 4 lanes and connecting it to I-5
- Potential problems, more commuters and traffic
- Improvements to Sperry

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Transportation Scenarios Community Likes and Dislikes



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Community Voices (continued)

- Bypass, Patterson to Turlock
- Turlock, Ceres and Modesto connections
- Build around Wetland areas to avoid environmental impact
- 132 needs improvements

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City of Turlock:

Below are citizens' comments from the public workshops in Turlock on their preferred Transportation Priorities:



Improving Mobility for People and Freight Challenges

- More is better.
- Economic development with moving people around the County
- More intersection safety work, start taking care of what we have.
- Safe roads, maintenance money
- Look at SR99 interchanges
- Taking care of truck mobility
- Taking care of I-5 Interchanges
- Need to support Economic/Community as well as improving mobility
- Turlock, 165 interchange improvements
- Equal distribution of funds, sale taxes, project funding
- 132 is important, traffic on 205 is difficult to commute to Bay Area
- Hatch/gear needs improvements
- The balance of roads and housing needs to be address
- Recognize transportation fees should be well distributed
- Mass transportation improvements – people will use it readily



Enhance Environmental Quality Challenges

- Mass transit needed to improve environmental quality
- Control Carbon emissions
- Massive problems – land use, air quality, mobility
- Environmental issues must be taken into account to prevent future problems that cannot be fixed



Support Economic and Community Vitality Challenges

- More facilities locally cuts down commuting
- Less impact on the environment, roads, etc.
- This is the engine to drive vitality across the Region

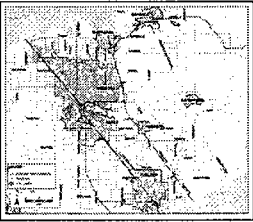


Other Principles and the Challenges

- Improvement maintenance, rather than expansion
- Bike concerns, more safety improvements
- More Bike Lanes
- More mass transit

Below are the comments and Transportation Scenarios chosen by citizens at the Turlock workshop:

Transportation Scenarios *Community Values Transportation Choices*



Short Range Commute

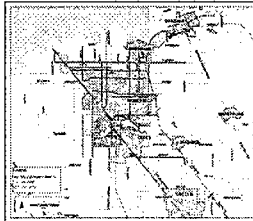
Transportation Priorities

LIKED THE MOST

- 165 Interchange -- Turlock
- SR99 Hatch and Kansas Improvements to improve traffic
- 132 downtown area rerouting
- 165 going help the corridor
- Going west and east over the railroad
- Westmain interchange is going to drive industrial growth = more jobs
- Washington Keys road ->
- Westmain over the I-5
- Bicycle routes and projects

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Medium Range Commute

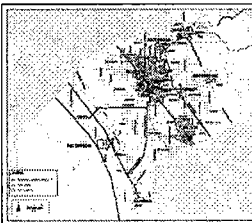
Transportation Priorities

LIKED THE MOST

- Washington connection to Keys road Interchange
- West Main Corridor to I-5
- Deer Road to Oakdale for university uses

lanCOG 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Table Number: Workshop Location:

Transportation Scenarios *Community Values Transportation Choices*



Long Distance Commute

Transportation Priorities

LIKED THE MOST

- Westmain expressway
- Lost Palm Interchange
- Regional rail in Turlock and Modesto
- Stations in Turlock and Modesto
- Long range commute is very important to many members of our community
- Expanding travel routes in the area
- Widening of Grayson Road
- Santa Fe Corridor
- Didn't like widening of Gear,
- community wants more local access
- Didn't like limited Whitmore improvements
- Didn't like non widening of Palmdale
- Didn't like non projects on liverfrost

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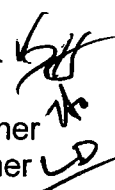
- Didn't like imbalance of projects in north county, and west area.




Information Items

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: Consolidated Planning Committee
Citizens Advisory Committee
Technical Advisory Committee Staff Report
Information

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director 

FROM: Vince Angelino, Associate Planner
Lark Downs, Sr. Regional Planner 

DATE: March 20, 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:

- StanCOG staff is working with the consulting firm of Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG) to accomplish several tasks:
 1. Outreach Workshops – staff is presently involved in a series of seven Blueprint Public Outreach Workshops for March and April 2007. To fully provide input from all areas of the County, seven workshops are scheduled in various locations throughout the County:

Modesto-North / Salida

Tuesday, March 20
5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Workshop
Salida Library

4835 Sisk Road, Salida

Turlock

Tuesday, April 3

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Workshop

Turlock City Council Chambers

156 South Broadway Avenue, Turlock

Patterson, Newman, Crows Landing

Wednesday, April 4

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Workshop

Patterson City Council Chambers

1 Plaza, Patterson

Modesto-South / Hughson / Keyes

Thursday, April 5

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Workshop

Harvest Hall, Stanislaus Ag Center

3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

Oakdale / Riverbank / Waterford

Tuesday, April 10

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Workshop

Oakdale Community Center

110 2nd Street, Oakdale

Ceres

Thursday, April 12

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Workshop

Ceres City Council Chambers

2210 Magnolia Street, Ceres

Spanish Language Workshop

Thursday, April 26

11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Registration

11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Workshop

El Concilio

1314 H Street, Modesto

2. Small Group Facilitator Training – At each Outreach Workshop, several volunteer “assistant” facilitators will be utilized to aid the general public attendees. One assistant will be at each table to further help the attendees clarify issues. MIG has requested that the volunteers come from the respective jurisdictions, and will

provide facilitator training to the potential assistants. StanCOG staff will be contacting each jurisdiction for volunteers. Twenty-two people attended the Small Group Facilitator Training that was held on March 19 at the StanCOG office.

StanCOG Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) – The BRAC is composed of six representatives from each of the eight counties in the San Joaquin Valley. The purpose of the BRAC is to make regional recommendations pertaining to the creation of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint. Modesto Mayor and Policy Board Chairman Jim Ridenour is the Chair of the Stanislaus County BRAC.

The next meeting of the BRAC will be Thursday, March 22 at Lemoore in Kings County.

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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 February 28, 2007

Members Attending: Dennis Wann, Bill Axtell, Stephen Bonrepos, Gil Bostwick, Ed Maring, Keith Silva, Andrew Van Allen,

Members Not Attending: Dwight Bateman, Reginald Bronner, Amanda Evans, Doug Sweetland, Dennis Wilson

Also Present: Greg Dugovic (City of Waterford), Vince Harris, Executive Director, Lark Downs, Terri Estes, (StanCOG)

Chairman Dennis Wann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Participation

Chair Wann welcomed Greg Dugovic. Mr. Dugovic is a potential Citizens Advisory Committee candidate.

Mr. Downs thanked Andrew Van Allen for his eight years of service and presented him a plaque.

In reference to the unavailability of items 5 and 6, Chair Wann stated that he would prefer to receive the "Motion" staff reports prior to the meetings in order to have sufficient time to review. Mr. Harris stated that it is the goal of staff to provide the Committee members with all agenda items one week in advance of their meeting. However, due to the complexity of the two motion items, additional staff preparation was required.

2. Adopt Minutes of Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting (01.03.07 and 01.31.07)

By Motion (Maring/Bonrepos) and unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of the January 3 and January 31, 2007 meetings.

3. Update – 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 discussed that the deadline has been moved up because of the new SAFETEA-LU rules. Chair Wann asked if the public workshop comments will be included in the RTP. Chair Wann asked to review all of the comments from the RTP workshops. Mr. Downs reviewed the 3 top citizen concerns of which included movement of goods and people, economic development, and short range and long range trips. Mr. Bonrepos commented on the absence of certain projects on workshop maps. Mr. Harris said that the consultants were providing maps that were representative of what would be available.

Mr. Downs stated that this 2007 RTP is more involved since we are required to meet additional compliance issues per the FHWA. Mr. Wann suggested utilizing more GIS strategies and take advantage of the technology he believes will help in clarification of project locations, etc.

4. Highway J-59 Concept Study

Mr. Harris presented this item. He explained the benefits to Tuolumne County if this becomes a state highway and that this funding is for project study only. He explained this project has match funding requirements. He said these funds will come out of our 2007/08 budget if approved by the StanCOG Policy Board. Chair Wann asked how much funding will be required of our portion. Mr. Harris stated that we will provide \$21,887, but he believes it may be lower and he will discuss with Peter Rei from Tuolumne County. Mr. Harris said this will come out of our Local Transportation Funds (LTF) or Contingencies account.

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

Although the staff report was unavailable for Committee review, Mr. Harris provided details. He explained the proposed amendment to the 2006/07 Line Item Budget changes and the proposed 2006/07 OWP amendment that will decrease the net OWP by \$31,572.00. He added this is an opportunity to transfer funds to those work elements behind and ahead of schedule in order to keep the budget balanced. Mr. Bonrepos asked for clarification that this amendment will only be changing allocations, not the bottom line of the budget. Mr. Harris said that is correct.

No action was taken.

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

Mr. Harris explained each category to the Committee. He added Commute Connection to the Contract Administration section which was not included of the staff report.

Mr. Silva said that it would be more informative to have a dollar amount listed in the staffing level section. Mr. Harris said when the OWP comes out, that information will be provided.

By Motion (Bonrepos/Maring) and unanimous vote, the Committee approved to direct staff to complete preparation of the draft 2007/08 OWP and Budget consistent with this staff report.

7. Information Items

7A. Update on Blueprint Regional Planning Process

Mr. Downs presented this report and distributed the Blueprint mailers and a mock-up of the color brochure that is to be printed. He recommended attendance of the workshops.

8. Stanislaus Council of Governments Advisory Committees Minutes

Included in agenda.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Harris distributed a California Transportation Commission (CTC) document which explains the revisions to the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) project information. He discussed the \$4.5 Billion amount available for fully programmed projects. He also discussed guidelines approved December 8, 2006 by the CTC. He reviewed that our No. 1 project for CMIA funding is the SR 219 project. He said that both phases have been awarded, as shown in the staff report attachment. He discussed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding amount necessary to assist in the application for those funds and as a result, other projects in Stanislaus County may be held off in order to fund SR 219. Mr. Harris added that this is a great opportunity to show that StanCOG can deliver large projects and he sees this as a positive move.

There was extensive discussion regarding deadlines, projects, and project delivery. Mr. Silva expressed his opinion on the sales tax measure and government prioritization of funding.

10. Members Closing Comments

Chair Wann thanked Greg Dugovic for attending and congratulated Andrew Van Allen for his eight years of service on the Citizens Committee. He thanked him and wished him well.

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



Terri Estes
Administrative Assistant III

Next Meeting:
March 28, 2007 7:00 PM
StanCOG Conference Room
900 H Street, Suite D
Modesto

Item 7B
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