



POLICY BOARD
Tenth Street Place
1010 10th Street Basement Chamber
Modesto, CA
April 11, 2007
6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to the discretion of the Chair.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

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| A. Adopt Minutes of Policy Board (02.14.07) | MOTION |
| B. FY 2006/07 Transportation Development Act Fund Amended Transit Claims:
City of Turlock and County of Stanislaus | RESOLUTION |
| C. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
City of Ceres | RESOLUTION |
| D. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
City of Riverbank | RESOLUTION |
| E. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
City of Turlock | RESOLUTION |
| F. FY 2006/07 Local Transportation Fund Non-Transit Claim:
County of Stanislaus | RESOLUTION |
| G. FY 2007/08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Reduction | RESOLUTION |

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS
 - A. State Route 132 Infill Project Construction Change Order Policy
6. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - A. Update – Blueprint Regional Planning Process
7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES
 - A. Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes (03.28.07)
8. CALTRANS REPORT
9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

MOTION

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:

May 9, 2007 – 6:00 P.M.

Tenth Street Place

Basement Chambers

1010 10th Street

Modesto, CA

Consent Items

StanCOG Policy Board
Minutes
February 14, 2007

Present: Bill O'Brien, County of Stanislaus; Jeff Grover, County of Stanislaus; Anthony Cannella, City of Ceres; Stephen Qualls, City of Hughson; Jim Ridenour, City of Modesto; Brad Hawn, City of Modesto; Janice Keating, City of Modesto; John Fantazia, City of Newman; Farrell Jackson, City of Oakdale, Becky Campo, City of Patterson; Chris Crifasi, City of Riverbank; Ted Howze, City of Turlock; William Broderick, City of Waterford

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

Also

Present: Jane Perez, Caltrans District 10, Jennifer Alves, Neumiller and Beardslee

Chair Ridenour called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENIZED

Counsel Alves presented this.

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 Policy Board members present or, if less than two-thirds of the Board members are present, a unanimous vote.

Counsel Alves said the two items requested to be late agendized are declared emergency items and notified the Board that action is needed to include them in this meeting agenda.

By Motion, (Fantazia/Qualls, unanimous) Proposition 1-B - StanCOG's STIP Augmentation Programming was added to the agenda as Item 5 G.

By Motion, (DeMartini/Jackson, unanimous) Adoption of Amendment #1, 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program was added to the agenda as Item 5 H.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Adopt Minutes of Policy Board (01.10.07)

B. Revision of the Previously Adopted Fiscal Year 2006-07 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Non-Transit Apportionment

RESOLUTION 06-18

C. Fiscal Year 2007/08 Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionment

RESOLUTION 06-23

D. Executive Director Contract

RESOLUTION 06-24

BY MOTION, (Jackson/Hawn, unanimous) the Policy Board approved the consent calendar item.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Dominic Spaethling, Consultant to Caltrans:
Strategic Business Plan for the San Joaquin Rail Corridor

Tabled to March meeting by direction of the Chair.

By Motion, (Qualls/Howe, unanimous) the presentation by Dominic Spaethling, Consultant to Caltrans, Strategic Business Plan for the San Joaquin Rail Corridor is tabled until the March Policy Board meeting.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(NONE)

5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS

The Emergency Action Items will be heard first, by the direction of Chair Ridenour.

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

Mr. Harris introduced these item and stated they needed to be acted on this evening in order to meet the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) project selection schedule of February 16, 2007.

Mayor Cannella expressed concern that the Whitmore Interchange project would not receive the money allocated to that project; Mr. Harris assured him that no overall priorities were taken out of the State Transportation Improvement Program. STIP dollars are still allocated to the project. Caltrans has notified staff there is a cost increase on the Whitmore Interchange. Staff strategy for the project includes advancing the request for STIP 2008 funds, to assure the construction on this project will begin on time.

The CMIA is new money. The money for Whitmore Interchange was programmed STIP money and that has not been disturbed. The cost increase is the current issue that is being resolved now.

The Policy Board members agreed that should the cost increase become an "overage" there is money available in the 2008 STIP to be used for the project.

By Motion, (Grover/Fantazia, unanimous) the Policy Board, by Resolution, approved State Route 219, Phases 1 and 2, as StanCOG's project for STIP Augmentation Programming.

RESOLUTION 06-29

H. Adoption of Amendment #1, 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

This item was presented to the Policy Board in December as a Motion item. Caltrans requires a Resolution before approval can be given for this Amendment to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

By Motion, (Fantazia/Campo, unanimous) the Policy Board adopted a Resolution for Amendment #1, 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

RESOLUTION 06-28

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

Mr. Harris presented this report.

By Motion, (Howe/Keating, unanimous) the Policy Board adopted the 2007/08 Unmet Transit Needs Report by Resolution.

RESOLUTION 06-25

B. Update on 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Environmental Impact Report
Mr. Downs discussed the upcoming Public Workshops and the need to make sure the public is involved in the process. Comments from the public will be addressed in the draft RTP. Comments received, so far, reflect the needs of the area where the Workshop was presented. The schedule calls for the Final Regional Transportation Plan to come to the Policy Board in May 2007. Additionally, FHWA requires all San Joaquin Valley MPOs to have their updated RTPs' submitted and approved by Caltrans and FHWA by June 30, 2007.

C. Nominate and Elect Executive Committee Representatives from Small/Medium Cities
Chair Ridenour opened nominations for Executive Committee Representatives from the Small/Medium Cities. Mayor Fantazia, City of Newman and Council member Qualls, City of Hughson were nominated for the positions. No further nominations were received.
By Motion, (Ridenour/Jackson, unanimous) Mayor John Fantazia and Council member Stephen Qualls were elected to serve on the StanCOG Executive Committee.

D. Nominate and Elect Vice-Chair for Balance of FY 2006/07
Chair Ridenour opened nominations for the Vice-Chair for the balance of FY 2006/07. Mayor Fantazia was nominated for this position. No further nominations were received.
By Motion, (Ridenour/Grover, unanimous) Mayor Fantazia was elected as Vice-chair for the balance of FY 2006/07.

E. Approval of Amendment #2 to the Rajappan & Meyer Contract for Construction Services on SR 132 E Infill Project

Mr. Harris reviewed this report and opened the discussion for questions from the members. Members asked about the contractor, the amount of the contract and how the contractor would bill for services.

Mr. Harris said this was a planned expenditure. The amount of the contract is reasonable compared with the cost of construction. He also explained that it is standard practice to use the Engineer of Record because the design work was done by this firm. When conflicts occur or changes need to be made, i.e., utilities not where expected, or other construction problems, the Engineer is contacted to resolve the issue. The firm is responsible and liable for those changes. This contract will provide support at the pre-construction meeting, during construction (to provide shop drawings, review and resolve problems when changes need to be made and respond to requests for information.) The billing is actual time by the contractor.

Supervisor DeMartini questioned the amount that this contractor has received to date for the services provided in the original contract and the amount requested for this contract. Members reviewed the services, the design work, including schematics and right-of-way for the 2 ½ miles for this project.

By Motion, (Hawn/Keating, DeMartini abstain) the Policy Board approved and authorized, by Resolution, the Executive Director to execute Amendment #2 to Rajappan and Meyer, Inc. for a maximum amount of \$139,000.

RESOLUTION 06-22

F. FY 2006/07 Overall Work Program and Budget Amendment No. 3 - Funding for Facilitation Services for Mayors/Supervisors Growth Management Strategy meeting

Mr. Harris presented this item and corrected the not to exceed amount to \$3,759.68. Specific amounts were received after the staff report was written. Chair Ridenour explained a grant has been applied for to allow the Mayors/Supervisors Growth Management Strategy committee to fund the necessary facilitation services that will be needed for the group. Meeting agendas are posted and minutes are available. Mayors disseminate information to their councils.

By Motion, (Cannella/Campo, unanimous) the Policy Board approved, by separate Resolutions, Amendment #2 to the StanCOG FY Overall Work Program and Budget.

RESOLUTION 06-26

RESOLUTION 06-27

6. INFORMATION ITEM

Included in Agenda Packet.

Mayor Cannella stated there are problems with the Information Item 6B, "Use it or Lose it Policy", timelines. Mr. Harris explained this is a draft version only. This item will be brought back through the Advisory Committees for consensus before it is brought to the Policy Board and approval by the Policy Board is requested.

7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Included in Agenda Packet.

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Ms. Perez announced the Governor's appointment of Mr. Dale Bonner as Secretary of Business and Housing. The Senate has not confirmed this appointment as of this date.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Harris reported on the following subjects:

- The CMIA application has been submitted to the California Transportation Commission and a letter to the Executive Director with a copy of the Resolution will follow immediately.
- Request for Proposals for State Route 132 Connectivity Study (East and West of SR 99) has been released.
- The invoice to Caltrans for advanced funding for State Route 132 has been transmitted. Expected construction on this project to begin in approximately 45 days.
- The Public Outreach Workshops for the Regional Transportation Plan are underway.
- He was interviewed by the Modesto Bee Editorial Board regarding transportation issues.
- He spoke before the Leadership Turlock group regarding transportation issues.
- Staff continues to participate on the monthly conference calls for the regional Blue Print process. These calls include the eight valley San Joaquin Valley COGs.
- He and Keith Boggs are participating in the Northern California Logistics group. The group is working to formulate a joint application to be able to submit for the Trade Corridor Bond.
- Staff continues to attend Valley COG Directors meetings, CalCOG meetings, CTC and RTPA meetings.
- He attended the memorial service for Director Kempton's daughter.
- In response to Council Member Keating's questions of the work East of McHenry on State Route 219, a consultant has been hired to review the North County Corridor Project and a presentation is scheduled for the March Policy Board meeting.
- The financial Audit for last year has been completed. Kudos to staff, Vince Canales and Robin Whitehead for their efforts on this task.
- Mayor Farrell Jackson has been appointed to the San Joaquin Partnership by the Governor.
- The Harris family has moved to Modesto and is very happy.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council member Keating asked about the monthly work being done for State Route 132 (County's #1 priority) and the PSR for the Trade Corridor Bond. STIP Federal Demonstration funds are available for the West side of State Route 132, and StanCOG is currently working with Caltrans on an application submittal. The problem continues to be the matching dollars when contemplating Bond money or

federal funds. Supervisor Grover said at this point we are the weaker partner and if partners with the ability to have match money include us in a group, we should continue to work with them.

Council member Qualls is associated with the League of California Cities and that group is discussing the Self Help Counties and match money and working with legislators to address this issue of unfairness.

ADJOURNMENT

Vincent J. Harris



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City of Riverbank • City of Turlock • City of Waterford • County of Stanislaus

TO: Policy Board
THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*
FROM: Vincent Canales, Finance Director *VC*
Robin Whitehead, Budget & Grants Coordinator *RW*
DATE: March 30, 2007
SUBJECT: FY 2006/07 Transportation Development Act Fund
Amended Transit Claims: City of Turlock and County of Stanislaus

Staff Report
Resolution

Recommendation

BY RESOLUTION, 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.

Committee Actions

This report was submitted to the Consolidated Planning Committee and to the Technical Advisory Committee. Each committee concurred with staff's recommendation.

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f:c/5209 & 5210 2006/07
v:\data\robin\tda06-07\Turlock & County amended transit claims to Board 2006-07

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 City of Riverbank • City of Turlock • City of Waterford • County of Stanislaus

TO: Policy Board Staff Report
Resolution

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

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

DATE: March 30, 2007

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

Recommendation

BY RESOLUTION, based on the findings and comments below, 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	<u>798,177</u>
		\$ 831,715

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.

Committee Actions

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TO: Policy Board Staff Report
Resolution

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

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

DATE: March 30, 2007

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

Recommendation

BY RESOLUTION, based on the findings and comments below, 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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Committee Actions

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TO: Policy Board Staff Report
Resolution

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

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

DATE: March 30, 2007

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

Recommendation

BY RESOLUTION, based on the findings and comments below, 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	\$ 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: Policy Board Staff Report
Resolution

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

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

DATE: March 30, 2007

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

Recommendation

BY RESOLUTION, based on the findings and comments below, 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	\$ 99,462
Streets	LTF-99400a	<u>2,362,991</u>
		\$2,462,453

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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- (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.
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Committee Actions


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TO: Policy Board

STAFF REPORT
RESOLUTION

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director 

FROM: Vincent Canales, Finance Director 

DATE: April 3, 2007

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

Recommendation

BY RESOLUTION, reduced 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's 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.

Committee Actions

This report was submitted to the Consolidated Planning Committee and to the Technical Advisory Committee. Each committee concurred with staff's recommendations.

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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

Received

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 black ink 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 Account Fund PUC 99313 Allocations	Proposition 1B Fund PUC 99313 Allocations	Public Transportation Account Fund PUC 99314 Allocations	Proposition 1B Fund PUC 99314 Allocations	2007-2008 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



Public Hearing

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: Policy Board Staff Report
Public Hearing

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

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

DATE: April 3, 2007

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

Recommendation

Hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Draft 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Background

As required by federal and state regulations, as well as the StanCOG Public Participation Plan, a public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comments on the 2007 regional Transportation Plan and its supporting documents. The official public comment period ends on April 19, and all comments received will be addressed in a response to comments section of the Environmental Impact Report.

Discussion

Interwest Consulting Group of Elk Grove will make a short presentation on the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan.

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.

Attached for your information is a summary of the public input from the three RTP Public Workshops held in early February in Turlock, Patterson, and Modesto.

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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	1st Priority	2nd 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

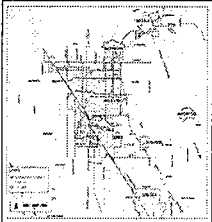
- This category includes all the other categories that's why it's number one
- Improving the roads, timing the stop lights, pullouts for buses
- Dedicated bus lanes, BRT express services
- East west corridor
- Keep 99 traffic out of Modesto
- Oakdale bypass

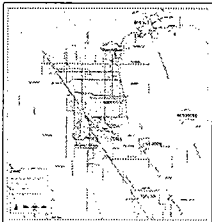


Operate the Regional Transportation System Safely & Efficiently

- 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 Likes and Dislikes
	<p><i>Community Voices</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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
<p>Medium Distance Commute</p>	
<p>lanCOG 2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN <i>Community Voices Transportation Choices</i></p>	

Transportation Scenarios	Community Likes and Dislikes
	<p><i>Community Voices (continued)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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)
<p>Medium Distance Commute</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Northern, east west on the 99
<p>lanCOG 2007 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN <i>Community Voices Transportation Choices</i></p>	

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

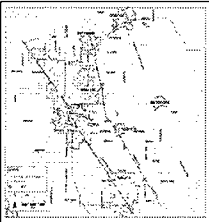


Other Principles and the Challenges

- 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




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

Short Distance Commute

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Transportation Scenarios Community Likes and Dislikes



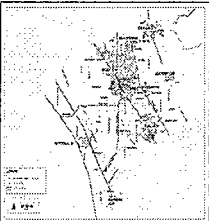
Community Voices (continued)

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

Medium Distance Commute

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Transportation Scenarios Community Likes and Dislikes



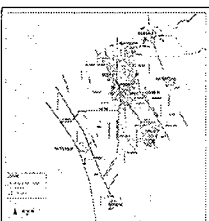
Community Voices

- 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

Long Distance Commute

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Transportation Scenarios Community Likes and Dislikes



Community Voices (continued)

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

Long Distance Commute

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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

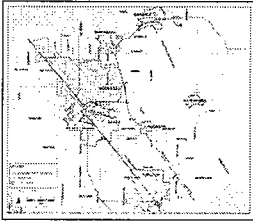


Other Principles and the Challenges

- 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

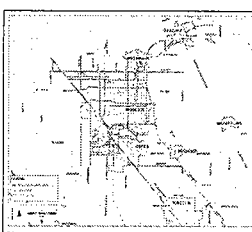
LIKED THE MOST

- 165 Interchange – Turlock
- SR99 Hatch and Kansas Improvements to improve traffic
- 132 downtown area rerouting
- 166 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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Workshop Location:

Transportation Scenarios *Community Values Transportation Choices*



Medium Range Commute

Transportation Priorities

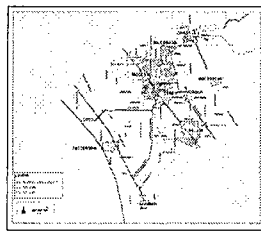
LIKED THE MOST

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

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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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Workshop Location:

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



Oral Reports



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: Policy Board

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*

FROM: Charles Turner, Associate Planner *CT*

DATE: April 4, 2007

SUBJECT: State Route 132 Infill Project Construction Change Order Policy

Staff Report
 Motion

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:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) The Executive Director's cumulative CCO authority shall not exceed a maximum of 10% of the Policy Board approved construction contract award amount. Therefore, the Executive Director's maximum cumulative authority is \$594,332 for this project.
- 4) All CCOs over \$50,000.00, and/or over 20 working days or that have exceeded the Executive Director's maximum cumulative authority, must be approved by the StanCOG Executive Committee on behalf of the StanCOG Policy Board.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) After Final Acceptance of the construction contract, all outstanding CCOs and/or claims will be approved by the StanCOG Policy Board.

Committee Action

This item was brought before the Consolidated Planning Committee, the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee. At the request of the Committees, paragraph 3 was added to clarify the Executive Director's cumulative authority; and paragraph 4 was revised to correspond to the added section. With these changes reflected, each Committee concurred with staff's revised recommendation.





Information Items

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TO: Policy Board

Staff Report
Information

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director 

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

DATE: April 3, 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

Outcome: The Workshop was very successful. Approximately 80 people attended.

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

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.

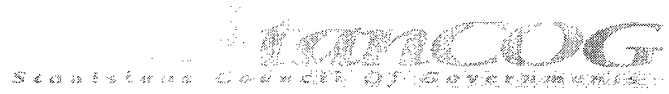
- StanCOG Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) – The BRAC is

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 Valley-wide BRAC met Thursday, March 22 in Lemoore in Kings County. Nathan Magsig, Clovis City Council / Fresno Council of Governments was elected Chair. Rob Ball, Senior Planner of the Kern County Association of Governments presented the Blueprint Model Base Case 2050 Land Use Scenario. The Committee also discussed valley wide issues and the importance of prioritizing the guiding principles of the Blueprint process. The date of the next BRAC meeting will be announced.

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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.

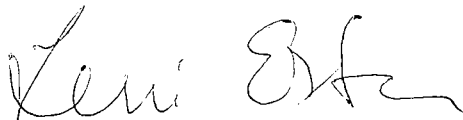
There was extensive discussion regarding SR 132 safety, Crows Landing Facility, and funding.

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.



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Next Meeting:
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