



POLICY BOARD  
 Tenth Street Place  
 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
 City County Chambers  
 Modesto, CA  
 October 10, 2007  
 6:00 PM

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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

- A. Adopt Minutes of Policy Board (09.12.07)
- B. 2008 Meeting Schedule

MOTION  
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3. PRESENTATIONS  
 (NONE)

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS  
 (NONE)

5. ORAL REPORT ITEMS

- A. 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 5:  
 (Type 3, Formal Amendment)
- B. Request from the City of Turlock for an Exemption to the Transportation  
 Development Act Farebox Ratio Requirement
- C. Temporary Professional Services-Approval of On-Call Consultant Contract  
 with Interwest Consulting Group
- D. FY 2007/08 Budget & Overall Work Program Amendment #1
- E. Blueprint Draft Goals, Objectives, and Performance Indicators

RESOLUTION  
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 DISCUSSION

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Update on the 2004 StanCOG Public Participation Plan
- B. Fiscal Year 2007-08 Non-Transit Claims
- C. Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Global Climate Change and the Preparation of CEQA/EIR Documents

7. STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. Citizens Committee Minutes: (09.26.07)
- B. Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee: (09.12.07)

8. CALTRANS REPORT

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. CLOSED SESSION

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE Section 54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiators

(a) Property: (APN 033-078-002;-04;-05)

Agency negotiator: Vince Harris (DeeAnne Gillick and Jennifer Alves)

Negotiating Parties: Stanislaus Council of Governments and  
Bright Development (Carol Bright and John Dunn)

Under negotiation: Both price and terms of payment.

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

12. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

*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

November 14, 2007 – 6:00 P.M.

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# Consent Items

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

Staff Present: Vince Harris, Vince Canales, Lark Downs, Carlos Yamzon, CJ Johnson

Also Present: Jane Perez, Caltrans District 10, DeeAnne Gillick, Neumiller and Beardslee  
Chair Fantazia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

### 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Adopt Minutes of Policy Board (08.27.07)

BY MOTION, (Grover/Ridenour, unanimous) the Policy Board adopted the consent calendar.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Update of North County Corridor Feasibility Study - Jose Silva, Nolte Associates  
Nolte Associates representatives, Steve Hyatt, Jose Silva and Dean Halstead gave the presentation. This is an update from the March 2007 meeting. Consultants reminded all that this is a feasibility study, it is not the study that will decide what alignment the construction project will use. Visual presentations were used to show a clearer picture of what is under study at this time. This concept report will generate more studies before any final decisions can be made. The alternatives from this study will be used to assist in the selection of the alternative that will best answer the needs of the community and the specifications of state and federal partners. This Feasibility Study is moving forwards on a plan to provide an east to west connection within Stanislaus County.

Mayor Jackson thanked the Consultants for the meetings that have been held and the understanding that was given to areas of concern/sensitivities by the citizens.

Supervisor O'Brien briefly mentioned the tour of the Bypass for SR 4 and the new ideas that were used to expedite the building of this bypass. He said more study is needed to see if the North County Corridor could benefit from this experience. The Bypass for SR4 is being built by developers in conjunction with the cities and county from that area. Upon completion of the project, it will be turned over to Caltrans. It is a very expensive, lengthy process that the joint venture of the builders, the cities and the county are accomplishing much faster than Caltrans is currently able to proceed.

B. Update of Trade Corridors Improvement Program Funding -- Draft List of Projects Vince Harris, and, Presentation by the West Park Inland Port Consultant Team

Mr. Harris reviewed the staff report and briefly discussed the proposed list of projects that have been identified by the joint northern California Transportation Planning Agencies. At this time, Stanislaus County maintains two projects - State Route 132 Improvements in Phase 2; and the Crows Landing Short Haul Rail Project in Phase 1.

Mr. Gerry Kamilos, developer elect for the West Park Project Redevelopment at the Crows Landing Naval Facility, delivered this presentation of the short haul rail configuration that will connect Inland

Port (Crows Landing) to the Port of Oakland. Presentations have been made throughout the county that included detailed descriptions of the full West Park project. Mr. Kamilos discussed the specifics for the short haul rail, including the engineering report that has been completed. He mentioned the amount of cars, engines and timing for the trains that will be using the tracks; and the reasoning behind these figures. Supervisor DeMartini asked what authority gives West Park the right to say how long the cars would be and when they would run. The authority to allow the Inland Port to make those types of decisions would come from the joint control of the County and the developer. He said the discussion about joint control is still in the beginning stages; so, there are no specific details at this time. This project is not final. Before a final specific set of particulars can be established, an Environmental Impact Report must be done; and mitigation decisions must be made, said Mr. Kamilos.

Supervisor DeMartini and Mayor Campo requested physical addresses for the West Park offices. Mr. Kamilos will get the information to them. Supervisor DeMartini continued to express concern whether the developer would be able to complete the project.

Council member Vierra stepped away from the dias after disclosing that the company he works for does business with Mr. Kamilos as part of the West Park Project team.

Mayor Campo expressed concern about the latest report and said it brought up more questions about the project and its viability. She asked if mitigation measures for negative impacts in the surrounding area would be part of the application or would those concerns wait until the Environmental Impact Report product. Mr. Kamilos noted that the model has been retooled, and they are continuing to pursue additional avenues if it is necessary, including grade separations and crossing improvements. He stated a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document would be required and possibly a National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA) would be required and the regulations to process those documents must be followed. Mayor Campo asked how many jobs from this project are expected at the build out year of 2021. Mr. Kamilos said projection is 37,000 at build out. He said this includes the other relationships (agricultural and industrial) that the rail project anticipates. Mayor Campo asked who would benefit from this project. Mr. Kamilos answered this would provide economic development pools for the county, as well as the proximity of the project by the I-5 corridor, and the employee resources that are now commuting over the hill to the Bay Area. He discussed the letter that was received from the Port of Oakland.

Council member Keating asked why Crows Landing is considered a Phase 1 project and State Route 132 a Phase 2 project when this body (the StanCOG Policy Board) has designated State Route 132 as our priority project. Mr. Harris explained the designation has to do with the type of funds that the application is directed toward. These funds are specifically for improvements along trade corridors of national significance related to improving goods movement. State Route 132 is not as qualified for this specific funding, because (1) currently only a portion of the required match has been identified, and (2) our initial Phase 132 Project does not connect far enough westerly to qualify as a trade corridor of national significance.

Policy Board members continued to discuss this project and details with Mr. Kamilos. They expressed that there are still many questions to be answered. Mr. Kamilos agreed we have to work together to optimize opportunities and he will meet with jurisdictions. He acknowledges there is a long way to go and he will continue to receive public input until the project is ready for finalization.

Supervisor Grover acknowledged Executive Directory Andy Chesley, San Joaquin Council of Governments, who was in the audience. Supervisor Grover said it is a positive step for the Valley to be included in the Joint Northern California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies group that is working on the Trade Corridor Plan.