

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM
STANCOG POLICY BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA 95354**

**Minutes of February 6, 2023 (Monday)
12:00 pm**

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), members of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Executive Committee and staff participated in this meeting via teleconference or at 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto, California. Members of the public were able to attend in person or participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment in real time during the meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien (City of Riverbank); Sue Zwahlen (City of Modesto); Vito Chiesa (Stanislaus County)

ALSO PRESENT: Melany Arriola, Hazel Choi, Karen Dunger, Emma Goldsmith, Elisabeth Hahn, Clarissa Hernlund, Cindy Malekos, Josey Oshana, Rosa Park, Shannon Silva, Nick St Cook, Monica Streeter (StanCOG); Tanner Anderson-Smith (Infinity Technologies); Jen Covino (Simon & Company); Gus Khouri (Khouri Consulting); Adam Barth (StanRTA); Dan Leavitt (ACE)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terry Withrow called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023

B. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Accept the Measure L Funds Received and Investment Recap Report

C. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution the Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates for State Route (SR) 132 Needham Street to Gates Road/Paradise Road

D. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution Amendment 2 to the Community Transportation Needs Assessment Contract with Toole Design Group, LLC

***By Motion (Member Sue Zwahlen/Member Vito Chiesa), and a unanimous vote,** the Executive Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve the 2023 Federal Legislative Platform

Jen Covino provided an update on federal meetings planned for the spring in Washington, DC. She also reviewed the legislative platform that would be pursued. Adam Barth and Dan Leavitt said their agencies were submitting applications for federal grants and would appreciate StanCOG's support. Member Sue Zwahlen thought there was a strong case for the funding.

***By Motion (Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien/Member Vito Chiesa), and a unanimous vote,** the Executive Committee recommended that the Policy Board approve the 2023 Federal Legislative Platform.

B. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve the 2023 State Legislative Platform

Gus Khouri reviewed the proposed state platform that StanCOG would focus on during the year. He indicated that legislators were meeting in person again and suggested a day be planned to meet with state officials.

***By Motion (Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien/Member Vito Chiesa), and a unanimous vote,** the Executive Committee recommended that the Policy Board approve the 2023 State Legislative Platform.

C. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Accept the FY 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements and the Independent Auditors Policy Board Report

Karen Dunger indicated that the financial audit had been completed and that it was considered a 'clean' audit with no findings.

***By Motion (Member Sue Zwahlen/Member Vito Chiesa), and a unanimous vote,** the Executive Committee recommended the Policy Board accept the FY 2021/22 Audited Financial Statements and the Independent Auditors Policy Board Report.

E. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution the Measure L Regional Control Project Cooperative Agreement with the City of Ceres for Right of Way (ROW) Support for the State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road Interchange Project

Karen Dunger and Rosa Park discussed the cooperative agreement for the project.

***By Motion (Member Vito Chiesa/Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien), and a unanimous vote,** the Executive Committee recommended that the Policy Board approve by resolution the Measure L Regional Control Project Cooperative Agreement with the City of Ceres for Right of Way (ROW) Support for the State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road Interchange Project.

E. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution the FY 2022/23 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Apportionments

Karen Dunger indicated that the estimate from the Auditor-Controller was \$32 million and that the state estimate received was \$6.9 million.

***By Motion (Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien/Member Sue Zwahlen), and a unanimous vote,** the Executive Committee recommended that the Policy Board approve by resolution the FY

2022/23 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Apportionments.

F. FY 2023/24 Draft Budget and Overall Work Program (OWP)

Karen Dunger said that StanCOG Management met with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Caltrans regarding the requirements for the FY 2023/24 OWP. She said it was being prepared for submittal to them for their review by March 1st.

G. Discussion Regarding Selection of Calendar Year 2023 Policy Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Committee Members

Cindy Malekos reviewed the process for selecting the Policy Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive committee members. Monica Streeter further detailed the process for nominations and voting which would take place at the February 15th Policy Board meeting.

H. Draft March Policy Board Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Rosa Park reported that she and Member Rosa Escutia-Braaton attended the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference.

7. MEMBER REPORTS

Member Sue Zwahlen reported she attended a mayor's conference in Washington, DC in January.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terry Withrow adjourned the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Next Regularly-Scheduled Executive Committee Meeting:

March 9, 2023 (Thursday) @ 12:00 pm

Minutes Prepared By:



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