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POLICY BOARD MEETING

**StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA**

**Minutes of September 16, 2015 (Wednesday)
6:00 pm**

PRESENT: Chair Vito Chiesa, Jim DeMartini, Dick Monteith, Bill O'Brien (Stanislaus County); Mike Kline (City of Ceres); Raul Mendez (City of Hughson); Jenny Kenoyer, Bill Zoslocki (City of Patterson); Nick Candea (City of Newman); J.R. McCarty (City of Oakdale); Luis Molina (arrived during Item 4) (City of Patterson); Cal Campbell (City of Riverbank); Mike Van Winkle (City of Waterford)

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Baxter (Caltrans, District 10); Monica Streeter (Neumiller and Beardslee); Jeanette Fabela, Elisabeth Hahn, Cindy Malekos, Isael Ojeda, Rosa Park, Regina Valentine (StanCOG); Scott Calkins (Member of the Public)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vito Chiesa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS-NONE

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Policy Board Minutes of 8/13/15 and 8/19/15

***By Motion (Member Mike Kline/Member Bill O'Brien), and a unanimous vote, the Policy Board approved the Consent Calendar.**

6. PRESENTATION

A. Federal Highway Administration

The Chair announced that this item was pulled from the agenda due to the unforeseen unavailability of the FHWA representative; it was rescheduled for the October 21st Policy Board meeting.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Draft 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 8 and Draft 2015 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Amendment 1 and Corresponding Draft Conformity Analysis

Jeanette Fabela explained that the recent EPA updates had triggered the need for the amendment. She said that a 30-day public review and comment period had commenced on August 31st which was to conclude on September 30th. The public hearing was opened at 6:07 pm. Scott Calkins expressed concerns regarding the 132 West project included in the amendment, and thought that the 30-day period was too short for the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:12 pm.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Designation of State Route 132 as John Muir Highway

Elisabeth Hahn provided an update that all member agencies had passed resolutions of support for this effort except for one (City of Modesto) but that it was anticipated to be completed before the next Policy Board meeting.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information only.

A. Commute Connection Monthly Report – July 2015

B. 2015 FTIP Monthly Project Status Report FFY 2014/15

C. StanCOG Quarterly E-Newsletter

10. CALTRANS REPORT

Ken Baxter provided information on how to submit public concerns on the Caltrans website. He also noted that the California Transportation Plan 2040 was expected to be finalized later in the year. The benefits of public/private partnerships were discussed in regards to the SR-99 beautification project and cleaning up the river.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Rosa Park thanked members Bill O'Brien and Luis Molina for participating in the Valley Voice meetings in Washington, DC earlier in September and noted that they were quoted in newspaper articles about the trip.

12. MEMBER REPORTS

Bill O'Brien reported on the San Joaquin Valley Voice trip to Washington, DC. He said the six priorities that were discussed in meetings with federal officials included water, reauthorization of MAP-21, goods movement, bridges, amendments to the Clean Air Act, and freight rail. Cal Campbell read a letter on behalf of the City of Riverbank thanking Chair Vito Chiesa for his part in resolving the negative bail-out for the county. Chair Chiesa expressed his appreciation to the four state legislators who worked together for the region to correct this wrong.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vito Chiesa adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Policy Board Meeting:

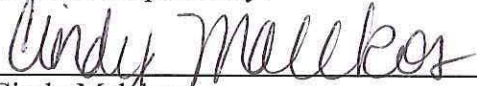
October 21, 2015 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm

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