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**POLICY BOARD MEETING  
VIA WEBINAR**

**Minutes of November 18, 2020 (Wednesday)  
6:00 pm**

In accordance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Board Room was closed to the public, and the Policy Board members and staff participated in this meeting via GoToWebinar. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing measures, members of the public were able to participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment via telephone by calling 209-525-4600 by 3:00 pm on November 18<sup>th</sup>, and by emailing [publiccomment@stancog.org](mailto:publiccomment@stancog.org) during the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Chair Jeramy Young (City of Hughson); Vito Chiesa, Vice-Chair Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Mike Kline (City of Ceres); Jenny Kenoyer Tony Madrigal, Bill Zoslocki (City of Modesto); Ericka Chiara (City of Oakdale); Deborah Novelli (City of Patterson); Richard O’Brien (City of Riverbank); Gil Esquer (City of Turlock); Mike Van Winkle (City of Waterford)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dennis Agar, Gregoria Ponce (Caltrans, District 10); Monica Streeter (Neumiller and Beardslee); Melany Arriola, Sam Becker, Elisabeth Hahn, Chris Jasper, Karen Kincy, Cindy Malekos, Isael Ojeda, Josey Oshana, Rosa Park, Edith Robles, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Gus Khouri (Khouri Consulting); Phil McGuire (McGuire Consultancy); Roberto Radrigan (Certified Spanish Translator)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jeramy Young called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gus Khouri provided an update on the composition of the state legislature after the recent election. He also indicated that at the December California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, over \$20 million was to be awarded for the North County Corridor and McHenry Avenue projects.

## 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Motion to Approve Policy Board Minutes of 10/21/20**
- B. **Motion to Approve the Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2021**

**\*By Motion (Chair Jeramy Young/Member Jenny Kenoyer), and a unanimous roll call vote, the Policy Board approved the Consent Calendar.**

## 6. PRESENTATION

- A. **Recognition of Service of Policy Board Members**

Chair Jeramy Young recognized the service of Policy Board members Jim DeMartini, Gil Esquer, Mike Kline, Deborah Novelli, Kristin Olsen and Mike Van Winkle whose terms were coming to an end in 2020. He expressed his appreciation on behalf of StanCOG and the Policy Board for their dedication over their many years of service.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Draft 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Amendment 2, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis**

Debbie Trujillo provided information on the Draft 2021 FTIP, 2018 RTP/SCS Amendment and Corresponding Conformity Analysis and said that the public review and comment period had begun on October 28<sup>th</sup> and would conclude on November 30<sup>th</sup>. She introduced Roberto Radrigan who translated the information she provided into Spanish. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:26 pm. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:27 pm.

## 8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Annual Listing of Federal Obligation Projects for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019/2020**

Debbie Trujillo reported that the annual listing had been prepared which reflected that over \$67 million in federal funds had been obligated for transportation improvement projects in the Stanislaus region for Federal Fiscal Year 2019/20.

- B. **StanCOG Regional Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety and Education Campaign**

Chris Jasper provided an update on the campaign which had begun in November 2019. He stated that because of COVID-19, all of the planned public outreach had turned into a virtual format, and that the project website, [www.walkandrollstanislaus.com](http://www.walkandrollstanislaus.com), was created which provided community engagement features. He reported that the project also deployed advertisement in a variety of forms, and that on October 9th, StanCOG hosted a very successful regional transportation safety summit using Zoom. He stated that the project's next and final steps included the development of a regional transportation safety toolkit and final report, both of which were anticipated to be presented in early 2021.

- C. **Update on the Formation of the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority**

Rosa Park and Phil McGuire provided an update on the formation of the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority. Mr. McGuire indicated that the City of Turlock had

withdrawn from the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County. He outlined some of the next steps in the formation process between the two remaining agencies. There was a discussion regarding the Farebox Recovery Ratio requirements.

**D. Motion to Nominate and Elect Calendar Year 2021 Policy Board Chair and Vice-Chair**

Cindy Malekos indicated that it was time to select the calendar year 2021 Policy Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

**\*By Motion (Member Richard O'Brien/Member Bill Zoslocki), and a unanimous roll call vote,** the Policy Board elected Terry Withrow as the 2021 Policy Board Chair.

**\*By Motion (Member Vito Chiesa/Member Jenny Kenoyer), and a unanimous roll call vote,** the Policy Board elected Richard O'Brien as the 2021 Policy Board Vice-Chair.

**E. Motion to Support the California Inland Port Feasibility Analysis**

Elisabeth Hahn reported that in 2019, the Central Valley Community Foundation initiated a California Inland Port Feasibility Analysis by GLDPartners to assess the viability of establishing a rail-served inland port project in California. The outcome of the study, the California Inland Port Feasibility Analysis Preliminary Business Model report, concluded that an inland port rail system was viable that would greatly reduce the amount of truck traffic and associated air pollution emissions on Valley highways by allowing goods to be shipped via railway instead of on heavy-duty trucks. GLDPartners was applying for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to embark on the second phase of the study and requested up to \$20,000 in support from each of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to contribute toward the grant's matching requirement.

**\*By Motion (Member Jenny Kenoyer/Member Ericka Chiara), and a unanimous roll call vote,** the Policy Board approved support of the California Inland Port Feasibility Analysis in the amount of \$20,000.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were provided for information only*

**A. Measure L Funds Received**

**B. 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Monthly Project Status Report FFY 2020/21**

**C. Executive Committee Minutes of 10/19/20 and 11/9/20**

**D. Management and Finance Committee (MFC) Minutes of 11/4/20**

**E. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 11/4/20**

**F. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 11/3/20**

**G. Measure L Oversight Committee (MLOC) Minutes of 11/10/20**

**10. CALTRANS REPORT**

Dennis Agar and Gregoria Ponce provided an update from District 10. They encouraged members to contact them with any questions or needs they may have.

**11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Rosa Park introduced new StanCOG Assistant Planners Sam Becker and Melany Arriola. She indicated that StanCOG continued to follow the state and local guidance regarding COVID-19 by conducting StanCOG business remotely and virtually for the safety of staff, partners and the public. She also stated that the December Policy Board meeting may be cancelled.

**12. MEMBER REPORTS – NONE**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jeramy Young adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

**Next Regularly-Scheduled Policy Board Meeting:**

**December 16, 2020 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm**

Minutes Prepared By:

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