



**POLICY BOARD MEETING
VIA WEBINAR**

**Minutes of January 20, 2021 (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 January 20th, and by emailing publiccomment@stancog.org during the meeting.

PRESENT: Chair Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Vice-Chair Richard O’Brien (City of Riverbank); Vito Chiesa, Buck Condit, Chance Condit, Mani Grewal (Stanislaus County); Javier Lopez (City of Ceres); Harold Hill (City of Hughson); Jenny Kenoyer (City of Modesto); Tony Madrigal (City of Modesto); Bill Zoslocki (departed after Item 6B) (City of Modesto); Ericka Chiara (City of Oakdale); Pam Franco (City of Turlock); Jose Aldaco (City of Waterford)

ALSO PRESENT: Dennis Agar (Caltrans, District 10); Monica Streeter (Neumiller and Beardslee); Melany Arriola, Sam Becker, Emma Goldsmith, Elisabeth Hahn, Karen Kincy, Cindy Malekos, Stephanie Mora, Isael Ojeda, Josey Oshana, Rosa Park, Edith Robles, Debbie Trujillo, Lydia Worden (StanCOG); Gus Khouri (Khouri Consulting)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Terry Withrow called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. Motion to Approve Policy Board Minutes of 11/18/20**
 - B. Motion to Adopt the Safety Performance Targets for the Modesto Area Express (MAX) and Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT)**

- C. **Motion to Adopt Resolution 20-13 to Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Nelson & Nygaard for the Preparation of the Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan**
- D. **Motion to Adopt Resolution 20-14 to Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Toole Design Group for the Preparation and Execution of the StanCOG Community Transportation Needs Assessment**

***By Motion (Member Jenny Kenoyer/Member Vito Chiesa), and a unanimous roll call vote,** the Policy Board approved the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. State Legislative Update

Gus Khouri provided an update on the new state legislature, the state budget and state legislative transportation matters.

B. Draft Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

Isael Ojeda reported on the development of the NMTP which had begun in September 2019. He reviewed the process that staff used to work with stakeholders, agency staff and the public to gather information utilized in developing the plan. He reported that the draft NMTP had been posted on the StanCOG website on December 18th and that all public comments were due by January 21, 2021.

C. **Motion to Approve by Resolution 20-15 the Previously Committed Measure L Community Connections Funds for the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Project and Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD)**

Edith Robles said that previously committed funding of \$134,000 for the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Project was being requested to be utilized for a grant that was awarded for the project with SJRTD.

***By Motion (Member Tony Madrigal/Member Ericka Chiara), and a unanimous roll call vote,** the Policy Board approved by Resolution 20-15 the Previously Committed Measure L Community Connections Funds for the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Project and authorized the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Joaquin Regional Transit District.

D. **Motion to Accept the FY 2019/20 Audited Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Policy Board Report**

Karen Kincy reported that the financial audit was completed and that StanCOG had received a 'clean' opinion on the audit.

***By Motion (Member Mani Grewal/Member Ericka Chiara), and a unanimous roll call vote,** the Policy Board accepted the FY 2019/20 Audited Financial Statements and the Independent Auditor's Policy Board Report.

E. **Motion to Accept by Resolution 20-16 the FY 2019/20 Measure L Annual Report**

Karen Kincy reviewed the Measure L Annual Report that had been completed.

***By Motion (Member Jenny Kenoyer/Member Pam Franco), and a unanimous roll call vote,** the Policy Board accepted by Resolution 20-16 the FY 2019/20 Measure L

Annual Report.

F. Motion to Nominate and Elect Representative(s) for the California Association of Councils of Governments (CalCOG) Board of Directors

This item was moved by Chair Withrow to the beginning of the agenda prior to Item 6A.

Rosa Park indicated that there was a vacancy in the member position representing StanCOG on the CalCOG Board.

***By Motion (Member Vito Chiesa/Member Ericka Chiara), and a unanimous roll call vote**, the Policy Board elected Member Bill Zoslocki as the CalCOG Representative and Member Richard O'Brien as the Alternate.

G. Motion to Select a Representative from Among the Cities Other than Modesto to Serve on the Executive Committee for Calendar Year 2021

Rosa Park reviewed the composition of the Executive Committee and indicated that a representative was needed for calendar year 2021 to represent the cities other than Modesto.

***By Motion (Member Richard O'Brien/Member Ericka Chiara), and a unanimous roll call vote of the cities other than Modesto**, the cities other than Modesto selected Member Ericka Chiara as a representative on the Executive Committee for Calendar Year 2021.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information only

- A. StanCOG Regional Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety and Education Campaign Draft Toolkit and Draft Final Delivery Report**
- B. FY 2021/22 Unmet Transit Needs Update**
- C. 2021 Safety Performance Targets**
- D. Administrative Modifications 16 and 17 (Type 1) to the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)**
- E. Measure L Funds Received**
- F. 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Monthly Project Status Report FFY 20/21**
- G. Executive Committee Minutes of 1/11/21**
- H. Management and Finance Committee Minutes of 1/6/21**
- I. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 1/6/21**
- J. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Minutes of 1/6/21**
- K. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 1/5/21**

8. CALTRANS REPORT

Dennis Agar provided an update from District 10. He said the Caltrans Strategic Plan would be released the next month which focused on safety and climate action. He also said a State Route 99 Summit was being planned.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Rosa Park welcomed the newly appointed Policy Board members to their first meeting. She reported that at the December California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, the Stanislaus region was awarded over \$22 million for the North County Corridor and McHenry Avenue projects. She also introduced new StanCOG Assistant Planner Emma Goldsmith. She concluded by reporting that StanCOG continued to follow the state and local guidelines for COVID-19 with staff working remotely and successfully conducting StanCOG business through many virtual meetings and teleconference calls.

10. MEMBER REPORTS

Member Vito Chiesa reminded members that Executive Committee meetings were open to the public and that anyone could participate. He also said that the City of Modesto and the County would be voting on January 26th on the formation of the Joint Powers Authority for transit. He recognized Member Jenny Kenoyer for her dedication to this effort. Member Kenoyer appreciated the acknowledgement and also reminded everyone to get their COVID-19 vaccine.

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:28 pm.

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 1111 I Street, Suites 303 and 308, Modesto, California
Agency Negotiator: Rosa De León Park, Monica J. Streeter
Negotiating Parties: HLG Rental Properties
Under Negotiation: Lease term and payment

12. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Policy Board reconvened from Closed Session at 7:34 pm.

- A. Report from Closed Session
Monica Streeter stated that there was no reportable action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terry Withrow adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Next Regularly-Scheduled Policy Board Meeting:

February 17, 2021 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm

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