



**POLICY BOARD MEETING
VIA WEBINAR**

**Minutes of June 16, 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 June 16th, 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 (Stanislaus County); George Carr (City of Hughson); Jenny Kenoyer, Tony Madrigal, Bill Zoslocki (departed during Item 6) (City of Modesto); Fred Smith (City of Oakdale); Pam Franco (City of Turlock); Jose Aldaco (City of Waterford)

ALSO PRESENT: Melany Arriola, Sam Becker, Karen Dunger, Emma Goldsmith, Elisabeth Hahn, Cindy Malekos, Isael Ojeda, Josey Oshana, Rosa Park, Edith Robles, Monica Streeter (StanCOG), Mohammad Ahmed (Infinity Technologies); Dennis Agar, Marlon Regisford (Caltrans); Roberto Radrigan (Certified Spanish Language Translator); Terhesa Gamboa (Member of the Public); Jen Covino (Simon & Company); Gus Khouri (Khouri Consulting); Dr. Jeffrey Michael (UOP); Phil McGuire (StanRTA);

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Chair Terry Withrow called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE**

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Draft 2021 Conformity Analysis

Isael Ojeda stated that StanCOG had completed a conformity analysis regarding air quality and that it demonstrated that the criteria specified in the federal transportation conformity regulations were satisfied by the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). He said that public input could be provided through the public hearing and also during the public comment period which was to conclude July 9th. Roberto Radrigan provided the same information in Spanish. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:20 pm. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:21 pm.

B. Motion to Adopt by Resolution 20-50 the StanCOG 2021 Conformity Analysis and Authorize the Executive Director to Submit the Analysis for State and Federal Approval

***By Motion (Member Richard O'Brien/Member Jenny Kenoyer), and a unanimous roll call vote**, the Policy Board adopted by Resolution 20-50 the StanCOG 2021 Conformity Analysis and authorized the Executive Director to submit the analysis for State and federal approval.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Policy Board Minutes of 5/19/21

B. Motion to Approve by Resolution 20-51 the FY 2020/21 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Allocations for Other Purposes: City of Modesto

C. Motion to Accept the Measure L Funds Received and Investment Recap Report

D. Motion to Designate StanCOG as the Implementing Agency for State Route 132 Phase 2 and 3 Final Design

Terhesa Gamboa provided comments in support of a sound wall in the Woodland West neighborhood near the State Route 132 project.

E. Motion to Authorize the Executive Director to Submit a Letter of Support for the Ecosystem of Shared Mobility Services in the San Joaquin Valley Project Expansion

F. Motion to Authorize by Resolution 20-52 the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with a Consultant to Provide Support for the Development of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and Corresponding Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

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

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Federal Legislative Update

Jen Covino provided an update on the development of the new transportation bill being discussed in Congress. She said the current bill would expire on September 30, 2021.

B. State Legislative Update

Gus Khouri presented information on the status of the state budget which was required to be passed by the legislature by June 15th. He provided an update on legislation being proposed related to transportation.

C. Motion to Approve the 2021 Stanislaus County Demographic and Employment Forecast

Dr. Jeffrey Michael provided an extensive review of the demographic and employment forecast. The forecast report provided county level forecasts including descriptions of the models and forecasting assumptions used in the analysis, the adjustments and updates made to the county-level forecast, and an overview of the process and adjustments used to allocate the county-level forecast to city and sub-county areas.

***By Motion (Member Richard O'Brien/Member Tony Madrigal), and a unanimous roll call vote**, the Policy Board approved the 2021 Stanislaus County Demographic and Employment Forecast.

D. Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA) Update

Phil McGuire provided an update on the work that had taken place regarding the establishment of the StanRTA. He reported that on January 26th, the City of Modesto and County of Stanislaus adopted a Joint Powers Agreement creating the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA). He reviewed all the steps that had been put in place to officially have the StanRTA functional and in its new office on July 1st.

E. Motion to Approve by Resolution 20-53 the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionments for FY 2021/22 Transit and Other Purposes, and by Resolution 20-54 the TDA Allocations for FY 2021/22 Transit

Karen Dunger reviewed the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds allocation process. She stated that it was recommended that \$22,219,487 be approved for transit claims and the remaining LTF funds of \$359,713 be held in reserves for future transit use.

***By Motion (Member Richard O'Brien/Member Vito Chiesa), and a unanimous roll call vote**, the Policy Board approved by Resolution 20-53 the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Apportionments for FY 2021/22 Transit and Other Purposes, and by Resolution 20-54 the TDA Allocations for FY 2021/22 Transit.

F. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) Rail Update

Member Vito Chiesa provided an overview of the SJJPA which operated the Amtrak San Joaquins. He said he served as the StanCOG representative on the JPA and Member Richard O'Brien was the alternate. He reviewed some of the latest developments with the SJJPA and indicated that its next meeting was July 23rd.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information only.

A. Interregional Bike Tourism Study Update

B. FY 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

- C. **2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Monthly Project Status Report FFY 2020/21**
- D. **Executive Committee Minutes of 6/7/21**
- E. **Management and Finance Committee (MFC) Minutes of 6/2/21**
- F. **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 6/2/21**
- G. **Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 6/1/21**
- H. **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Minutes of 6/2/21**
- I. **Measure L Oversight Committee (MLOC) Minutes of 6/1/21**
- J. **Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee Minutes of 6/7/21**

9. CALTRANS REPORT

Dennis Agar and Marlon Regisford presented an update from District 10. Mr. Agar reported on the Clean California Initiative regarding litter abatement and beautification projects, and the Regional Campaign Against Impaired Driving. Marlon Regisford said that information on upcoming ramp closures could be found on www.stateroute132.com.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Rosa Park congratulated Stanislaus County on the ribbon cutting of the Santa Fe Avenue Bridge Project. She provided a reminder that there was no meeting scheduled for July.

11. MEMBER REPORTS

Member Jenny Kenoyer asked if an update could be provided on the Seventh Street Bridge. Member Vito Chiesa suggested that meetings be scheduled with state legislators as have been done in the past. He and Member Pam Franco mentioned that the Measure L Maintenance of Effort be discussed in the future in regards to Turlock's Measure A.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terry Withrow adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Next Regularly-Scheduled Policy Board Meeting:

August 18, 2021 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm

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