



**POLICY BOARD MEETING
VIA WEBINAR**

**Minutes of September 15, 2021 (Wednesday)
6:00 pm**

In accordance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-08-21, 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 September 15th, 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 (City of Modesto); Dennis McCord (City of Patterson); Pam Franco (City of Turlock); Jose Aldaco (City of Waterford)

ALSO PRESENT: Dennis Agar, Marlon Regisford (Caltrans, District 10); Melany Arriola, Sam Becker, Emma Goldsmith, Elisabeth Hahn, Cindy Malekos, Isael Ojeda, Josey Oshana, Rosa Park, Edith Robles, Monica Streeter, Lydia Worden (StanCOG); Mohammad Ahmed (Infinity Technologies); John Gerling (Member of the Public); Kari McNickle (Fehr & Peers); Robert Himes (Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terry Withrow called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Policy Board Minutes of 8/18/21

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

C. Motion to Adopt the Turlock Transit Safety Performance Targets

***By Motion (Member Jenny Kenoyer/Member Tony Madrigal), and a unanimous vote,** the Policy Board approved the Consent Calendar.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Service – StanCOG Advisory Committee Members

Chair Withrow recognized Elizabeth Claes for her eight years of service on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and John Gerling for four years as a member of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). He said Ms. Claes had been a very involved and engaged member of the CAC, and that Mr. Gerling had provided valuable input on the Non-Motorized Plan that was recently completed.

B. Recognition of Service – StanCOG Staff

Chair Withrow expressed his appreciation to StanCOG staff member Lydia Worden, Senior Financial Services Specialist, on her five-year anniversary of employment with StanCOG.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve the Final Interregional Bike Tourism Study Report

Kari McNickle provided a summary of the report which was funded by a grant from Caltrans to examine and provide recommendations to improve bicycle tourism opportunities across Tuolumne, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Alpine counties. She said more information was available at <https://www.bikevalleytosierra.com/>.

***By Motion (Member Vito Chiesa/Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien), and a unanimous vote,** the Policy Board approved the Final Interregional Bike Tourism Study Report.

B. Motion to Authorize by Resolution 21-07 the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for Improvements to State Route (SR) 132 from Needham Street to Gates Road/Paradise Road

Elisabeth Hahn said that a Request for Proposals (RFP) had been released for the PS&E for improvements to SR 132 and that three firms submitted proposals. She said Mark Thomas received the highest overall score by the evaluation committee. She introduced Robert Himes from Mark Thomas who was in attendance.

***By Motion (Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien/Member Tony Madrigal), and a unanimous vote,** the Policy Board authorized by Resolution 21-07 the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for Improvements to State Route (SR) 132 from Needham Street to Gates Road/Paradise Road.

C. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Goals, Objectives, and Performance Indicators Update

Isael Ojeda provided an update regarding the Goals, Objectives and Performance Indicators for the 2022 RTP/SCS. He said the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering (VVS) Steering Committee had reviewed and recommended them for approval.

D. 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Update

Sam Becker provided an update on the RHNA process. He said staff was working with the Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee on methodology options which would be presented to the Policy Board in November; the preferred adopted methodology would be used in the allocation of housing needs to each local agency in the Stanislaus region.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were provided for information only.

A. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants Program of 2021

B. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study Update

C. 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Monthly Project Status Report FFY 2020/21

D. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 9/1/21

E. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Minutes of 9/1/21

F. Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee Minutes of 8/30/21

9. CALTRANS REPORT

Dennis Agar and Marlon Regisford provided an update from District 10. Mr. Agar announced hiring opportunities for liter abatement and maintenance workers. Member Dennis McCord asked about partnering with Patterson on potential workers, and Member Tony Madrigal asked about the homeless encampment near State Route 99 and Tuolumne Boulevard. Mr. Agar replied that he would follow up on both of these inquiries.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Rosa Park reported that Members Chiesa, Kenoyer and Zoslocki had participated in the annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Valley Voice virtual meetings with federal legislators the prior week.

11. MEMBER REPORTS – NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terry Withrow adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Next Regularly-Scheduled Policy Board Meeting:

October 20, 2021 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm

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