

**POLICY BOARD MEETING  
VIA ZOOM WEBINAR**

**Minutes of November 17, 2021 (Wednesday)  
6:00 pm**

In accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361, 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 Zoom Webinar. 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 in real time during the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Chair Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien (City of Riverbank); Vito Chiesa, Buck Condit (Stanislaus County); Javier Lopez (City of Ceres); George Carr (City of Hughson); Jenny Kenoyer, Tony Madrigal, Sue Zwalen (City of Modesto); Ericka Chiara (City of Oakdale); Cynthia Homen (City of Patterson); Richard O'Brien (City of Riverbank); 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, Lydia Worden (StanCOG); Steve VanDenburgh (Cathedral Oaks Consulting); Dennis Agar, Marlon Regisford (Caltrans District 10); Bill Sandhu, Jesse Franco (City of Modesto)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Terry Withrow called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cindy Malekos read a public comment provided via email from Terhesa Gamboa of Modesto on behalf of the Woodland West Community Neighborhood regarding concerns about the construction of the State Route 132 West project.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Motion to Approve the Policy Board Minutes of 10/18/20 and 10/20/20**

- B. Motion to Accept the Measure L Funds Received and Investment Recap Report**
- C. Motion to Approve by Resolution 21-13 an Amendment to the Employee Policies and Procedures Handbook**
- D. Motion to Adopt by Resolution 21-14 the Amendment to the StanCOG Transit Cost Sharing Procedures**
- E. Motion to Provide Concurrence by Resolution 21-15 for the Transfer of Carryover Transit Funds to the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA)**

**\*By Motion (Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien/Member Jenny Kenoyer), and a unanimous roll call vote, the Policy Board approved the Consent Calendar.**

## **6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Motion to Adopt Resolution 21-16 Making the Required Assembly Bill (AB) 361 Findings for the Continuation of Teleconference Meetings for the Period November 18, 2021 – December 17, 2021**

Monica Streeter said that the Policy Board had adopted a resolution in October that allowed for the continuation of teleconference meetings from October 18 through November 17, 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 361. She explained that AB 361 required that the Policy Board reconsider the findings every thirty days. There was a brief discussion.

**\*By Motion (Vice-Chair Richard O'Brien/Member Jose Aldaco), and a 5-8 roll call vote (with Members Carr, Chiara, Chiesa, Condit, Franco, Kenoyer, O'Brien and Withrow voting No), the Policy Board did not adopt Resolution 21-17 making the required Assembly Bill (AB) 361 findings for the continuation of teleconference meetings for the period November 18, 2021 – December 17, 2021.**

- B. Motion to Adopt by Resolution 21-17 the StanCOG 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)**

Melany Arriola said that the 2022 RTIP had been prepared which covered a five-year period from FY 2022/23 to FY 2026/27. She said it was programming over \$9 million of state funding for the region, and she reviewed the projects for which the funding would be programmed.

**\*By Motion (Member Jenny Kenoyer/Member Pam Franco), and a unanimous roll call vote, the Policy Board adopted by Resolution 21-17 the StanCOG 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).**

- C. Measure L Strategic Plan Update**

Steve VanDenburgh explained that the Strategic Plan, a 10-year program of planned Measure L expenditures for regional projects, was being updated. He said the delivery schedule status of projects included in the 2019 Strategic Plan would be reassessed, and that new revenue estimates would be incorporated into the update. Dave Leamon suggested that the North County Corridor project be prioritized in the Strategic Plan update.

**D. Motion to Approve by Resolution 21-18 the Measure L Community Connection and Rail Services Guidance and Call for Projects for FY 2021-22**

Edith Robles provided an overview of the proposed guidance that had been developed to facilitate the distribution of funds from Measure L for Community Connection and Rail Services projects. She reviewed the eligibility, scoring criteria, funding available and a call for projects schedule. Member Kenoyer pointed out several typos in the date schedule.

**\*By Motion (Member Vito Chiesa/Member Jenny Kenoyer), and a unanimous roll call vote**, the Policy Board approved by Resolution 21-18 the Measure L Community Connection and Rail Services Guidance and Call for Projects for FY 2021-22 as amended.

**E. Motion to Approve by Resolution 21-19 the Transportation Development Act (TDA) FY 2021/22 Supplemental Claim for the City of Modesto**

Karen Dunger reported that StanCOG had received an FY 2021/22 transit claim for \$668,698 from the City of Modesto for costs associated with improvements to the downtown multimodal station. Bill Sandhu and Jesse Franco provided a presentation on the project and the needed funding.

**\*By Motion (Member Jose Aldaco/Member Vito Chiesa), and a unanimous roll call vote**, the Policy Board approved by Resolution 21-19 the Transportation Development Act (TDA) FY 2021/22 Supplemental Claim for the City of Modesto.

**F. Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Proposed Methodology Update**

Sam Becker presented a summary of the RHNA methodology process. He reviewed the six RHNA methodology options that had been presented to the Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee and discussed the next steps in the process.

**G. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) Land Use Scenarios and Community Workshops**

Isael Ojeda provided a presentation on the 2022 RTP/SCS, the land use scenario planning process, and upcoming community workshops. He said the RTP, a long-range transportation plan for Stanislaus County, was updated every four years. He explained that Senate Bill 375 required StanCOG to develop a SCS through transportation measures and policies within the RTP that would meet greenhouse gas emission reduction targets as set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). He said two interactive workshops were held on November 10 and 15<sup>th</sup>, to provide information and receive public input on scenario themes that would be used in the RTP/SCS planning process.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The following items were provided for information only.*

**A. Annual Listing of Federal Obligation**

**B. Public Transit Human Services Coordinated Plan**

**C. Community Transportation Needs Assessment**

**D. 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Monthly Project Status Report FFY 20/21**

- E. **Executive Committee Minutes of 10/18/21**
- F. **Management and Finance Committee (MFC) Minutes of 11/3/21**
- G. **Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes of 11/3/21**
- H. **Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Minutes of 11/2/21**
- I. **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Minutes of 11/3/21**

**8. CALTRANS REPORT**

Dennis Agar provided an update on new funding opportunities due to the passage of the federal infrastructure bill. He also reported on the next day's workshop for Clean California. Marlon Regisford said a district Bicycle Pedestrian Committee was being formed. Member Jenny Kenoyer brought up the need for a stop light at the corner of McHenry (State Route 108) and Coralwood.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Rosa Park also reported on the passage of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment Act which provided for \$1.2 trillion in federal funding over the next five years.

**10. MEMBER REPORTS - NONE**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Terry Withrow adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

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

**December 15, 2021 (Wednesday) @ 6:00 pm**

Minutes Prepared By:

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