

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Executive Minutes – May 18, 2009

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Present Member/Alternate</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Allen Ishida	Walter Stammer, Jr.	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 1
Pete Vander Poel	William Cushing	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 2
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Jack Allwardt	Ted Macaulay		City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Mike Santana	<u>A</u>	City of Farmersville
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Felipe Martinez	Pete Martinez	<u>M</u>	City of Porterville
Richard Ortega	Phil Vandegrift	<u>M</u>	City of Tulare
Bob Link	Jesus Gamboa	<u>M</u>	City of Visalia
Rudy Mendoza	Raul Gonzalez, Jr.	<u>M</u>	City of Woodlake
Bill McKinley	J. Michael Lane	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Bob Zimmerman	Thomas Sparks	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Cliff Dunbar	Gil Jaramillo	<u>A</u>	Member-at-Large
Malcolm Dougherty	Sharri Bender-Ehlert	<u>A</u>	Caltrans

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I. Call to Order & Welcome

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Ennis at 1:10 p.m. on May 18, 2009

II. Public Comments

None

III. Transportation Consent Calendar

Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar (Items III-A through III-D)

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 8**
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: TCAG's Race-Conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Goal**
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve the City of Tulare's Maintained Mileage Update (Federal Functional Classification Changes and Additions)**
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve in Concept the Results of the Final San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study.**
- E. Information: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Update**

Upon motion by Member Link and seconded by Member Kimball, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Items III-A through III-D.

IV. Transportation Action/Discussion Items

- A. Presentation: City of Tulare Measure R Project.** This item has been pulled to a future agenda.
- B. Presentation: Rail Advisory Committee.** Due to new information the Rail Advisory Committee asked to move this item to the June meeting.
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: 2009/2010 Overall Work Program (OWP) for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)**

Mr. Lara provided a summary of OWP financial revisions that included some increases and some decreases; however, overall there is a decrease. More revisions are expected after final county costs are received in June or July.

Upon motion by Member Martinez and seconded by Member McKittrick, the Board unanimously approved that 2009/10 OWP.

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Selection of Consultant to Provide Air Quality Planning and Conformity Services

Mr. Smalley provided a brief description of the consultant overview process previously set by the Board.

Ms. Wright discussed the resolution to select a consultant to provide Air Quality Planning and Conformity Services. Due to the complexity of air quality planning and conformity is it necessary to contract with a consultant who has the knowledge and experience necessary. Through set scoring criteria staff recommended that the Board chooses Cari Anderson Consulting (CAC). This contact is for the next three fiscal years.

Upon motion by Member Martinez and seconded by Member McKittrick, the Board unanimously approved the selection of Cari Anderson Consulting (CAC) to provide Air Quality Planning and Conformity Services.

E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Selection of Consultant to Provide Technical Services for Traffic Model Support

Mr. Hays discussed the resolution to select a Consultant to provide Technical Services for Traffic Model Support. Due to the complexity of traffic modeling is it necessary to contract with a consultant who has the knowledge and experience necessary. Also, it is worth noting that traffic model consultants work on an on-call basis. Through set scoring criteria staff recommended that the Board chose Dowling and Associates. This contact is for the next three fiscal years.

Upon motion by Member Zimmerman and seconded by Member Ortega, the Board unanimously approved the selection of Dowling and Associates to provide technical services for traffic model support.

F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Selection of Consultant(s) to Provide Professional Services for Public Relations and Outreach Assistance

Ms. Wright discussed the resolution to approve the selection of consultant(s) to provide Professional Services for Public Relations (PR) and Outreach Assistance. A RFP was released breaking tasks into five categories. Four firms submitted proposals for all tasks. Through set scoring criteria staff recommended two separate agencies split the tasks. Staff recommended that a contract be made with The Lockwood Agency for tasks three and four. Staff also recommended that a contract be made with the Jeffrey Scott Agency for tasks one, two and five.

Upon motion by Member Martinez and seconded by Member McKittrick, the Board unanimously approved the selection of Jeffrey Scott Agency to provide services for tasks one, two and five. The Board unanimously approved the selection of the Lockwood Agency to provide services for tasks two and three.

G. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Potential Interstate Designation SR-99

Mr. Smalley discussed the resolution for determination of support for potential interstate designation of SR-99. All eight counties will be taking a vote on this issue. TCAG staff recommends supporting SR-99 with conditional approval. Mr. Smalley described the conditions for support.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Mendoza, the Board unanimously supports the potential Interstate designation of SR-99.

H. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and 2008 STIP Update

Mr. Giuliani provided good news. The state had successful bond sales and funds were approved for SR-198.

Mr. Smalley thanked the hard work of District 6 Caltrans staff that made this possible.

I. Information: High Priority Project Update

Mr. Giuliani provided a High Priority update. Staff submitted High Priority Project requests for SR-99 widening and SR-99 Betty Drive Interchange. Letters of support were also given for three other regional projects which are: Ave 416 widening; Plaza Drive widening/SR 198 Interchange; and a Transit Center for the City of Dinuba.

J. Information: Update on the Proposed San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVR) Rail Abandonment

Mr. Ishida provided an update on rail. There was a meeting on Friday, May 15th with Craig MBA program regarding the business plan. It should be ready within the next two weeks. The business plan will be brought to this Board. Meetings continue with private companies to explore ways to preserve short-haul rail.

K. Information: Legislative Update

Ms. Wright provided a legislative update. A number of bills have been introduced in the state that applies either directly or indirectly to the responsibilities of TCAG and its member agencies. Mrs. Wright provided a brief summary of each bill including its supporters and some of the negative and positive impacts that could result. TCAG staff will be watching many of these bills closely and bringing information back to this board.

L. Caltrans Monthly Report

Ms. Bender-Ehlert provided a Caltrans update. Caltrans is surpassing its targets with ARRA funding. Out of 279 projects, 96 have been obligated. They hope to be in a position to receive additional ARRA funding. Caltrans voted to use Prob. 1b funds for SR-198. Construction should start by mid-September. The Mooney Boulevard project has restarted and is in stage 1C. Eleven applications for the Safe Route to School project were received from the Tulare County area and winners will be announced in July.

V. REQUEST TO REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Worthley, the Board unanimously reaffirmed all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee.

**VI. Association Consent Calendar
Request approval of the Association Consent Calendar (Items VI - A and VI - B)**

- A. Minutes of April 20, 2009 Board Meeting**
- B. Summary of April 16, 2009 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**
- C. Local Clearing House Review, L.R. 2009-01**
- D. Local Clearing House Review, L.R. 2009-02**
- E. Information: 2009 Population and Housing Estimates for Tulare County**

Upon motion by Member McKittrick and seconded by Member Vander Poel, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Association Consent Calendar.

VII. Association Action/Discussion Items

A. Action: Endorse Valleywide Regional Blueprint Principals.

Ms. Wright discussed the proposed Valleywide Regional Blueprint principles. All principles have been taken from the local county blueprints, and are generally agreed upon throughout the region. Some are the same as found the Tulare County Blueprint, and some are slightly different.

Upon motion by Member McKittrick and seconded by Member Ishida, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously endorsed the Valleywide Regional Blueprint Principles.

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Tulare County Regional Blueprint Document

Mr. Waters discussed the Tulare County Regional Blueprint document. Staff consolidated previously accepted and adopted Tulare County Blueprint pieces into a single document. The main purpose in approving the Tulare County Blueprint as a single document at this time is to have a single approved document by which member agencies can use to apply for grants that require regional blueprint-type planning.

Upon motion by Member Martinez and seconded by Member Ortega, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Tulare County Regional Blueprint.

C. Action: Reappointment of Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) At-Large Member/Alternate for Position #2 and reaffirm/appoint members for Positions #1 and #3.

Mr. Smalley discussed the need to reaffirm/appoint members and alternates to the TCAG Board. Clifford Dunbar has indicated that he can no longer be a member of TCAG's board. This leaves a vacancy in Position #2 of the Member-At-Large category. Member Ishida nominated Tom Sparks as the member for Position Two. The motion was seconded by Member Vander Poel, and the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee approved the appointment unanimously.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Worthley, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Bob Stocker as the alternate for At-Large Position #1, and reaffirmed the remaining positions as follows:

Position #1 – Member - Zimmerman - Alternate - Bob Stocker
Position #2 – Member - Tom Sparks - Alternate - Gil Jaramillo
Position #3 – Member - Bill McKinley - Alternate - J. Michael Lane

D. Action: Ratify Executive Director Signature on the Confidentiality Agreement with San Joaquin Valley Railroad.

Mr. Smalley requested that this item be pulled and addressed next month.

E. Closed Session

VIII. Correspondence

None

IX. Other Business

A. Information: Items from Staff

1. Mr. Smalley discussed a draft agenda and key handouts for a meeting scheduled with Assemblywoman Conway June 5th 10:00 a.m. at the BOS rooms A&B.
2. The Cities of Tulare and Visalia asked that a High Speed Rail Committee be formed. Permission was granted to formally bring this back to the TCAG Board meeting in June.

B. Information: Items from Board Members

1. Information: Tulare County Water Commission.

Mr. Ishida provided an update on the Tulare County Water Commission. Two million dollars has been set aside for disadvantaged communities and one million for nitrates.

C. Request from Board Members for future agenda items

None

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**X. Transportation Authority Consent Calendar
Request approval of the Authority Consent Calendar (Item X-A)**

A. Minutes of April 20, 2009 Authority Meeting

B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm Delegated Actions by Executive Director

Upon motion by Member Ortega and seconded by Member Martinez, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved the Authority Consent Calendar.

XI. Authority Action/Discussion Items

A. Information: Measure R Update

Mr. Lara provided a Measure R update. Allocations in the amount of \$1,946,323.13 were received for the month of March. Overall, \$18,620,087.41 has been received for the current fiscal year compared to \$18,936,799.81 at this time last year. Measure R funds have now been significantly impacted by the economy. Staff is looking at ways to supplement the decrease and to keep projects on track.

B. Closed Session

XII. Other Business

A. Information: Items from Staff

None

B. Information: Items from the Board

None

C. Information: Requests from Board Members for future agenda items

None

XIII. Adjourn

Adjourn as the Tulare County Transportation Authority at 2:40 p.m. The next TCAG/Transportation Authority Board meeting will be held June 15, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Conference Rooms A/B, County Civic Center, Administration Building Visalia, CA 93291