

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Executive Minutes – October 19, 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
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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.		City of Woodlake
Bill McKinley	Vacant	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Bob Zimmerman	Bob Stocker	<u>A</u>	Member-at-Large
Tom Sparks	Gil Jaramillo	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Malcolm Dougherty	Jim Perrault	<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 1:00 p.m. on October 19, 2009.

Member McKittrick welcomed everyone to the City of Dinuba.

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: Approve Revised Final Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance Fund Apportionments**
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: 2009/10 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 2 (Addendum)**
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 13**
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Endorsement of City of Lindsay's 2008/09 PTMISEA Project Application**
- E. Information: 2009 Regional Transportation Modeling Status Report**
- F. Information: Federal Transit Administration 5316 Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC) and FTA 5317 New Freedom (NF) Application Scoring**

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

IV. Transportation Action/Discussion Items

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Selection of a Consultant to Conduct the Annual Transportation Monitoring Program for the Tulare County Association of Governments**

Mr. Hays provided information the resolution to select a consultant to conduct the Annual Transportation Monitoring Program for TCAG. Five firms submitted proposals. Based on approved scoring criteria staff recommended Omni-Means be awarded the contract.

Upon motion by Member Martinez and seconded by Member Link, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the resolution to choose Omni Means to conduct the annual Transportation Monitoring program for TCAG.

- B. Information: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update**

Mr. Giuliani Provided a RTP update that included outreach efforts at the Tulare County Fair and the Mooney Gove Park 100 year celebration event. Results of surveys are being reviewed and will be provided to the Board. Staff is collecting project information from local agencies and a draft will be presented to the Board at the November meeting.

C. Information: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Update

Mr. Giuliani provided an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project update. The updates include details on: Caltrans adopted guidelines for E76s, Tulare County Region; and local projects. The deadline for local agencies and E76s is December 15th. Staff has been in contact with agencies and all projects are expected to make the deadline.

Congratulations was given to the City of Tulare for being the first to have all their ARRA projects obligated. Other agencies are in the process of getting their projects obligated.

D. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and 2009/2010 STIP Update

Mr. Giuliani provided an update on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) allocations and 2009/2010 STIP. Good news, road 180 and 108 has been approved.

Mr. Giuliani thanked participants in the One Voice trip to Sacramento in August as the combined effort appeared to have a positive impact. Mr. Giuliani also thanked Caltrans District 6 staff for their support and efforts.

Mr. Smalley provided bad news regarding the state bond situation which will result in more delays. Regarding State Highways, Mr. Dougherty at Caltrans is working to get 190 funded.

Mr. Smalley discussed optimism over the State Highway 99 project if bond funds can be generated.

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

Mr. Sparks provided an update on the SJVR Rail Abandonment. The next Rail Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled October 26th at 1:30. A meeting is scheduled November 9th between the three joint counties with the rail MOU.

Mr. Stocker provided information on expanding the Rail Speakers Bureau. The Rail Advisory Committee is working to increase community awareness by scheduling meetings and providing an updated rail presentation. Training is being created for new Rail Committee members.

Addendum F. Information: Legislative Update

Ms. Wright provided a legislative update including a status on the SAFETEA-LU Extension and the Valley Policy Council Visioning Session.

SAFETEA-LU has been extended while efforts are made to write a new transportation bill. More updates to follow.

Member Boyer discussed a water study and inquired if members are interested in creating a committee to address the water issue.

Member Ishida added that TCAG is the only board within Tulare County that includes elected officials from the eight cities and county.

A consensus was reached that discussing the water issue is acceptable.

G. Information: High Speed Rail (HSR) Update

Mr. Waters provided a High Speed Rail (HSR) update. The High Speed Rail Authority approved an application for \$4.5 in ARRA funding. Of most importance to the Tulare county region, the application includes: 819.5 million for Bakersfield to Fresno right-of-way acquisition, grade separations, utility relocation, environmental mitigation, earthwork, guideway structures, track relocation and new track.

Mr. Smalley provided an update from the High Speed Rail Authority. Decision was reached that there will be no stop in the Visalia area. The stop in Hanford continues to be negotiated; however, there is much work to be done to show that this stop is important.

TCAG Members stated that they are still interested in a HSR meeting.

H. Information: Air Quality Update

Ms. Wright provided an Air Quality Update. Ms. Wright provided details on the Valley Air District Rule 9410-Employer Based Trip Reduction. Comments can be made to The Air District through their website at tripreduction@valleyair.org.

I. Caltrans Monthly Report

Mr. Perrault provided a Caltrans update. Construction will begin in November on State Highway 198. Weather permitting; paving will be completed on Mooney Boulevard by the holidays. Signal work and landscaping will be completed at a later date. Fourteen projects were submitted to Caltrans from within the district for state highway safety projects.

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

Upon motion by Member Link and seconded by Member McKittrick, 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 through VI-B)

- A. Minutes of September 21, 2009 Board Meeting
- B. Summary of September 17, 2009 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Upon motion by Member Ortega and seconded by Member Vander Poel, the Association Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

VII. Association Action/Discussion Items

- A. Action: Provide Direction for Implementing the Combination of Staff from the Tulare County Local Agency Formation (LAFCO) and the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Mr. Smalley provided a status on the item to combine LAFCO and TCAG staff. Through positive meetings edits have been made to the proposal. LAFCO is expected to approve the concept at their November 4th meeting.

B. Information: Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) Update – Final Report

Ms. Wright provided highlights from the Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) final report. At this time, the most pertinent issues to TCAG include the RTAC's focus on improving modeling, and the recommendation that small MPOs be allowed to take credit for Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reach targets during the first round of SB 375 implementation.

C. Information: Blueprint Update

Mr. Waters provided a Blueprint Update. The Tulare County Regional Blueprint is in the early stages of implementation. A Planners meeting has been set for October 27th at 1:30. More details to follow.

VIII. Tulare County Complete Count Committee (CCC) Action/Discussion Items

See separate CCC minutes

IX. Correspondence

None.

X. Other Business

A. Information: Items from Staff

B. Information: Items from Board Members

Member Ishida provided details on the next Water District meeting scheduled Monday. Discussion will include mitigation issues and how funds from bonds will be best used.

C. Request from Board Members for future agenda items

Member McKittrick requested 4-6 minutes at the November Board meeting to provide a presentation on part of the South East portion of Tulare County.

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**XI. Transportation Authority Consent Calendar
Request approval of the Authority Consent Calendar (Item XI-A through XI-B)**

- A. Action: Minutes of September 21, 2009 Authority Meeting
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Ratify Measure R Citizens' Oversight Committee Member.

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

XII. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Amendment No.4 to the 2008 Measure R Strategic Work Plan.

Mr. Lara provided information requesting that the Board adopt a resolution to Amendment No.4 of the 2008 Measure R Strategic Work Plan. The amendment is necessary to allocate 800 thousand dollars for the widening of Mooney Blvd at the "bottleneck" portion at the Packwood Creek intersection. This will have no fiscal impact in the life of Measure R.

Upon motion by Member Ishida and seconded by Member Link the Tulare County Transportation Authority voted to approve the Resolution to Amendment No. 4 to the 2008 Measure R Strategic Work Plan.

- B. Information: Update to the Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment No. 2

Mr. Lara provided information to the Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment No. 2 including details on a preliminary schedule. Member agencies submitted needed amendments and a meeting was held Friday, October 16th. The Amendments will be presented before the TCTA Board at the November 16th meeting. Once approved by the TCTA Board, agencies will have until December 31st to present amendments to their councils for approval.

- C. Information: Measure R Update

Mr. Lara provided a Measure R update. Allocations in the amount of \$1,857,281 were received in August. Overall, \$5,530,181 has been received in FY 2009/10. Measure R revenues continue to be down; however, amounts are above the expenditure plan projection. Staff continues to look for ways to supplement the decrease and keep projects on track.

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

Adjourn

Adjourn as the Tulare County Transportation Authority at 3:05 p.m. The next TCAG/Transportation Authority Board meeting will be held November 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Tulare Ag Commissioner's Auditorium, 4437 S. Laspina Street, Tulare, CA 93274