

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Executive Minutes – September 21, 2009

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Present Member/Alternate</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Allen Ishida	Walter Stammer, Jr.	<u>M/A</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	<u>M</u>	City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Mike Santana	<u>A</u>	City of Farmersville
Pamela Kimball	Steve Velasquez	<u>M</u>	City of Lindsay
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>A</u>	City of Visalia
Rudy Mendoza	Raul Gonzalez, Jr.	<u>M</u>	City of Woodlake
Bill McKinley	Vacant	<u></u>	Member-at-Large
Bob Zimmerman	Bob Stocker	<u>M/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 September 21, 2009.

II. Public Comments

None

III. Transportation Consent Calendar

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

- A. Action: Final Local Transportation Funds (LTF)**
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: 2009/10 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 1**
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 11 and Reaffirm 2009 FTIP Amendment No. 12**
- D. Information: American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Update**
- E. Information: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update**
- F. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and 2008 STIP Update**

Upon motion by Member Martinez and seconded by Member McKittrick, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Items III-A through III-C.

IV. Transportation Action/Discussion Items

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Redetermination of Conformity for the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 3 and RTP Amendment No. 1**

Mr. Wendt provided information on the resolution for redetermination of conformity for the FTIP Amendment No. 3 and RTP Amendment No. 1. Due to Kern County doing an amendment and sharing the same air district we are required to write a public notice. It was published for 30 days and no comments were received.

Upon motion by Member Link and seconded by Member Ishida, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Resolution to Redetermine Conformity for the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 3 and RTP Amendment No. 1.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolutions: Positions on Proposed Legislation and Legislative Update**

Ms. Wright provided a legislative update. Staff recommends supporting AB 672. This would establish a process for which agencies could apply for a Letter of No Prejudice (LNOP) for any projects using Prop 1B funds. The CTC will establish allocation targets.

Upon motion by Member Worthley and seconded by Member Martinez, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the resolution to support AB672.

Staff recommends removing opposition to SB716. An amendment was agreed upon that would require only incorporated cities (population over 100 thousand and portions of the unincorporated population residing within a city's urban area boundary) be required to spend 100% of LTF funds on transit. Staff request the Board remove objective and remain neutral on SB716.

Upon motion by Member Ortega and seconded by Member Kimball, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee approved the Resolutions to remove opposition to SB716 and remain neutral. Member Martinez moved to oppose.

Regarding Public Private Partnerships (SB X2 4 Cogdill), staff recommend general support for which has the lowest feasible risk to private financiers.

Upon motion by Member Mendoza and seconded by Member Worthley, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Resolutions to support Public Private Partnerships (SB X2 4 Cogdill).

Ms. Wright provided an update on the One Voice Trip to Sacramento (August 26, 2009). TCAG had several positive meetings in Sacramento that addressed current and future projects funding and implementation.

Ms. Wright provided information on the TCAG to D.C. trip scheduled February 22-26 2010. TCAG will pay for one elected board member from each agency plus the chair to attend.

Ms. Wright discussed two new appointments to the CTC. One from Fresno-Darius Assemi and Patrick Masson from San Francisco.

The Fall Policy Council is scheduled October 1st and 2nd. It will address COG issues and awards will be handed out.

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

Mr. Sparks provided a rail update. Negotiations continue with Rail America. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between three COGs has been established. A meeting is necessary to discuss the next course of action.

Mr. Stocker provided an update on rail outreach efforts. The rail presentation was provided to cities across the county, Planning Commissions, and Civic Groups. Legislative staff, trucking owners will be invited to get involved. The Rail Committee would like to have more organizational involvement and would like to discuss the Board take a position to include legislative staff, Chambers and Commence, TBS, Economic Development, law enforcement, health organizations, etc. to be involved in meetings.

Mr. Sparks reported that Tulare Valley filed abandonment and have also filed to put a hold on the process. They are waiting to hear what the outcome will be through negotiations with Rail American for the connection between Ducor and Altra.

Addendum D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Support for a High Speed Rail American Recovery and Reinvestments Act (ARRA) Application that includes the full Central Valley component as recommended by the High Speed Rail Authority staff.

Mr. Waters provided information on the resolution to support High Speed Rail application for ARRA funding for rail systems. Mr. Waters discussed a list of projects that would be available for application. Included in the application would be HSR, track, grade separation, etc. At the Authority meeting, the chair, recommended that staff only apply for one segments and include station(s). Staff recommends the proposed route Bakersfield section which could accommodate a future Visalia/Tulare/Hanford station. A special meeting will be held September 23rd to finalize a list of projects for ARRA funding. TCAG Board members recommended that the names of the cities be included.

Upon motion by member Ishida and seconded by member Link, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee moved to support a High Speed Rail American Recovery and Reinvestments Act (ARRA) application that includes the full Central Valley component as recommended by the High Speed Rail Authority staff and recommended that language be amended to include a list of cities.

E. Information: Air Quality Update

Ms. Wright provided an Air Quality update. It is time for the annual review of CMAQ cost effectiveness policy. At this time, staff doesn't see a need to increase the amount or make any changes. At some point, we may need to increase the local match to stretch federal dollars.

F. Caltrans Monthly Report

Mr. Perrault provided a Caltrans update. State Route 198 is expected to go to construction in November. Design work has begun on the State Route 99 project (Goshen and Kingsburg). Caltrans is working on the internal quality control process and is scheduled to go to construction summer 2010. Update on Regional Projects- Mooney is almost near completion of phase 2C. Mooney Blvd. is expected to complete by end of the year.

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

Upon motion by Member Mendoza and seconded by Member Cox, 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-C)**

A. Action: Minutes of July 20, 2009 Board Meeting

B. Action: Summary of July 16, 2009 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Action:

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- D. Information: Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) 2008-2009 Fourth Quarter Report
- E. Local Clearing House Review, L.R. 2009-06: London CSD Water and Waste Disposal Loan

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member McKittrick, 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 Commission (LAFCO) and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Mr. Smalley requested the Board provide direction to implement combining staff from LAFCO and TCAG. The latest draft went out in the mail. The subcommittee is meeting Friday. The LAFCO Board needs to decide what to do with the Executive Officer position. Implementation is scheduled for April 2010.

Upon motion by Member Ortega and seconded by Member Cox, the Tulare County Association of Governments unanimously approved that staff move forward.

- B. Action:** Approve Regional Modeling Grant Request

Ms. Wright provided information on the Regional modeling grant request. MPO's in the state have come to an agreement regarding \$12 million request for Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Valley is requesting that one million dollars for San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings MPO's and five hundred thousand dollars to Kern MPO's. Applications are due at the end of September.

Upon motion by Member Martinez and seconded by Member Link, the Tulare County Association of Governments unanimously approved the Regional Modeling Grant Request to move forward with an application to the SGC.

- C. Information:** Blueprint and Partnership Update

Mr. Waters provided a Blueprint and Partnership update. The City of Porterville was nominated in the Planning category for their General Plan update (small jurisdiction).

As part of the local Blueprint effort, a Draft Tulare County Regional Blueprint Implementation document was created. TCAG staff seeks direction from the Board on potential implementation goals and objectives.

On Sept 3rd the Valley CGO's sent out a RFP for the final Blueprint document. A list of the major tasks was discussed.

Discussion took place regarding the Partnership's accomplishments in Tulare County which includes the Regional Blueprint document, Highway 99 Business Plan, and Prob 1b

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

Ms. Chavez provided information on the updated, redesigned Transit Guide which includes details on a new Call Center (Green Line) and new bus routes.

B. Information: Items from Board Members

Member Worthley provided details on the funeral arrangements for Jim Maples (former TCAG member) scheduled Saturday 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Nazarene.

Member Ishida provided an update on the Tulare County Water Commission. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars will be received for the initial water studies in Tulare County. Contractor will be contacting city's water providers and area basin districts to get background information. Water Commission group is working to set up meetings with agencies within Tulare County to discuss goals.

Member Cox provided details on a meeting scheduled October 1st at the BOS office for the Council of Cities and Tulare County to discuss progress of the General Plan. It is open to the public and all cities and transportation agencies are encouraged to attend.

Member Martinez provided information on a Partnership Summit meeting schedule October 23rd at the Fresno Convention Center.

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 X-A through X-C)

- A. Action: Minutes of July 20, 2009 Authority Meeting
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirming Delegated Actions by Executive Director
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Ratify Measure R Citizen's Oversight Committee Members

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Alternate Member Worthley, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved the Authority Consent Calendar

XII. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A.** Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approving the Schedule and Parameters to the Second Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment

Mr. Lara provided information on the schedule and parameters to the second Measure R Expenditure Plan Amendment. Cities in Tulare County and the Tulare County CAO requested the amendment. Once the amendment is approved, TCAG staff will send out information to member agencies. The purpose of the amendment is to allow better opportunities for member agencies to apply for grants.

Member Cox cautioned board members to be conservative about transferring transit money from construction projects

Upon motion by Member Worthley and seconded by Member McKittrick and the opposition of Member Cox the Tulare County Transportation Authority voted to approve the Resolution amending the schedule and parameters to the second Measure R Expenditure Plan.

- B.** Action: Adoption of Resolution: Amending American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Projects (Redistributing of ARRA funding from Road 108 to County Road Rehab Projects)

Mr. Giuliani provided information on the resolution amending ARRA projects. Staff recommends redirecting ARRA funding from Road 108 to local road rehab funding.

Upon motion by Member McKittrick and seconded by Member Kimball, the Tulare County Transportation Authority approved the resolution amending the ARRA projects

redistributing of funding from Road 108 to County Road Rehab projects. Member Cox opposed.

C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Amendment No. 3 to the 2008 Measure Strategic Work Plan

Mr. Lara provided information on the resolution to Amendment No. 3 to the 2008 Measure Strategic Work Plan.

Upon motion by Member Martinez and seconded by Member Ortega, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved the resolution to Amendment No. 3 to the 2008 Measure R Strategic Work Plan.

D. Information: Measure R Update

Mr. Lara provided an update on Measure R revenues. September allocations total \$1.8 million and the first quarter of 09/10 total is \$5.5 million. This is down from last year but remain above revenue projections. Grade separations continue to be on schedule and include: Cartmill, Betty Drive and Bardsley.

E. CLOSED SESSION

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

X. Adjourn

Adjourn as the Tulare County Transportation Authority at 3:05 p.m. The next TCAG/Transportation Authority Board meeting will be held October 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Dinuba City Hall, Council Chamber, 405 E. El Monte Way, Dinuba, CA 93618