

TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY  
 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Executive Minutes – February 18, 2010

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Present</u> <u>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
Phil Cox	Bill Whitlatch	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 3
Steve Worthley	Ray Millard	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 4
Mike Ennis	Judi Gibbons	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 5
Terry McKittrick	Mark Wallace	<u>M</u>	City of Dinuba
Jack Allwardt	Ted Macaulay	<u>M</u>	City of Exeter
Paul Boyer	Mike Santana	<u>M</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>  </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	Vacant	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Bob Zimmerman	Bob Stocker	<u>  </u>	Member-at-Large
Tom Sparks	Gil Jaramillo	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Brian Everson	Sharri Bender-Ehlert	<u>A</u>	Caltrans

STAFF

Ted Smalley	Executive Director	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Elizabeth Wright	Senior Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Eddie Wendt	Associate Regional Planner	<u>  </u>	TCAG
Marvin Demmers	Associate Regional Planner	<u>  </u>	TCAG
Ben Giuliani	Senior Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Mark Hays	Associate Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Ramon Lara	Associate Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Roberto Brady	Associate Regional Planner	<u>  </u>	TCAG
Christine Chavez	Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Jason Waters	Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Michal Mierzwinski	Accountant II	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Colleen Potts	Secretary III	<u>P</u>	TCAG

## **I. Call to Order & Welcome**

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Ennis at 1:00 p.m. on February 18, 2010.

## **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: 2007 Tulare County Regional Transportation Model
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Affirm Proposition 1B California Transit Security Grant Program (CTSGP) and the California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF) funding apportionments for Tulare County for Fiscal Year 2009/2010
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve nominations to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize the TCAG Executive Director to enter into contract with Caltrans for execution of a transportation planning grant if awarded and support the project in the form of a local match
- E. Information: Federal Fiscal Year 2010-FTA Section 5311 Program of Projects
- F. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and 2008/2010 STIP Update
- G. Information: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Upon a motion by Member Ortega and seconded by Member Allwardt, 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: FY 2009/10 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 4

Mr. Lara explained the details for the necessary adjustments to the work elements in the OWP Amendment No. 4.

Upon motion by Member McKittrick and seconded by Member Ishida, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee approved the FY 2009/10 OWP Amendment No. 4. Member Vander Poel and Member Cox voted to oppose.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Support for Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 Ballot Initiative

Ms. Wright provided information on the California League of Cities ballot initiative. The ballot measure includes some transportation pieces. Currently, the California League of Cities is working to obtain the needed amount of signatures.

Upon motion by Member Link and seconded by Member Martinez, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee approved to support the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 Ballot Initiative

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for an Allensworth high speed rail maintenance facility once the submittal of a Request for Expression of Interest is verified and accepted by the High Speed Rail Authority

Mr. Waters provided information on a request to the Board to approve resolution to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for an Allensworth high speed rail maintenance facility once the submittal of a Request for Expression of Interest is verified and accepted by the High Speed Rail Authority. Mr. Waters stated that the last update he received from the Rail Authority Allensworth's application had not been completed, however, an extension was granted. Mr. Waters had been notified by email that a second application had been submitted from Tulare County from an applicant in Angiola.

Upon motion by Member Vander Poel and seconded by Member Mendoza, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee approved support for an Allensworth high speed rail maintenance facility once the submittal of a Request for Expression of Interest is verified and accepted by the High Speed Rail Authority

- D. Member Sparks announced that Jason Waters, TCAG staff, will be providing staff support to the Rail Advisory Committee. The Rail Advisory Committee met February 11<sup>th</sup>. The Committee discussed outreach, rail crossing ordinances, the potential for Fresno State to prepare a business plan, short-line rail and the One Voice Trip to D.C. Mr. Waters added, pending approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Overall Work Program (OWP), staff is working on an RFP for a consultant to prepare a business plan for east-side rail.

Member Ishida added that during a meeting at the One Voice trip to Sacramento information came out that the High Speed Rail is having right-of-way issues in the larger communities like Los Angeles (Leg 1 of HSR) and Anaheim (Leg 2 of HSR). Potentially, this could lead to the valley being the first portion of the HSR being built.

- E. Mr. Wright provided an update on the Potential second round of Federal Stimulus money. The Senate has not meet and passed it's version of the bill. There is a possibility that this bill may split into several pieces. Per a conference call with Caltrans, there are no plans that they will meet the first 50% spending requirement as was done in the first round of stimulus. Staff, along with Caltrans are looking at what projects could potentially be ready for construction. Mr. Smalley added that, at this time, there are many variables. It may be a necessary to meet prior to the March Board meeting to discuss the potential list of projects. Mr. Smalley asked that member agencies provide the status on their projects. There will be more details next week after the Senate meet. Once the bill is signed the 90 day deadline starts. There will need to be a quick FTIP amendment so days do not get lost. Mr. Smalley asked for permission for staff to work with the three cities that have projects ready.
- F. Ms. Bender-Ehlert provided a Caltrans update. There has not been a lot has changes to the project's status; Hwy 198 is under construction; 99 is in the design stage (work continues negotiating relocating AT&T's man-wholes; landscape work continues on Mooney Boulevard and as weather permits the final stages of paying will be completed.

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

Upon motion by Member Mendoza and seconded by Member Vander Poel, 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 January 25, 2010 Board Meeting  
B. Summary of January 21, 2010 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Upon motion by Member Kimball and seconded by Member Cox, Item VI-A through VI-B of the Association Consent Calendar was approved.

## **VII. Association Action/Discussion Items**

### **A. Information: SB375 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Target Submittal Status**

Ms. Wright provided information on the SB375 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Target Submittal status. Staff is working with a consultant on TCAG's greenhouse gas targets submittal to ARB. ARB has asked for assistance in setting targets for the state. Staff is hoping that providing information to ARB will help adjust targets for the valley. Staff will continue to update the Board.

## **VIII. TULARE COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Meeting of the 2010 Census Tulare County Complete Count Committee (CCC)**

See separate minutes

## **IX. Correspondence**

Letter from the City of Visalia Appointing Michael Lane as Alternate Member

## **X. Other Business**

### **A. Information: Items from Staff**

Reminder: 700 Forms are due April 1st

### **B. Information: Items from Board Members**

Member Ishida provided an update on the Water Commission. At the last Water Commission meeting the subject of the export of ground water came up for a county ordinance. There may be a subcommittee formed to study ground water. The State of California is pushing for something to happen on a state wide level. Fresno County adopted one some years back however there are several flaws. Another important issue has come up that State is asking that (recharge) water run off from the roads be used and one department is saying that one could be held liable for contamination if it is used. A solution will need to be reached over how to use recharge water with relief from liability. This is happening today. An irrigation district has removed drainage that dumps flood water into their canals due to concerns over liability issues.

Member Martinez asked for clarification on the issue of supporting or not supporting the states water bond measures.

Member Ishida responded that this topic is being discussed however it seems that the supervisors in the counties are not sure what they are going to support. They are still a ways off from making a determination.

Vice Chair Kimball extended an invitation to the Lindsay Centennial celebration scheduled February 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. There is an event scheduled Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lindsay City Hall which provides an opportunity to see down-town and what has been done with Measure R and TE monies.

### **C. Request from Board Members for future agenda items**

None

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