

I. Call to Order & Welcome

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Vander Poel at 1:00 p.m. on February 22, 2011.

II. Public Comments

None

III. Transportation Consent Calendar

Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar (Item III-A)

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolutions: Approve the Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims for the City of Porterville for Fiscal Year 2010/11
- B. Information: City of Woodlake 2010 Transit Development Plan
- C. Information: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Update
- D. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update

Upon a motion by Member Link and seconded by Member Ennis, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Item III-A.

IV. Transportation Action/Discussion Items

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Fiscal Year 2010/11 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 5

Mr. Lara provided information on the Fiscal Year 2010/11 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 5. Mr. Lara stated that the requested changes include: allowing the adjustment of staff time, funding of due diligence for potential property acquisition and Air Quality Conformity Coordination. The resulting increases will be covered by FHWA PL funds and TCAG reserves. Membership dues will not increase.

Upon a motion by Member Worthley and seconded by Member McKittrick the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee approved Fiscal Year 2010/11 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 5. Member Vander Poel and Member Cox opposed.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approving the Transportation Enhancement Project Selections

Mr. Wendt provided details on the Transportation Enhancement projects selections. Mr. Wendt stated that eleven competitive projects were received and scoring was consistent with previous years. Mr. Wendt explained the project scoring process.

Upon a motion by Member Mendoza and seconded by Member Ennis the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Enhancement project selections.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approving the Amended 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Mr. Smalley provided information on the Amended 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Mr. Smalley stated that this amendment will add the selected T.E. projects and will shift cost savings from Road 80 phase 3 to the SR-99/Betty Drive interchange to right-of-way. Mr. Smalley stressed the importance of protecting cost savings and adding flexibility. It also reduces the need to bond which benefits all member agencies.

Upon a motion by Member Worthley and seconded by Member Cox the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Amended 2010 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approving the Selection of a Consultant for the Tulare County Community College Transit Study

Ms. Chavez provided information on the consultant selection for the Tulare County Community College Transit Study. Three proposals were received. Staff from TCAG, the City of Tulare and Visalia scored the proposals. Using scoring criteria set by the TCAG Board, TPG Consulting was selected.

Upon a motion by Member Vejvoda and seconded by Member Link the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the selection of TPG Consulting as a consultant for the Tulare County Community College Transit Study.

E. Action: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Project Approval

Ms. Wright provided information on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project selections. At this time there is three million dollars available for CMAQ projects. Ms. Wright complimented member agency staff on the number and quality of applications received. Projects were scored using adopted CMAQ policy. Ms. Wright detailed the list of projects adding that additional projects were selected in the event that more funding is received projects will be on the list.

Upon a motion by Member Mendoza and seconded by Member McKittrick the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project selections.

F. Information: One Voice Trip Updates

Ms. Wright provided an update on the One Voice trip. Hand-outs were provided for review and comment. Ms. Wright informed attendees that a briefing meeting is scheduled Tuesday, March 1st at 8:30 a.m. at the hotel in D.C. where a final agenda for meetings will be provided. Ms. Wright detailed topics that will be discussed at the meetings. Some of the planned topics for discussion include: what's important for the next Transportation Bill, Federal Highway Administration Planning Funds (PL), CMAQ, Bridge construction, and Self-help Counties.

Member Boyer added that some of the smaller cities will attend meetings to discuss H.R. 760.

G. Information: Air Quality Update

Ms. Wright provided an Air Quality update. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District submitted comment letters to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding their proposed disapproval of the Valley's plan. A mid-course review is scheduled for April. If all concerns are addressed approval may be possible; if not, the Valley MPOs could face sanctions as early as November.

H. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

Mr. Marquez provided a Caltrans monthly report. A ground-breaking ceremony for the Goshen to Kingsburg widening project has been scheduled for March 30th (more information to follow). Regarding the bridge at Avenue 24, it is on schedule and will be completed in July. Caltrans is creating a newsletter that will contain project high lights in each region. It's scheduled to roll-out in March. Caltrans is asking for feedback.

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

Upon motion by Member Link and seconded by Member Ennis, 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)

- A. Minutes of January 24, 2011, Board Meeting
- B. Summary of January 20, 2011, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Upon motion by Member Worthley and seconded by Member Mendoza, the Association unanimously approved the Association Consent Calendar Items VI-A

VII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Action: TCAG Improvement Strategy Options

Mr. Smalley thanked individuals for their input and stated that, after the presentation and discussion at the workshop, it is recommended that items: 2a, 9, 10, and 11 be struck and that items: 1, 2b, 2c 2d and 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are approved.

Member Link commented that he would like to see funds go toward grant writing.

Mr. Smalley stated that it is recommended that item 2A be struck. Staff can bring back discussion on a grant writer at a later date.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Ennis, the Association unanimously approved the TCAG improvement strategy options as follows:

1. Work with County Treasurer to change the timing of transit payments from quarterly to monthly or as-needed **(completed)**
2. Develop an improved Outreach Strategy
 - a. ~~Review to include the hiring of PIO and/or website staff person~~
 - b. Effort geared to the average citizen
 - c. Improved media relations
 - d. Complete revision of website(s) (TCAG – Measure R)
3. Prepare Mitigation Banking Implementation discussion (TCAG & TAC)
4. Conduct annual training for elected officials (TCAG)
5. Add Pledge of Allegiance to the beginning of Board meetings (TCAG)
6. Conduct Measure R 5-year evaluation along with recommended changes
7. Develop preliminary analysis of TCAG moving from County RMA building (TCAG & City Managers)
8. If desired by Board, prepare implementation plan for moving to new facility
9. ~~TCAG Board to provide input on energy coordination~~
10. ~~Other~~
11. ~~Take no position at this time~~

B. Action: Designation of a Board Representative and Alternate for CalVans

Ms. Chavez provided information for a Board Representative and Alternate for CalVans. Ms. Chavez stressed the importance of Tulare County being represented. The first meeting of a year-long commitment is scheduled in April and there will likely be monthly meetings until approximately July.

Member Mendoza volunteered to represent TCAG and Member Hinesly volunteered to be the alternate TCAG representative.

Upon motion by Member McKittrick and seconded by Member Ennis, the Association unanimously approved Member Mendoza as the CalVans Representative and Member Hinesly as the Alternate for TCAG.

VIII. Correspondence

None

IX. Other Business

A. Information: Items from Staff

Mr. Smalley reminded Board members that 700 Forms are due. For members on both the TCAG and TCTA Board, please add both on your form.

B. Information: Items from Board Members

Member Ishida provided an update on the Tulare County Water Commission. The County Administrative Office will be putting out a job opening in March for a position to be dedicated to water issues.

C. Request from Board Members for future agenda items

**ADJOURN AS THE TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND
CONVENE AS THE TULARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.**

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Executive Minutes – February 22, 2011

<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
Phil Cox	Bill Whitlatch	<u>M/A</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
Janet Hinesly	Mike Smith	<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
Ronald Irish	Cameron Hamilton		City of Porterville
Craig Vejvoda	Skip Barwick	<u>M</u>	City of Tulare
Bob Link	Michael Lane	<u>M</u>	City of Visalia
Rudy Mendoza	Raul Gonzalez, Jr.	<u>M</u>	City of Woodlake

STAFF

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

X. Transportation Authority Consent Calendar

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

- A. Action: Minutes of January 24, 2011 Authority Meeting
- B. Information: Measure R Update

Upon motion by Member Ennis and seconded by Member Link, the Tulare County Transportation Authority approved the Authority Consent Calendar Item X-A.

XI. AUTHORITY ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Allow for Loan Agreement between the City of Visalia (Visalia) and the Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA)

Mr. Lara provided details for a loan agreement between the City of Visalia and the Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA). It was determined that the City of Visalia offered the most competitive loan. This loan will allow projects to stay on schedule and move forward. Mr. Smalley added that current construction costs are as low as they have been since the 80's.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Worthley, the Tulare County Transportation Authority unanimously approved to allow for a Loan Agreement between the City of Visalia (Visalia) and the Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA).

- B. Information: Santa Fe Trail Connection Update

Ms. Chavez provided a Santa Fe Trail Connection update. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certification and corridor alignment plan has been rescheduled to go before the Tulare County Board of Supervisors March 8, 2011.

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

XII. Adjourn

Adjourn as the Tulare County Transportation Authority at 2:10 p.m. The next TCAG/Transportation Authority Board meeting will be held **Monday, March 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.** Visalia Convention Center (San Joaquin C/D Rooms) 303 E. Acequia Ave., Visalia, CA 93291.