

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

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Executive Minutes – May 16, 2011

<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/A</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 5
Janet Hinesly	Mike Smith	<u>                    </u>	City of Dinuba
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
Ronald Irish	Cameron Hamilton	<u>M</u>	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	Gregorio Gonzalez, Jr.	<u>                    </u>	City of Woodlake
Bill McKinley	Greg Woodard	<u>                    </u>	Member-at-Large
Terry McKittrick	Bob Stocker	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Tom Sparks	vacant	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Sharri Bender-Ehlert	Neil Britz	<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>P</u>	TCAG
Marvin Demmers	Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Ben Giuliani	Senior Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Mark Hays	Associate Regional Planner	<u>                    </u>	TCAG
Ramon Lara	Administrative Service Officer	<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>                    </u>	TCAG
Marcos Segura	Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Michal Mierzwinski	Accountant II	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Colleen Potts	Secretary III	<u>                    </u>	TCAG
Carrie Perez	Office Assistant	<u>P</u>	TCAG

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

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Vander Poel at 1:00 p.m. on May 16, 2011.

## **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

At the request of Chair Vander Poel, Member Irish led the pledge of allegiance.

## **III. Public Comments**

None

## **IV. Transportation Consent Calendar –Action Item**

### **Request Approval of the Transportation Consent Calendar Action Item IV. A**

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No.7

Upon a motion by Member Ennis and seconded by Member McKittrick the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Transportation Consent Calendar Item IV.A

## **V. Transportation Consent Calendar Information Items**

- A. Information: 2011 Population and Housing Estimates for Tulare County  
B. Information: Tulare County Intersection Monitoring Program  
C. Information: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Update

## **VI. Transportation Action/Discussion Items**

- A. Presentation: TCAG's 2010/2011 Make a Difference in Air Quality Contest Winners

Ms. Wright listed the sponsors for the contest and prizes. The grand prize winner receives a new bike and a two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollar gift certificate. Four others were also presented with new bikes. Chair Vander Poel announced the Honorable Mentions, then proceeded to the four finalists. They are:

1. Danierra Rojas is a twelfth grader from Orosi High School
2. Myra Martinez is a seventh grader from Cherry Avenue Middle School
3. David Kingsford is a fifth grader from Royal Oaks Elementary
4. Daniel Trujillo is a second grader from Snowden Elementary

The Grand Prize winner is Rosa Dominguez, a first grader from Munson-Sultana.

- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No.9

Mr. Wendt provided details of Amendment No. 9 which modifies three (3) currently programmed highway bridge projects. The amendment was held for 30 day public review and was concluded on Wednesday May 11, 2011. No comments were received.

Upon a motion by Member Worthley and seconded by Member McKittrick, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved Amendment No. 9 to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Adopting the 2011/2012 Overall Work Program (OWP) for the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)

Mr. Lara provided details of the 2011/2012 Overall Work Program.

Upon a motion by Member Link and seconded by Member Ennis, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved the 2011/2012 Overall Work Program.

D. Information: Status of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Allocations and California Transportation Commission (CTC) Update

Mr. Giuliani provided details from the May California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting. The amendment for the State Transportation Improvement Program is moving four (4) million dollars from the Road 80 Phase 3 project to the Betty Drive Interchange project. There were no comments by the commissioners and CTC staff will be putting the item on the consent calendar for the June CTC meeting. Also the Road 80 Phase 3 allocation request, four (4) Transportation Enhancement projects for the next fiscal year, and the 99 Bond savings, will be heard at the June CTC meeting. The CTC staff will be recommending projects for the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) as well.

E. Information: Legislative/Government Relations Update

Ms. Wright provided a legislative action and government update. Staff will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

F. Information: Transit Update

Mr. Smalley provided updates on transit. TCAG is going to provide updates every three (3) months. Federal program 5310 has funds available and TCAG has applied for these funds. Proposition 1B has a couple of programs that we were able to use. The Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA), the California Transit Security Grant Program, and California Transit Assistance Fund. Our agencies are using the funds to purchase buses, covered shop facilities, etc. The Security grant has been accessed and used by a few of our agencies for video surveillance, GPS, lights for shelters and stops, etc. The COS program has been a huge success. There is a comprehensive study being done by TPG. TPG will provide recommendations to improve this program and to make sure our agencies are not losing fare box rates. After extensive research, staff found that the transit funds are for public use only. School districts are responsible for their own buses. There can be a combined effort with us and the schools but it their buses have to have public use in order for them to use TCAG funds. Unmet needs will be presented to the Board at the June meeting for approval.

G. Information: Rail Update

Mr. Smalley and Mr. Sparks provided rail updates. The negotiations with Union Pacific are moving along slowly. The sixty-six (66) parcels that are along the way are being carefully evaluated. We have requested that Chicago Title perform the analysis. Information requested from Union Pacific on reversionary parcels. Once the railroad no longer needs the parcel for use, it's suppose to revert back to the previous owner but as of yet we do not know if this is happening. San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVR) is replacing ties and putting in larger rails between Dinuba and Sanger. No one knows what is happening with the three thousand (3,000) dollar a mile tax credit they get every year. Yet SJVR claims not to have enough funds to continue to provide services in certain areas of the county. If anyone has any questions about specific with the rail please speak with Mr. Sparks. Mr. Ishida is meeting with Union Pacific on their future plans with the San Joaquin Valley next week. Mr. Ishida also attended a rail conference. He provided information from the Federal Rail Authority (FRA). There will definitely be money in the new transportation bill for freight rail. So we will be looking into this. It has come to our attention that by state law you have to have a survey conducted with regards to any right-of-way. This needs to be done.

H. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

Mr. Britz provided a Caltrans monthly report. Mr. Britz gave an update and a handout on all current and pending projects with approximate start dates and completion dates. The director of Caltrans is retiring and they will notify when a new director has been appointed.

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

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

## **VIII. Association Consent Calendar – Action Items**

### **Request Approval of the Association Consent Calendar (Items VIII-A through VIII-B)**

- A. Minutes of April 25, 2011, Board Meeting
- B. Summary of April 14, 2011, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Upon motion by Member McKittrick and seconded by Member Santana, the Association unanimously approved the Association Consent Calendar Items VI-A through VII-B.

## **IX. Association Consent Calendar –Information Items**

There were no Consent Calendar Information Items.

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

- A. Action: Approve TCAG Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Amendment No. 1 and / or Amendment No. 2 for circulation to member agencies

Mr. Smalley provided information on the TCAG JPA Amendment No. 1. The City Managers met and recommended TCAG JPA Amendment No. 1, Version 3. Per Counsel, this vote must be a “yes” or “no” vote and no changes can be made once the motion is passed. Mr. Smalley stated that it was also recommended that TCAG JPA Amendment No. 2 be deferred for one month.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Vejvoda, the Association unanimously authorized the approved TCAG JPA Amendment No. 1. Paragraph (2) of said Agreement by amended by adding thereto subparagraph (q) to read as follows: (q) To acquire, maintain, and dispose of real property or an interest in real property, exclusively as it pertains to offices for personnel. This power does not include the power of eminent domain. Amendment No. 2 was deferred for one (1) month.

- B. Action: Site Location Approval

Chair Vander Poel deferred this item to Closed Session.

- C. Action: Appoint a Member-at-Large Alternate for Position #2 on the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board

Chair Vander Poel recommended Ernie Hernandez be appointed the Member-at-Large Alternate for position #2 on the TCAG Board.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Link, the Association unanimously appointed Ernie Hernandez as the Member-at-Large Alternate for position #2 on the TCAG Board.

## **XI. Correspondence**

There were no Correspondence items.

## **XII. Other Business**

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

None

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

Member Ishida provided an update on the Tulare County Water Commission. There was a meeting last week and discussion took place regarding the State’s intention to monitor ground water where reports must be made to the Department of Water Resources with anything that is being put onto the ground. It will be up to individual growers, cities and districts to monitor and report to the Department of Water Resource. This new program is being developed by the Water Board and is not being legislated. If there

are any problems or questions individuals must contact the Water Board directly. Also, in the future, storm water run-off will be tested and monitored.

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

None

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