

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

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Executive Minutes – January 24, 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> </u>	Tulare County-Dist. 2
Phil Cox	Bill Whitlatch	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 3
Steve Worthley	Ray Millard	<u> </u>	Tulare County-Dist. 4
Mike Ennis	Judi Gibbons	<u>M</u>	Tulare County-Dist. 5
Janet Hinesly	Mark Wallace	<u>M</u>	City of Dinuba
Jack Allwardt	Ted Macaulay	<u> </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	<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 Gonzales, Jr.	<u>M</u>	City of Woodlake
Bill McKinley	Greg Woodard	<u>M/A</u>	Member-at-Large
Vacant	Bob Stocker	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Tom Sparks	Gil Jaramillo	<u>M</u>	Member-at-Large
Sharri Bender-Ehlert	Christine Cox-Kovacevich	<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	Associate Regional Planner	<u> </u>	TCAG
Ben Giuliani	Senior Regional Planner	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Mark Hays	Associate Regional Planner	<u> </u>	TCAG
Ramon Lara	Administrative Services 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> </u>	TCAG
Michal Mierzwinski	Accountant II	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Colleen Potts	Secretary III	<u>P</u>	TCAG
Carrie Perez	Office Assistant	<u> </u>	TCAG

I. Call to Order & Welcome

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Kimball at 1:00 p.m. on January 24, 2011.

II. Public Comments

None

III. Transportation Consent Calendar

Transportation Consent Calendar (Item III-A through Item III-D)

- A. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve Fiscal Year 2010/11 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 4
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve a reduction in the farebox recovery ratio required under Transportation Development Act (TDA) for operation of the City of Exeter's Dial-a-Ride transit service
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolutions: Approve the Transportation Development Act (TDA) claims for the City of Visalia, the City of Exeter and the County of Tulare for Fiscal Year 2010/11
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approve nominations to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)
- E. Information: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project Update
- F. Information: Federal Fiscal Year 2011- FTA Section 5311 Program of Projects
- G. Information: 2011 Unmet Needs Public Hearing Date

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

IV. Transportation Action/Discussion Items

- A. Presentation: Sequoia Shuttle 2010 Update

Mr. Cox, Transit Manager, City of Visalia, provided a Sequoia Shuttle presentation.

- B. Presentation: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Mr. Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, provided a presentation on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

- C. Action: TCAG options for participation and implementation of a Countywide Development Impact Fee (DIF) Program

Mr. Fussel, Assistant Director, Tulare County Resource Management Agency, provided a presentation on the DIF Program during the workshop.

Mr. Smalley detailed options relating to the proposed DIF Program and stated that staff is looking for direction regarding their desire to participate.

Discussion ensued.

Upon a motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Mendoza the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee unanimously approved that TCAG staff be involved in the DIF Program process.

- D. Information: December 14, 2010, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of the Tulare County 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Tulare County Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and Corresponding Conformity Analysis

Mr. Wendt provided information on the FHWA approval of the Tulare County 2011 RTP, Tulare County FTIP, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis. All documents received Federal approval to move forward with scheduled projects.

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

Mr. Giuliani provided a STIP and CTC update. Good news, bond sales were in the amount of 1.23 billion dollars for Prop 1 A&B projects. The money will first go to the projects on a waiting list that includes State Route 198. The next bond sale will be in the fall.

- F. Information: Washington D.C. Trip Update

Ms. Wright provided a Washington D.C. trip update. An agenda will be provided as soon as it is received. Meetings are being scheduled March 1, 2 and partially on the 3rd. Staff is trying to leave as much time open as possible on the 3rd for agencies to schedule other meetings. Ms. Wright described a list of topics set for discussion.

- G. Information: High Speed Rail (HSR) Update

Ms. Wright provided a HSR update. The HSR project is currently going through its environmental process. HSR funding is required to have a State 1 for 1 match. Matching the funds is contingent on the State's ability to bond.

- H. Information: Air Quality Update

Ms. Wright provided an Air Quality update. If the valley's air quality and conformity issues are not resolved, the Valley could face a conformity freeze for up to two years. If after that time issues are not resolved the Valley could enter into a conformity lapse. Ms. Wright provided a definition of what this could mean to projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Staff is watching this closely.

- I. Information: Caltrans Monthly Report

Ms. Cox-Kovacevich provided a Caltrans report. Caltrans is proud to have partnered with the City of Visalia during the flooding. An instructional video has been created to assist with the 2011/12 EJ and CBTP grant application submittal process. It can be found online at websites: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/ej_cbtp_toolbox.html. A lot of good news received throughout the region for Prop 1b funded projects. Rain has slowed down traffic shifting on State Route 198; however, the project remains on schedule.

V. REQUEST TO ADVISORY 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.

VI. Association Consent Calendar

Request Approval of the Association Consent Calendar (Items VI-A through VI-C)

- A. Minutes of December 6, 2010, Board Meeting
- B. Summary of December 2, 2010, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
- C. Action: LCR 2010-20, Seville Water System
- D. Information: Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) 2010/2011 First Quarter Report

Upon motion by Member Link and seconded by Member Ennis, the Association unanimously approved the Association Consent Calendar Items VI-A through VI-C. Member Boyer abstained from Item VI-C.

VII. ASSOCIATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Action: Appointment of Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) At-Large Member/Alternate for Position #1 and reappoint members for Position #2
Vice Chair Kimball opened the floor for public comment.

Dr. McKittrick commented on his desire to fill the Member-At-Large Position #1 vacancy.

Dr. McKittrick stated that he served on the TCAG Board for eight years including serving as the Chair for two years. Dr. McKittrick stated that he feels that it is the most important Board within Tulare County and that he would like to be reappointed.

Mr. Smalley stated that during his time with TCAG he has never had three applicants for one vacancy and that all applicants are highly qualified.

Upon motion by Member Ennis and seconded by Member McKinley motion was made to excuse candidates from the room to allow for open discussion.

Vice Chair Kimball requested that the three applicants leave the room.

Discussion ensued.

At the direction of Vice Chair Kimball, Mr. Smalley took a roll call vote.

The total roll call vote of Board Members is as follows: six votes for Dr. McKittrick, one vote for Mr. Stammer, three votes for Mr. Woodard .

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member Link, the Association unanimously approved the ratifying of this process.

Upon motion by Member Ishida and seconded by Member Boyer, the Association unanimously approved the reappointment of Tom Sparks to the Member-At-Large Position #2 and Gil Jaramillo to the Member-At-Large Position #2 Alternate.

B. Information: Regional Valley Organization

Mr. Smalley stated that a presentation was provided during the workshop where information regarding regional valley organization was provided.

VIII. Correspondence

- A. Letter from the City of Dinuba naming the TCAG Representatives
- B. Letter from the City of Tulare naming the TCAG Representatives
- C. Letter from the City of Woodlake naming TCAG Representatives

Vice Chair Kimball read through the letters from the Cities naming new TCAG representatives and welcomed them to the Board.

IX. Other Business

A. Information: Items from Staff

Vice Chair Kimball reminded Board members that 700 forms are due.

Mr. Smalley stated that a workshop is scheduled next month to discuss TCAG improvements strategies.

B. Information: Items from Board Members

Member Ishida provided an update on the Tulare County Water Commission. A meeting is scheduled today at 4:00 p.m. at the BOS. The Water Commission invited the Flood Commission to the meeting to discuss the possibility of working together.

C. Request from Board Members for future agenda items

Member Irish requested an update on the 14% of Measure R funds that is designated for Transit/Bike/Environmental.

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

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.