

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 2, 2011

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held Friday, December 2, 2011 at the Merced County Association of Governments conference room located at 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chairman Stuart Rawling at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Ford-Azevedo, Small Business
Tom Grave, Education
Larrae Iencarelli, Real Estate
Richard Jantz, Economic Development
Stuart Rawling, Construction
Erin Stacy, Student
Diana Westmoreland Pedrozo, Agriculture

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Coté, Engineering
Jeff Freitas, Citizen-at-Large
Ron Price, Water
Vacant, Citizen-at-Large
Vacant, Citizen at Large
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Vacant, Citizen at Large
Vacant, Commerce/Finance
Vacant, Goods Movement
Vacant, Healthcare

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Chiu, UC Merced Student
Joshua Ewen, City of Merced
Matt Fell, MCAG
Lori Flanders, MCAG
Karin Groth, UC Merced
Marjie Kirn, MCAG
Terri Lewis, MCAG
Ty Phimmasone, MCAG

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Oral Communication

Ty Phimmasone reported that the MCAG Regional Road Projects listing is updated every quarter and posted on the MCAG website. A Regional Road Projects PowerPoint presentation has been added that conveys the project information in a user friendly format.

3. City of Merced Presentation – Downtown Development

Joshua Ewen from the City of Merced conducted a presentation on the future development of Downtown Merced including a Merced High Speed Rail station. The future of Downtown Merced Planning is focused on the following core elements:

- Entertainment, retail and services;
- A hub for cultural and community events;
- Public transit, bicycle and pedestrian access;
- Epicenter of infill opportunity;
- Increased density and height;
- Form based designs; and
- Increased neighborhood services to ensure livability.

Any questions or comments can be directed to:

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4. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the November 4, 2011 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting
- b. Draft Formal Amendment No. 13 to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program
- c. Revised State Transit Assistance FY2011/12 Apportionment Estimate and Revised Claim form

Tom Grave made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Diana Westmoreland-Pedrozo.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Project Evaluation

Matt Fell reported on the staff's programming recommendation that has resulted from an evaluation of the CMAQ projects submitted by jurisdictions in the recent Call for Projects. The summary table below identifies the staff evaluation rating for both evaluation categories (Highly Cost Effective and Quality of life):

Summary of CMAQ Applications Received

Nov. 22, 2011

#	Agency	Project	Cost effective-ness (\$/lb.) lower is better	Pollution reduced (kg/day) higher is better	Quick?	CMAQ cost max. 88.53%	Local match min. 11.47%	Total project cost
CE projects: highly cost effective, costing \$30/lb. or less								
1	Los Banos	Replace dump truck	\$8.46	2.29	YES	\$132,795	\$17,205	\$150,000
2	County	Replace hot-mix pothole patcher	\$11.74	2.19	YES	\$172,633	\$22,367	\$195,000
3	County	Replace spray pothole patcher	\$13.21	2.15	YES	\$190,339	\$24,661	\$215,000
4	Los Banos	Replace 2 backhoes	\$14.79	2.00	YES	\$198,307	\$25,693	\$224,000
5	Livingston	Replace backhoe	\$15.56	1.06	YES	\$110,662	\$14,338	\$125,000
6	Dos Palos	Replace front loader	\$18.93	0.49	YES	\$61,971	\$8,029	\$70,000
CE subtotal						\$866,707		
QoL projects: quality of life projects usable by the public								
7	Atwater	Install sidewalks	\$380.79	0.09	NO	\$410,169	\$53,142	\$463,311
8	County	Install sidewalks	\$281.61	0.19	NO	\$626,792	\$81,208	\$708,000
9	Gustine	Install bike lanes	\$634.65	0.05	NO	\$297,017	\$38,483	\$335,500
10	Livingston	Install sidewalks	\$93.85	0.53	NO	\$597,785	\$77,450	\$675,235
11	Los Banos	Install sidewalks	\$313.65	0.07	NO	\$277,098	\$35,902	\$313,000
12	Merced	Install bike lanes (10 miles)	\$306.22	0.09	NO	\$290,400	\$39,600	\$330,000
13	Merced	Install 50 bike racks	\$58.50	0.05	YES	\$32,525	\$4,435	\$37,100
14	Merced	Install 3 bike shelters	\$435.27	0.03	YES	\$145,200	\$19,800	\$165,000
QoL subtotal						\$2,676,986		

Diana Westmoreland-Pedrozo made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approved programming the 14 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) projects (in the table above) in the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) in FY 2011/12 and FY 2012/13 as recommended by staff.

Seconded by Erin Stacy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Status of California High-Speed Rail Project

Ty Phimmasonne briefed CAC members on the current status of the California High Speed Rail project as described in the recently released (November 1, 2011) Draft Business Plan and the Funding Plan. The public has 60-days to comment on these documents and they will ultimately go to the State Legislature for review and action.

7. Status of the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan

Ty Phimmasonne reported that the SJVIGMP consultants as part of Phase I work product have prepared a Draft Existing Conditions Assessment Technical Memorandum. The document does include a brief discussion on State Route 152 (including Los Banos) and its significance as a major east-west goods movement corridor. This Draft document is available for review and comment at: <http://sjvcogs.com/goods/html>.

8. Atwater-Merced Expressway Status Report

Marjie Kirn reported that Jesse Brown is in discussions with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) staff to negotiate the opportunity to exchange OCTA local measure tax funds (\$12.8 million) for MCAG's future STIP Regional share. This effort is being driven as the last resort to find a way to acquire \$12.8 million of funding to purchase Right of Way (ROW) for the Atwater-Merced Expressway Project as the California Transportation Commission will not approve the allocation of \$12.8 million of "State Only Funds" to the AME Expressway project.

9. Regional Transportation Impact Fee Report Fiscal Year 2011/12- 1st Quarter

Marjie Kirn reported on the amount of Regional Transportation Impact Fees (RTIF) collected in the 1st quarter by member jurisdictions that results when development occurs and fees are collected. Livingston is the only MCAG member jurisdiction that has not adopted a local RTIF ordinance, therefore, Livingston does not show any funds collected.

10. One Voice Revised Schedule

Marjie Kirn reported the One Voice delegation trip for Washington, D.C in 2012 has been rescheduled from March to April 24-25. For any questions, call Lori Flanders at 209-723-3153 X 308 or lori.flanders@mcagov.org.

11. Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2012

So noted.

12. Oral Report – Air District – CAC Report

Richard Jantz encouraged CAC members to commit to an appointment as the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) CAC committee representative.

None of the CAC members offered their name for consideration of MCAG Governing Board appointment to the Air District CAC committee.

Chairman, Stuart Rawlings, with the consensus of CAC members requested that the CAC Governing Board Representative for the December 15, 2011 meeting request that the Governing Board appoint someone other than a CAC member to the Air District CAC committee.

So noted.

13. Information/Discussion Only

- a. CAC Highlights – November 4, 2011
- b. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board – 2011
- c. MCAG Governing Board minutes – November 17, 2011

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:10 A.M.