

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 3, 2010

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held Friday, December 3, 2010 at the Merced County Association of Governments conference room located at 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chairman Kyle Ford at 8:37 a.m. without a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Finney, Citizen-at-Large

Tom Grave, Education

Kyle Ford, Citizen-at-Large

Mary Ford-Azevedo, Small Business

Richard Jantz, Economic Development

Stuart Rawling, Construction

Diana Westmoreland Pedrozo, Agriculture (arrived at 8:55 am)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Coté, Engineering

Larrae Iencarelli, Real Estate

Melissa Kelly-Ortega, Citizen at Large

Scott Neal, Goods Movement

Hicham Eltal, Merced Irrigation District

Joe Salazar, Citizen-at-Large

Vacant, Citizen at Large

Vacant, Commerce/Finance

Vacant, Healthcare

Vacant, Student

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Fell, MCAG

Marjie Kirn, MCAG

Terri Lewis, MCAG

Ty Phimmasone, MCAG

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Oral Communication

Chairman Kyle Ford stated that without a quorum of CAC members, no formal action items can be acted upon and he suggested that the meeting continue with items taken out of order and when a quorum is present then actions can take place. Diana Westmoreland –Pedrozo is expected to arrive momentarily.

Diana Westmoreland-Pedrozo arrived at 8:55 am and Chairman Ford moved the meeting discussion to action items on the agenda.

3. Corrected Minutes of the October 1, 2010 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Tom Grave made a motion to approve the Corrected Minutes of the October 1, 2010 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting.

Seconded by Richard Finney.

Abstained: Stuart Rawling and Erin Stacy.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Minutes of the November 5, 2010 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Diana Westmoreland Pedrozo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the November 5, 2010 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting.

Seconded by Richard Jantz.

Abstained: Mary Ford-Azevedo, Richard Finney, Tom Grave, and Stuart Rawling.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Draft Formal Amendment No. 2 to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Ty Phimmason recapped the need to modify the 2011 FTIP project programming detail to be consistent with both state and local project programming modifications, including:

- a. State - Multiple state-managed project programming changes per the program coordinators; and
- b. Local – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programming changes adding new projects from the recent Call for Projects.

Kyle Ford inquired if the City of Merced’s CMAQ project to replace 18 current vehicles with cleaner emission vehicles requires the vehicles to be replaced to be taken out of service permanently.

Marjie Kirn responded that she didn’t know an answer to his question, yet staff would look into it.

Kyle Ford stated that he would feel a lot more comfortable with funds being spent on the vehicle replacement project if the replaced vehicles were taken out of service permanently.

A CAC member inquired if the CMAQ Merced County project to provide funds to purchase a street sweeper requires the street sweeper to be PM10 compliant.

Matt Fell stated that he did not have an answer to the question, yet he would look into the CMAQ program requirements.

Diane Westmoreland-Pedrozo made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 2 to the 2011 FTIP by Resolution No. 2010/12-16-01 programming changes to be consistent with State-managed programs and SHOPP Collision Reduction Program and adding new CMAQ projects.

Seconded by Erin Stacy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Grant Program – Call for Projects Fiscal Year 2011/2012

Terri Lewis provided a brief description of the Caltrans BTA Grant Program that competitively awards state funding to local bicycle/pedestrian projects. The Caltrans run BTA program requests bike/pedestrian applications yearly in December. Local agencies that have adopted a local (or regional) Bicycle Transportation Plan document within the last 4 years are eligible to submit BTA applications. MCAG provides support to jurisdictions to and/or update BTP documents as well as write BTA applications at the direction of local agency direction. Some of MCAG jurisdictions are not eligible to apply for the FY 11/12 BTA Call for projects cycle because they do not have a current BTP that is the backbone requirement for BTA grant application submittals.

Staff requested each jurisdiction to let us know if they intend to submit a BTA application in the FY11/12 cycle (due in February 2011).

Correction added in meeting minutes by Terri Lewis- BTA program staff has clarified that The City of Los Banos is eligible to submit a BTA grant application for the FY11/12 cycle as their current BTP expires on October 1, 2011.

7. State Route 152 Mobility Partnership

Marjie Kirn highlighted the SR 152 Mobility Partnership project that has been in place for a few years and the more recent SR 152 Trade Corridor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was formalized a year ago by Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and San Benito County Governments.

One of the goals of the SR 152 Mobility Partnership is to develop a trade corridor study that will investigate potential private and public funding sources to pay for improvements along the entire SR 152 corridor including, but not limited to, tolling facilities.

MCAG is now being asked to formalize our participation in the SR152 Mobility Partnership (without any monetary commitment) in the SR152 Trade Corridor Study project with adoption of the SR 152 Trade Corridor Memorandum of Understanding.

Mary Ford-Azevedo made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the SR 152 Trade Corridor Memorandum of Understanding.

Seconded by Tom Grave.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **Forming an Assessment District**

Marjie Kirn provided background on the initial direction given to her at the last Governing Board of Directors meeting, including: to provide information on the process and requirements for forming an assessment district for three regional road projects (Los Banos Bypass, Campus Parkway, Atwater Merced Expressway).

Stuart Rawling made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board to direct staff to provide more information on establishing an assess district that addresses the following CAC member concerns:

- If a regional road assessment district is pursued, will this alienate voters on a future sales tax based transportation regional road measure?;
- Easy to make the argument that UC Merced will benefit from assessment fee and construction of Campus Parkway, yet UC Merced is not required to contribute revenue to pay for any of the project.
- CAC members expressed generalized support for the three regional road projects listed in the next bullet;
- ***IF*** concerns are addressed and mitigated, the CAC would then reevaluate support for a regional road assessment district for the following projects:
 - Campus Parkway;
 - Los Banos Bypass; and
 - Atwater Merced Expressway.

Seconded by Diane Westmoreland-Pedrozo.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. **Information/Discussion Only**

- a. CAC Highlights – November 5, 2010
- b. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board meeting – 2010

Richard Jantz offered to act as a CAC back-up representative to Kyle Ford for the December 16, 2010 (3 pm) MCAG Governing Board Directors meeting scheduled at Merced County Administration Building, 2222 M Street.

- c. MCAG Governing Board minutes – November 18, 2010
- d. Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2011

Chairman Kyle Ford highlighted to CAC members a change in the date of the July 2011 CAC meeting to accommodate the July 4th holiday weekend.

Chairman Ford noted the 2011 CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board Calendar sign-up sheet that has been routed during the meeting.

10. Oral Report – Air District (AD) – CAC Report

Richard Jantz reported that he attended the October AD CAC meeting via video conference from the Modesto AD satellite office and he is now officially a member of the San Joaquin (SJ) Air Pollution Control District's (AD) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Richard is now receiving both mailed as well as email notifications from the SJ AD.

Richard Jantz reminded CAC members that he will be requesting that all other CAC members rotate and attend the monthly AD CAC meetings with him. Richard invited Erin Stacy to consider attending the AD CAC meeting that is scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month at 10am.

Kyle Ford asked for more information about the \$29M fine to be paid by the AD with a \$12 charge on motor vehicle registration fees.

Marjie Kirn stated that staff would try to get someone from the AD to come to the next CAC and provide more information the background of the \$29M fine and revenue that is going to pay the fine.

Tom Grave requested that Richard Jantz further explain the AD connection to MCAG for Erin Stacy as the newest member of the CAC.

Matt Fell offered a brief explanation for Eric Stacy on the workings, requirements, and connections of the SJ AD and MCAG as an MPO within the 8-county geographical boundaries of the SJ AD's jurisdiction.

11. Oral Report – CAC Goals

Chairman Ford stated that it is a good practice to periodically review the CAC committee goals and he suggests a Goal review and prioritization discussion for the January 2011 agenda.

Chairman Ford is asking CAC members to come to the January 2011 meeting ready to share their thoughts on the CAC Goals and specifically answer two questions:

- 1) What do you expect to get from being a member of the CAC?
- 2) What do you expect to contribute to the CAC?

12. Announcements

Marjie Kirn offered to Eric Stacy and all other CAC members the opportunity to participate in her “Transportation 101” training.

CAC members expressed interest in attending the “Transportation 101” training after the January 7, 2011 CAC meeting.

Marjie confirmed that she will hold a CAC training session on January 7, 2011 after the scheduled CAC meeting in the MCAG conference room.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIRMAN KYLE FORD AT 9:58 A.M.

13. Follow-up Items

	Follow-up Items	Action	Date
1	CAC Goals	CAC Goal Discussion & Prioritization (come prepared to answer 2 questions from Chairman): 1) What do you expect to get from being a member of the CAC? 2) What do you expect to contribute to the CAC?	Jan. 2011 agenda
2	Air District - \$29M fine paid for with \$12 vehicle registration fee. AD approved action October 21, 2010	AD staff to discuss	Agenda item
3	CMAQ program clarifications	1) When purchasing cleaner emissions vehicles, are vehicles to be permanently taken out of use? 2) When buying street sweeper do they have to be PM10 compliant?	January 2011
4	“Transportation 101” Training	M. Kirn to hold training after the Jan. 7, 2011 CAC meeting.	January 7, 2011
5	Marketing the Blueprint	Decide CAC’s role	Future Meeting
6	Transportation ballot Measure - Status	City of Merced Strategic Plan –additional revenue source to fill budget deficit	Future Meeting
7	CAC Topic Reports	Standing item	As Needed