

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

February 19, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY** held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at the County of Merced, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2222 M Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Oliveira at 3:13 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joan Faul
Tommy Jones
Deidre Kelsey
Johnny Mays
Mike Nelson
Joe Oliveira
John Pedrozo
Bill Spriggs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerald O'Banion
Daniel Varela
Hub Walsh

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Bacom, Bacoms Used Cars
Ken Baxter, Caltrans District 10
Su Briggs, Merced Community Action Agency
Jesse Brown, MCAG staff
John Carlisle, City of Merced
Joshua Channell, Circle Point
Renee Davenport, Sierra Presbyterian Church
Patti Dossetti, Citizen
Robert Haden, Legal Counsel
Brenda Callahan-Johnson, Community Action Agency
Marjie Kirm, MCAG staff
Robin Lamas, MCAG staff
Jerry Lawrie, Merced County Solid Waste
Dianne Obrey, Sierra Presbyterian Church
Dennis Queen, Merced County Public Health
Carole Roberds, Merced Community Action Agency
Larry Shankland, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”
Terry Smith Tatum, Continuum of Care
Harry Strawbridge, Citizen
Megan Wessel, Circle Point
Dean Wilson, CAC Representative

8. Minutes of the January 15, 2009 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting

Director Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting.

Seconded by Director Faul.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Consider the Draft Annual Transit Service Plan and Budget for FY 2009-2010 and Authorize Implementation of Route 10X on 3/2/2009

Larry Shankland gave a brief review of the Draft Annual Transit Service Plan and Budget for FY 2009-2010 and the request for the authorization of implementing Route 10X.

Director Pedrozo moved to:

Approve the Annual Transit Service Plan and Budget for FY 2009-2010; and
Authorize the implementation of Route 10X effective 3/2/2009.

Seconded by Director Faul.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Authorize the Development and Issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Daily Operation of "The Bus" – Merced County Transit Re: Two Contracts – Fixed Route Services and Dial-A-Ride Services

Larry Shankland stated it was time to do a Request for Proposals for the daily operation of "The Bus" as the current contract expires on June 30, 2010. Staff is recommending that the RFP be for two contracts, one for Fixed Route Service and one for Dial-a-Ride service with the hope that two separate contracts would allow both the Fixed Route and Dial-a-Ride services to flourish and possibly provide for some operational savings.

Director Jones moved to authorize staff to develop the RFP for the next Transit Service Contracted Operator Agreement with a focus on splitting the service into two separate contracts.

Seconded by Director Mays.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY, THAT PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:29 P.M.

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Robin Lamas

Administrative Assistant II

MCAAG GOVERNING BOARD

February 19, 2009

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11. Oral Report – Citizens Advisory Committee

Dean Wilson gave the report from the Citizens Advisory Committee.

12. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the January 15, 2009 Governing Board meeting
- b. FY 09-10 Work Program and Budget
- c. FY 2008/2009 2nd Quarter Report October 2008 – December 2008 – 2nd Quarter Warrant Register

Director Faul moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Seconded by Director Kelsey.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Information/Discussion Only

- a. Regional Transportation Impact Fee Report
- b. Minutes of the February 11, 2009 Technical Review Board meeting
- c. Draft Ramp Metering and High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Study

So noted.

14. Homeless Task Force

Jesse Brown stated that at the January 15, 2009 Governing Board meeting there was a presentation by Dr. Herb Opalek referring to the homeless task force that he was suggesting. In the meantime, Dr. Opalek and Mr. Hassett have resigned from that task force. Staff is recommending that this item and the continuation of the efforts to address the homeless issue be referred back to the Continuum of Care Executive Council and have them report back with their recommendations.

Terry Tatum, Chair of the CoC Executive Council, stated they feel very strongly that the community needs to proceed with the 10-Year Plan and with other immediate issues. They are welcoming discussions for the next meeting, which is scheduled for next week. Recommendations coming forward may include going out to bid for the 10-Year Plan.

Director Faul moved to approve referring the objectives of the task force to the Continuum of Care Executive Council for discussion and recommendations to the Governing Board at a future meeting.

Seconded by Director Jones.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Oral Report – San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust

So noted.

16. Oral Report - Caltrans

Ken Baxter gave a report from Caltrans.

17. Atwater-Merced Expressway – Project Report Status and Final EIR Certification

Jesse Brown stated that this is a very important milestone in the project where we are asking the Board to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report. At the August 21, 2008 Governing Board meeting staff recommended this item be continued to permit further discussion, specifically with the Atwater Elementary School District. Those discussions have taken place and a modification to Alignment 1B was developed that met with the approval of the Atwater Elementary School District and the State Board of Education. Due to the modifications, the Draft Environmental Impact Report was re-circulated and another public meeting was held so that full disclosure of the proposed project was made to the public prior to the closure of the public comment period on January 5, 2009.

Staff had received a letter through e-mail, which was passed out to the Governing Board that was submitted by Marsha A. Burch, Attorney. It highlights three issues she has concerns about. Staff feels our document responds to her comments in an appropriate way. Staff at this time is recommending certification of the environmental document through the resolution process and at the next Governing Board meeting it will be requested that the Board select an alternative alignment.

Mr. Harry Strawbridge spoke stating that he felt the economic impacts to retail businesses along East Broadway have not been adequately addressed. He feels there will be severe consequences to those businesses in this area because when the traffic goes away it will very tough to be in the car businesses. There was no real useful response as to the loss of their business. Mr. Strawbridge would like to see the certification withheld until such time as that issue has been looked at and mitigated for.

Mr. Dave Dolter, Dawson and Dolter Project Management Consulting Firm representing Faraii Ranch, stated they need the Expressway as it connects to Castle; those two interchanges and that link need to be completed as soon as possible to bring 3500 jobs to Merced County. Mr. Dolter requested the Governing Board certify the Atwater-Merced Expressway Final EIR.

Director Faul moved to certify:

- a. The FEIR for the Atwater-Merced Expressway by adopting Resolution No. 2009/02-19-03; and
- b. Select, approve, and transmit the items as stated herein at the March 19, 2009 meeting.

Seconded by Director Mays.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. Draft Formal Amendment No. 4 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Marjie Kirn stated the State is sending out revised figures regarding the Economic Stimulus Bill and requested flexibility in programming the latest figures.

Director Kelsey moved to adopt Formal Amendment No. 4 to the 2009 Interim FTIP adding the Federal Stimulus Economic Recovery Fund program as a revenue source by adoption of Resolution No. 2009/2-19-01 with direction to bring back information from Caltrans for programming the remainder of the dollars available.

19. Draft Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Marjie Kirn stated the State is sending out revised figures regarding the Economic Stimulus Bill and requested flexibility in programming the latest figures.

Director Jones moved to adopt Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2009 Interim FTIP adding Federal Economic Stimulus Lump Sum program of projects for local air quality exempt projects by Resolution No. 2009/2-19-02.

Seconded by Director Nelson.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. Blueprint Summit

So noted.

21. Personnel Evaluation, Executive Director

Director Jones moved to authorize the MCAG Executive Committee to convene and conduct the annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director and report their findings and recommendations to the Governing Board.

Seconded by Director Faul.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. Executive Directors Report

So noted.

23. Directors Report

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MCAG GOVERNING BOARD THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:31 P.M.

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Robin Lamas
Administrative Assistant II