

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

December 18, 2008

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY** held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at the City of Merced, Council Chambers, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chair Oliveira at 3:05 P.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Joan Faul
Tommy Jones
Johnny Mays
Jerald O'Banion
Joe Oliveira
Bill Spriggs
Daniel Varela

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathleen Crookham
Deidre Kelsey
Mike Nelson
John Pedrozo

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Baxter, Caltrans District 10
Jesse Brown, MCAG staff
Matt Fell, MCAG staff
Paul Fillebrown, Merced County Public Works
Kyle Ford, CAC Representative
Robert Haden, Legal Counsel
Marjie Kirn, MCAG staff
Robin Lamas, MCAG staff
Larry Shankland, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”

4. Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting

Director O'Banion moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting.

Seconded by Director Spriggs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Realignment of Deviated Route TSA-10 (Gustine-Stevinson-Hilmar-Turlock) into a new Route 6 to serve only Hilmar and Turlock effective January 2, 2009

Larry Shankland gave a review of the proposed realignment of the deviated Route TSA-10 into a new Route 6 to serve Hilmar and Turlock only.

Director Faul moved to authorize the realignment of deviated Route TSA-10 (Gustine-Stevinson-Hilmar-Turlock) into new Route 6 to serve only Hilmar and Turlock effective January 2, 2009.

Seconded by Director Spriggs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Transit Budget Issues – A Summary of Issues and Actions Taken to Date – Potential Alternative Solutions

Larry Shankland stated that at the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County (TJPAMC) meeting of November 20, 2008 the Board took action to suspend Saturday service effective January 1, 2009. That action also directed staff to return the matter to the TJPAMC Subcommittee on Bus Service and Bus Fares for further consideration and possible additional action at the December 2008 Board meeting.

The Transit Subcommittee met on Thursday, December 11, 2008 to review and discuss possible options for the Transit Service. After discussion, the Subcommittee recommended that the TJPAMC Policy Board rescind the November 18, 2008 action.

Director O'Banion moved to rescind the November 18, 2008 action to eliminate transit service on Saturdays (that was to end December 2008) and direct staff to closely monitor fuel price/budget conditions reporting to the Policy Board should circumstances merit.

Seconded by Director Spriggs.

Ayes: Directors O'Banion, Oliveira, Jones, Faul, Spriggs, Mays

Noes: Director Varela

MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY, THAT PORTION OF THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:20 P.M.

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Robin Lamas

Administrative Assistant II

MCAG GOVERNING BOARD

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7. Oral Report – Citizens Advisory Committee

There was not a Citizens Advisory Committee report available for this month. Kyle Ford from the Citizens Advisory Committee did wish to express his thanks to MCAG for their professionalism and for having a committee like the Citizens Advisory Committee.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Governing Board meeting
- b. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program
- c. Closing the office on December 26, 2008 and January 2, 2009

Director Spriggs moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Director Jones.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Information Only

- a. Minutes of the December 10, 2008 Technical Review Board meeting
- b. Status of Regional Road Projects for Merced County
- c. Neighborhood Stabilization Program Assistance
- d. Public Notice – Atwater-Merced Expressway Flyer
- e. Save the Date: San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Summit – January 26, 2009
- f. Letter of September 30, 2008 from the Department of Transportation
- g. One Voice State and Federal Policy Platforms
- h. Merced County’s Proposed Economic Stimulus Projects
- i. San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study (enclosure only)

So noted.

10. Oral Report – San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust

There was no San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust report available this month.

11. Oral Report - Caltrans

Ken Baxter gave a brief report from Caltrans.

12. Public Hearing – Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

Matt Fell gave a review of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment. Matt stated that due to new federal requirements regarding financial documentation, it had become necessary to amend the RTP with a minor amendment. This amendment provides more recent and more specific information, which includes revised revenue and expenditure estimates to comply with the new “Year of Expenditure” requirement; more details including expected year of construction and escalated cost estimates; and details on segmenting/phasing approach for construction of the Los Banos Bypass project.

A public hearing is required to receive comments on the RTP Amendment.

Public Hearing Opened: 3:29

Public Hearing Closed: 3:30

No comments were received during the public comment period.

13. Public Hearing – Draft Amendment No. 3 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Matt Fell gave a review of the Draft Amendment No. 3 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

A public hearing is required to receive comments on the Draft Amendment No. 3 document.

Public Hearing Opened: 3:31
Public Hearing Closed: 3:32

No comments were received during the public comment period.

14. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Valleywide Scenario Recommendation (BRAC)

Rich Green gave an in-depth presentation on the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Valleywide Scenario recommendation.

So noted.

15. San Joaquin Valley Policy Council Appointments and San Joaquin Valley Partnership

Director O'Banion moved to appoint Director Oliveira as alternate to the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council and to authorize Directors Mays and Oliveira to submit applications to the San Joaquin Valley Partnership.

Seconded by Director Spriggs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Executive Directors Report

So noted.

17. Directors Report

So noted.

After the Directors Report Paul Fillebrown, Merced County Public Works, announced that the County had held a bid opening for Phase 1 of the Campus Parkway Project. Due to the current economic status, the low bid came in well under the engineering estimate.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE MCAG GOVERNING BOARD THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:58 P.M.

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Robin Lamas
Administrative Assistant II