

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

February 5, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** held Thursday, February 5, 2009, at the Merced County Association of Governments conference room located at 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Chairman Richard Schwarz at 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Fachin, City of Los Banos
John Gedney, Caltrans District 10
Mark Hamilton, City of Merced
Justin Hendrix, City of Atwater
Michael Rhodes, Merced County
Richard Schwarz, Merced County Public Works

MEMBERS ABSENT

Larnold Jones, Merced County Transit
City of Dos Palos
City of Gustine
City of Livingston
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Fell, MCAG
Marjie Kirn, MCAG

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Oral Communication

Matt Fell provided the committee an excerpt of the Northern San Joaquin Valley Regional Ramp Metering and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Master Plan. He explained Caltrans funded the report and that the item will return as an action item for consideration next month. Matt asked committee members contact him for the full version of the report if interested.

3. Minutes of the January 8, 2009 Technical Planning Committee Meeting

Michael Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2009 Technical Planning Committee meeting.

Seconded by Mark Fachin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Marjie Kirn explained that Amendment No. 4 adds the proposed Economic Stimulus Package revenue as a fund source. She explained that there is a 14-day public review and comment period, for both Amendment No. 4 and 5, which commenced February 5, 2009 and will close on February 19, 2009 at the regularly scheduled MCAG Governing Board meeting.

Mark Fachin made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 4 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) adding the Federal Stimulus Economic Recovery Fund program (\$80,000,000 FHWA and \$3,300,000 FTA) as a revenue source by adoption of Resolution No. 2009/2-19-01.

Seconded by John Gedney.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4a. Draft Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Marjie Kirn explained that Amendment No. 5 adds lump sum listing of projects that have been provided to MCAG from each jurisdiction. Due to the turn around time that will be required with the Economic Stimulus Package, only projects that do not require an environmental review are eligible.

Mark Fachin made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) adding a lump sum listing for exempt local projects.

Seconded by John Gedney.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Oral Report – Valleywide Blueprint Summit Recommendation

Marjie Kirn explained that Blueprint Summit participants recommended Scenario C to the Policy Council for adoption. The Policy Council will meet in March to select the San Joaquin Valley preferred scenario. Following the selection of a preferred scenario, the Fresno Council of Governments will begin working with jurisdictions on implementation.

6. Regional Transportation Impact Fee Report

So noted.

7. Atwater/Merced Expressway Update

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIRMAN RICHARD SCHWARZ AT 10:45 A.M.