

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 2, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** held Thursday, April 2, 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 10:02 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
Larnold Jones, Merced County Transit
Michael Rhodes, Merced County
Richard Schwarz, Merced County Public Works

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ernie Garza, City of Gustine
City of Dos Palos
City of Livingston
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Fell, MCAG
Marjie Kirn, MCAG
Scott Malta, Castle Airport

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Oral Communication

None.

3. Minutes of the March 5, 2009 Technical Planning Committee Meeting

Justin Hendrix made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2009 Technical Planning Committee meeting.

Seconded by Mark Hamilton.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Formal Amendment No. 8 to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program – Adding a Regional Listing of Local ARRA-RSTP, ARRA-STIP(RIP), and ARRA-STIP(TE) Projects

Marjie Kirn commented that the stimulus program requirements are changing daily and staff is doing their best to keep the committee up-to-date. She provided the committee a revised handout of the “ARRA – Local Air Quality Exempt Projects – RSTP/TE” document that was included in their agenda packets. Marjie explained that Merced County’s allocation has been decreased by \$2 million due to a law passed on March 30, 2009 that altered the formula for allocation. She further explained that the state and five larger jurisdictions received an increase in funding based on the revised formula.

Mark Hamilton made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve an Administrative or Formal Amendment No. 8 to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program that adds a listing of local projects, funded by the following ARRA funding sources:

1. ARRA-STIP \$4,837,754.00; and
2. ARRA-TE \$299,495.00

Seconded by Justin Hendrix.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Draft FY 2009/2010 Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Distribution

Marjie Kirn explained that staff normally divides the transit costs to each jurisdiction by service hours for the rural areas and by population/service hours for the urbanized areas. Using this formula for Fiscal Year 2009/10 apportionment resulted in one jurisdiction not having enough LTF to cover the cost of providing transit service. Marjie further explained that the Transportation Development Act (TDA) states that transit needs must be met prior to distributing the LTF funds to streets and roads. Staff proposes taking all the transit costs off the top and giving each jurisdiction a base amount of \$10,000 and dividing the remaining balance on population.

Mark Fachin made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board:

- a. Approve the Draft Local Transportation Fund Apportionment Schedule; and
- b. Authorize staff to forward claim forms to the local jurisdictions.

Seconded by Mark Hamilton.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Revised 2008-2009 State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds Apportionment Schedule

Lori Flanders explained that the Governor revised the state budget in February, which has resulted in a loss of \$2,049,506 for transit in STA funding.

Michael Rhodes made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board:

- a. Approve the revised State Transit Assistance schedule for Fiscal Year 2008/09; and

b. Adopt Resolution 2009/04-16-01 approving the revised STA claim from Merced County.

Seconded by Mark Hamilton.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Authorization of Federal Transit Administration Grant Application for Merced County Transit Rural Operating Expenses 2008/09

Larnold Jones made a motion to recommend the Transit Policy Board adopt Resolution 2009/04-16-02.

Seconded by Mark Fachin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Authorization of Federal Transit Administration Grant Application for Merced County Transit Capital Expenses 2008/09

Larnold Jones stated that the bus wash project is not 5311, which would mean that only \$249,000 of this authorization is 5311.

Mark Fachin made a motion to recommend the Transit Policy Board adopt Resolution 2009/04-16-03, changing the amount as appropriate for the bus wash.

Seconded by Michael Rhodes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Agricultural Recycling Resource Directory

Marjie Kim asked for any suggestions or corrections to the Agricultural Recycling Resource Directory be submitted to Jennifer Halpin by Monday, April 6, 2009.

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIRMAN RICHARD SCHWARZ AT 10:50 A.M.