

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

July 2, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** held Thursday, July 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 Mark Hamilton 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
Janet Casper, Merced County Transit
Bill Nicholson, Merced County Planning
Richard Schwarz, Merced County Public Works

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Fell, MCAG
Rich Green, MCAG
Marjie Kirn, MCAG
Terri Lewis, MCAG
Alan McCuen, Caltrans District 6
Ty Phimmasone, MCAG

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Oral Communication

None.

3. Minutes of the June 4, 2009 Technical Planning Committee Meeting

Bill Nicholson asked that the June 4, 2009 TPC meeting minutes are corrected to show him as present.

Bill also inquired on item 12 (MDSS/GIS Data Agreement) from the June 4 meeting will be included on the August agenda.

Marjie Kirn responded that item 12 is to be included in the August 2009 TPC agenda.

Richard Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2009 Technical Planning Committee meeting minutes as amended.

Seconded by Justin Hendrix.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Oral Report – SR 99 Business Plan Update

Alan McCuen gave an oral report on the 2009 SR99 Business Plan Update, including the following highlights:

- The original 2005 SR99 Business Plan was created anticipating the approval of Proposition 1B in 2006;
- The San Joaquin Valley, specifically SR99, received \$1B dollars for projects as a result of regional collaboration and consensus on Central Valley need;
- Differences in this document update include two volumes: volume 1 is the Update Executive Summary; and volume 2 is the financial plan;
- There are highlighted boxes for each section with key points for skimming vs. reading the entire section;
- 67 original SR99 projects identified and now the number has been increased due to phasing of some of the original projects – no new projects have been added;
- Original price tag for the 67 projects was over \$6 Billion, yet now the total is closer to \$5B with the Prop 1B SR99 funded projects;
- Page 12 – Funding Sources has been expanded significantly to include potential non-traditional sources of funding (i.e. Hwy 99 Corridor Mitigation Fee Program and others);
- Page 22 – Project Funding Guiding Principles established jointly among the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs and Caltrans's Districts 6 and 10;
- Page 28 – The recommended financial approach is a variation of the full corridor approach that recommends an ongoing dedication of IIP and RIP shares with balances of project funding coming from several other fund sources. Under the approach agreed upon between Caltrans and MPOs in the San Joaquin Valley, 10% of each MPO RIP share for each STIP cycle will be contributed to a Route 99 Corridor Funds. The RIP will be matched by Caltrans IIP funds. The decision of which projects to fund first is yet to be determined;
- Page 30 – Annual Report, An annual financial discussion meeting will be held either jointly or individually with all eight MPOs. There will also be an Annual Report prepared addressing accomplishments and the status of all Business Plan project improvement;
- The Update Hwy 99 Business Plan is preparation for when transportation funds become available; and
- Comments regarding the Draft Updated Hwy 99 Business Plan are being collected.

Alan McCuen asked for comments from the TPC in the next two weeks. Alan would like to wrap up this project no later than the end of July.

Mark Fachin requested that TPC comments come back to this group for discussion on the August agenda. The TRB meeting doesn't take place until July 8th, yet the agenda has already been mailed and the MCAG Governing Board doesn't meet until July 16th.

Marjie Kirn stated that comments from TPC members are needed to her by July 28, 2009 for the August TPC agenda.

5. Regional Transportation Plan Concept Report and Proposed Schedule

Matt Fell provided an overview of the long-range twenty-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. He highlighted the following key points:

- 2010 RTP needs to be adopted by July 2010.
- Last plan was developed through 2030, need to expand plan through 2035 with inclusion of some data through 2050 to leverage products produced through the Blueprint.
- Public participation will take place in October and January via City Council meetings, Social/Service Clubs, Municipal Advisory Committees, and with any group interested in holding a workshop.
- Coordination will take place valley-wide with the seven other San Joaquin Valley MPO's and state/federal agencies to ensure transportation planning and air quality compliance; and
- Propose development of a countywide sidewalk inventory along with a Pedestrian Plan.

Marjie Kirn commented that the RTP schedule is very tight, and in fact the February 2010 item (MCAG board selects preferred plan alternative and priority projects ("Tier 1") needs to be deleted.

Richard Schwarz made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the concept report and schedule for the 2010 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

Seconded by Mark Hamilton.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Transportation Development Act – Fare Box Ratio Requirements

Marjie Kirn discussed the Transportation Development Act (TDA) fare box ratio requirements: 10% for rural and dial-a-ride services, and 20% for urban fixed route service. Financial statements regarding the Countywide Transit Enterprise Fund indicate that the system did not meet the required 10% DAR fare box ratios for 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, and 2008/09. In September 2008 the Board approved an alternative option for 2007/08 to combine all the non-urbanized service (DAR and fixed route) that is required to meet the 10% fare box ratio.

Staff's recommendation for 2008/09 is to combine all the non-urbanized service required to meet the 10% ratio and determine that the fare box ratio was met (Option 2).

Mark Hamilton made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt the MCAG staff recommended Option 2 - Combine all the non-urbanized service required to meet the 10% ratio and determine that the fare box ratio was met.

Seconded by Justin Hendrix.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Revision to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Memorandum of Understanding with the Eight San Joaquin Valley Councils of Governments

Terri Lewis highlighted the San Joaquin Valley Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) from 1992: 1) MOU of the eight San Joaquin Valley (SJV) COGS; and 2) MOU of the eight SJV COGS and the SJV Air District. In 2006 the eight SJV COG MOU was updated and created the SJV Policy Council (PC). As a result of the Air District (AD) providing \$250,000 of local match funds for the 3rd year Blueprint Grant from Caltrans, the AD required a seat for a representative on the SJV PC.

The current draft MOU between the SJV Regional Planning Agencies (or COGs) and the Air District has been updated to reflect their seat on the Policy Council.

Mark Fachin made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding with the eight Regional Planning Agencies in the San Joaquin Valley and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District with the Merced County Association of Governments Governing Board Chairperson and Executive Director signatures.

Seconded by Justin Hendrix.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIRMAN MARK HAMILTON AT 11:26 A.M.