

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

December 2, 2010

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** held Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the Merced County Association of Governments conference room located at 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, California, was called to order by Vice-Chairman Rod Ghearing at 10:05 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Elwin, City of Merced

Mark Fachin, City of Los Banos

Ernie Garza, City of Gustine

Rod Ghearing, Transit Joint Powers Authority - Merced County Transit

Richard Schwarz, Merced County

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Fell, MCAG

Marjie Kirn, MCAG

Scott Malta, Castle Airport

Ty Phimmasone, MCAG

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Oral Communication

None.

3. Minutes of the November 4, 2010 Technical Planning Committee Meeting

Richard Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2010 Technical Planning Committee Meeting.

Seconded by Ken Elwin.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Draft Formal Amendment No. 2 to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Ty Phimmasone gave an overview of this proposed amendment which makes changes to state-managed programs and adds the seven CMAQ projects approved last month.

Mark Fachin made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment No. 2 to the 2011 FTIP by Resolution No. 2010/12-16-01 programming changes to be consistent with State-managed programs and SHOPP Collision Reduction Program and adding new CMAQ projects.

Seconded by Richard Schwarz.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Grant Program – Call for Projects Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/2012

Terri Lewis provided a brief description of the Caltrans BTA Grant Program that competitively awards state funding to local bicycle/pedestrian projects. The Caltrans run BTA program requests bike/pedestrian applications yearly in December. Local agencies that have adopted a local (or regional) Bicycle Transportation Plan (BTP) document within the last 4 years are eligible to submit BTA applications. MCAG provides support to jurisdictions to and/or update BTP documents as well as write BTA applications at the direction of local agency direction. Some of MCAG jurisdictions are not eligible to apply for the FY 11/12 BTA Call for projects cycle because they do not have a current BTP that is the backbone requirement for BTA grant application submittals.

Staff requested each jurisdiction to let us know if they intend to submit a BTA application in the FY 11/12 cycle (due in February 2011).

Correction added in meeting minutes - BTA program staff has clarified that The City of Los Banos is eligible to submit a BTA grant application for the FY11/12 cycle as their current BTP expires on October 1, 2011.

6. State Route 152 Mobility Partnership

Marjie Kirn highlighted the SR 152 Mobility Partnership project that has been in place for a few years and the more recent SR 152 Trade Corridor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was formalized a year ago by Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and San Benito County Governments.

One of the goals of the SR 152 Mobility Partnership is to develop a trade corridor study that will investigate potential private and public funding sources to pay for improvements along the entire SR 152 corridor including, but not limited to, tolling facilities.

MCAG is now being asked to formalize our participation in the SR152 Mobility Partnership (without any monetary commitment) in the SR152 Trade Corridor Study project with adoption of the SR 152 Trade Corridor Memorandum of Understanding.

Mark Fachin made a motion to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the SR 152 Trade Corridor Memorandum of Understanding.

Seconded by Richard Schwarz.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Forming an Assessment District

Marjie Kirn provided background on the initial direction given to her at the last Governing Board meeting, including: to provide information on the process and requirements for forming an assessment district for three regional road projects (Los Banos Bypass, Campus Parkway, Atwater Merced Expressway).

The Technical Planning Committee took no action.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY VICE-CHAIRMAN ROD GHEARING AT 10:35 A.M.