

TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2008

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Technical Review Board, held at the City of Dos Palos, 1546 Golden Gate Avenue, Dos Palos, California, was called to order at 12:21 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Fonseca, City of Dos Palos
Steve Rath, City of Los Banos
Dee Tatum, County of Merced
Richard Warne, City of Livingston

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Cahill, City of Merced
Greg Wellman, City of Atwater
Margaret Silveira, City of Gustine

OTHERS PRESENT

Jesse Brown, MCAG staff
Paul Fillebrown, Merced County Public Works
John Gedney, Caltrans
Joy Gort, MCAG staff
Larnold Jones, Merced County Transit – “The Bus”
Marjie Kirn, MCAG staff
Larry Shankland, Merced County Transit - “The Bus”

2. Oral Communication

Larry Shankland from Merced County Transit – “The Bus” distributed a handout pertaining to State Budget issues regarding transportation funding elimination.

3. Minutes of the October 8, 2008 Technical Review Board meeting

Dee Tatum moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008 Technical Review Board meeting.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

There were no Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Board items this month.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

4. Minutes of the October 16, 2008 Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County meeting

So noted.

5. Consider Setting a Public Hearing for January 15, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. to Review and Possibly Adopt Fare Increases for “The Bus” – Merced County Transit

Dee Tatum moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County set a Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting of the TJPAMC on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. to consider the proposed fare and pass price increases for Carless Commute, Fixed Route, and Dial-A-Ride services of “The Bus” – Merced County Transit.

Seconded by Richard Warne.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At this time, Larry Shankland requested an emergency item be added to the agenda.

Dee Tatum moved to add item 5a. STA Fund Eliminated FY 08/09 to the agenda as an emergency item.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5a. STA Fund Eliminated FY 08/09

Larry Shankland added this item to the agenda as he felt immediate action needed to be taken. Larry stated that the Governor is proposing to eliminate the State Transit Assistance Fund for the remainder of the 2008-2009 fiscal year. This represents an additional \$750,000 in lost revenues for the Merced County Transit budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Dee Tatum moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County direct staff to suspend Saturday services effective December 31, 2008 with additional actions to be determined after the proposed fare increase hearing to be scheduled for January 15, 2009.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MCAG GOVERNING BOARD

6. Information /Discussion Only

- a. Minutes of the October 16, 2008 Governing Board meeting
- b. TRB Meeting Calendar for 2009
- c. Ag-Chem Container Recycling

So noted.

7. Caltrans Report

No report was given this month.

8. Auditing Services – Request for Proposals

Steve Rath moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board direct staff to prepare and release a Request for Proposals for auditing services for the Merced County Association of Governments.

Seconded by Dee Tatum.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Governing Board Meetings on Television

Dee Tatum moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the proposed contracts with the County of Merced and the Merced Community Action Network to provide filming services.

Seconded by Steve Rath.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Caltrans Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant Award Acceptance as Sub-Recipient for the City of Gustine

Steve Rath moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board accept the grant award as the Sub-Recipient, with the City of Gustine being responsible for the local match as stated in their original City Resolution No. 2008-2058, and designate the Executive Director to sign any documents related to the grant award and grant agreement.

Seconded by Dee Tatum.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Merced County Regional Bicycle Transportation Plan

This item was taken off of the agenda.

12. Unmet Transit Needs – FY 08/09

Richard Warne moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Resolution 2008/11-20-02 with a finding of fact for FY 2008/09 that there are no unmet transit needs reasonable to meet.

Seconded by Dee Tatum.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Revised 2008/09 State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds Apportionment Schedule

Steve Rath moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve:

- a. The revised State Transit Assistance schedule for Fiscal Year 2008/09; and
- b. Adopt Resolution 2008/11-20-03 approving the revised STA claim from Merced County.

Seconded by Dee Tatum.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Anna M. Fuentes Memorial Scholarship

Steve Rath moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the actions and policies cited in the Anna M. Fuentes Scholarship Program to include establishment of a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation with the MCAG Governing Board serving as the corporate Board of Directors, establishment of an account in a local financial institution, and adoption of the scholarship criteria, evaluation and selection process, and contribution policy.

Seconded by Richard Warne.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Oral Report - Jurisdictions

So noted.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:19 P.M.