



# Regional Transportation Plan Advisory Committee

## Meeting Notes

October 9, 2017, 2:00 pm

MCAG Conference Room, 369 West 18th St., Merced, CA 95340

### Item 1: Introductions

#### Committee members

Abigail Ramirez, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Jean Okuye, Valley Land Alliance

Lee Lor, MCAG Governing Board

Mark Fachin, MCAG Technical Planning Committee

Phil Woods, UC Merced

Rod Webster, Sierra Club

Steve Carrigan, MCAG Technical Review Board

#### MCAG Staff and Consultants

Stacie Dabbs, Deputy Executive Director

Matt Fell, Senior Planner

Jim Damkowitz, Kimley-Horn

Chelsey Norton Payne, Mintier-Harnish

Kendall Flint, Regional Government Services

#### Public

Debanik Chaudhuri, Shannon & Wilson Inc.

### Item 2: Public Comments

Abigail Ramirez provided an overview of a letter submitted to MCAG staff by members of the committee. They are requesting information including health metrics, demographics, and existing conditions. As an example, current jobs and housing situation and existing deficiencies in low income areas. And future assumed jobs and housing by community. Also a side-by-side comparison of scenarios at each station would be helpful.

### **Item 3: Meeting Notes – September 11, 2017**

Rod Webster did not arrive late for the August 21, 2017 meeting.  
Jean Okuye moved and Mark Fachin seconded accepting the meeting notes.

**ACTION: The committee accepted the Meeting Notes of September 11, 2017 with the correction.**

### **Item 5: Revenue Assumptions**

Jim described the purpose of the revenue assumptions in preparing a financially constrained RTP. A lot of new revenue will be assumed in this RTP due to Measure V and SB 1.

The scenarios assume somewhat different levels of investment by mode; this will be part of the public workshop materials.

### **Item 6: Scenario Development Update**

Chelsey provided an update on the development of the scenarios. Mintier-Harnish and MCAG staff met with the local jurisdictions' planning staff to talk about how each of the four scenario themes would likely play out in their communities, given their General Plan designations, spheres of influence, and other factors. Mintier-Harnish then took this information and used the software tool Envision Tomorrow to "paint" growth for 2020 and 2035.

The committee discussed influences on growth from transportation, especially rail and transit.

Q: how much growth/development is "shifted" due to the Campus Parkway and UC Merced? A: not much, if any, it's assumed in all four scenarios as it is fully funded

### **Item 7: Round 2 Workshops**

Jim stated that three public workshops have been scheduled, as follows:

- Monday, October 23, 6:30 pm, at Los Banos City Council Chambers
- Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 pm, at Livingston City Council Chambers
- Thursday, November 2, 6:30 pm, at Merced City Council Chambers

The structure will be to start with a presentation with an overview of the process, the purpose of the workshop, and a general description of the scenarios. Then attendees will be directed to the exhibits to review and ask questions. The exhibits will include a board for each scenario, as well as several boards with indicators comparing the scenarios in various metrics. Another set of boards will have information on demographics and existing conditions.

Then attendees will reconvene and will have an opportunity to use “clickers” to vote on several questions, including their preferred scenario.

All of the information and questions will be put on the website in a virtual workshop.

The committee discussed the workshop structure and sample questions and provided input and suggestions.

#### **Item 4: Outreach Activities Overview**

Kendall provided an update on outreach activities conducted and underway. Presentations have been given to over 20 community groups and organizations throughout the County.

Matt stated that MCAG has given presentations to some of the City Councils and will be doing so for all.

#### **Item 8: Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

The next meeting will be on November 6, 2017 at 2 pm, at MCAG.