



## Meeting Minutes

MCAG 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/  
Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

### Advisory Committee Meeting #3

Date: April 15, 2022

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 P.M.

Place: Zoom Meeting

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

**Advisory Committee Members:** Tom Faria, MCAG Board; Wendy Campbell, Area Agency on Aging; Hilda Sousa, Caltrans; Melanie Correa, City of Gustine; Scott McBride, City of Merced; Stacy Souza, City of Los Banos; Nirorn Than, City of Los Banos; Miguel Galvez, City of Livingston; Michael Bodine, City of Merced Airport Authority Commission; Wendy Campbell, County of Merced; Claudia Corchado, Cultiva la Salud; Linda Dash, Healthy House; Susan Walsh, League of Women Voters of Merced County; Josh Pedrozo, MCAG Board; Maddie Brown, MCAG Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC); Lisa Kayser-Grant, Merced Bicycle Coalition; Rene Gutierrez, San Joaquin Valley Rail Commission; Rod Webster, Sierra Club; Jose Perez, The Bus; Alvaro Arias; UC Merced; Manuel Alvarado, United Way; Jean Okuye, Valley Land Alliance; Breanne Vandenberg, Merced Farm Bureau

**Merced County Association of Governments Staff and Consultants:** Stacie Guzman, MCAG; Ty Phimmasone, MCAG; Natalia Austin, MCAG; Mauricio Torres, MCAG; Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies, Inc. (VRPA); Richard Lee, VRPA; Jeff Stine, VRPA

**Members of the Public:** Nick Jensen

#### I. Introductions and Welcome

Georgiena Vivian, VRPA welcomed members and other attendees and asked Jeff Stine to review the protocols. Ms. Vivian then provided an overview of the agenda items for the meeting. Natalia Austin, MCAG, took roll call. Ms. Vivian then asked if there were any objections to approving the meeting minutes. Linda Dash, Healthy House motioned for approval and Maddie Brown, MCAG-CAC seconded the motion. Ms. Vivian then asked if there were any objections. There were none.

#### II. RTP/SCS Schedule

Ms. Vivian reviewed the RTP/SCS Advisory Committee Timeline and highlighted the Committee's role and major milestones. Ms. Vivian then stated that the three alternative RTP/SCS Scenarios to be discussed will be modeled in late April. Staff will bring the Scenarios back to the Committee along with performance measures that will highlight how each Scenario addresses housing, transportation and environmental issues and requirements. Based on the information provided, the Advisory Committee will be asked to select a preferred RTP/SCS Scenario. Ms. Vivian also mentioned that

following approval of the Preferred Scenario by the MCAG Board, the Draft RTP/SCS and Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) will be prepared and available for 55-day public review and comment in June 2022.

**III. Review Draft 2022 RTP/SCS Scenarios & Land Use & Transportation Concepts**

- Ms. Vivian mentioned that at the March 30, 2022 meeting, staff had provided an overview of SCS and SB 375 requirements and noted that one of the most important outcomes is to reduce GHG emissions and meet California Air Resources Board (CARB) greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets. Ms. Vivian then reviewed each of the three SCS Scenarios in detail including the Baseline Scenario - No significant emphasis on infill or mixed-use developments and existing levels of investment in various alternative modes of transportation, Scenario 2 - Conserve Merced County (More infill & mixed-use development with investments in alternative modes), and Scenario 3 - Conserve & Connect Merced County (Scenario 2 with more multifamily housing and increased investments in alternative modes).

Mr. Phimmason mentioned that there are positive efforts to increase densities and implement major transportation system projects throughout the region. He then reviewed slides highlighting the various existing or proposed housing and mixed use developments, as well as various transportation system improvements.

**IV. 2022 RTP/SCS Project Evaluation Criteria**

Ms. Vivian reviewed various performance measures related to RTP/SCS that may be used to evaluate the SCS Scenarios.

**V. Outreach Update**

Ms. Vivian stated that Public Workshop #2 is scheduled for April 26, 2022 and that an online survey is available on the Project webpage.

**VI. Next Steps**

Ms. Vivian noted that the Advisory Committee will next meet on April 29, 2022. Staff will review the April 26, 2022 Workshop results, review the SCS Scenarios and performance criteria, and request that the Advisory Committee recommend a Preferred Scenario to the MCAG Board.

**VII. Public Comment**

There was none.