



Citizens Advisory Committee MINUTES

DATE

Friday, May 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee held Friday May 6, 2022, held in-person at the MCAAG Office, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced CA and via webinar was called to order by Chair Shane Smith at 8:41 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maddie Brown, Student**
 Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large**
 Rene Gutierrez, Citizen at Large* **
 Mike Jensen, Water/Irrigation* **
 Jean Okuye, Agriculture**
 Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate**
 Shane Smith, Citizen at Large, Chair
 Ursula Stock, Citizen at Large, Vice Chair**
 Michelle Symes-Thiara, Education**
 Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare**
 Paul Villarreal, Goods Movement
 Paul Ward, Commerce/Finance

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant**
 Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Procurement Manager
 Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manager
 Ty Phimmason, Senior Transportation Planner
 Rene Ruiz, Senior Accountant
 Kuljit Singh, Accounting Manager
 Mauricio Torres, Assistant Planner
 Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist**
 Eva Ybarra, Grant Analyst I**
 Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II**
 Eric Zetz, RWA Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Beltran, Engineering
 Jack Jackson, Citizen-at-Large
 Bryan Kroeger, Construction
 Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development
 Vacant, Small Business

OTHERS PRESENT

Nick Jensen **
 Chris Bianchi **

*Arrived after roll call

**Attended via zoom

1. Call to order

- a. Roll call
- b. Pledge of allegiance

At this time, Chair Shane Smith called the meeting to order and instructed that the roll call for attendance be taken. It was determined that a quorum was present. Chair Shane Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Public comment

None.

3. Information items:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. CAC highlights of the April 1, 2022 meeting
- ii. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board meetings – 2022
- iii. CAC revised calendar – 2022
- iv. CAC attendance roster – 2022
- v. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- vi. MCAG newsletter – May 2022 was distributed at the meeting
- vii. Draft minutes of the April 21, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- viii. Draft I-5 Freight Zero Emissions Route Operations (ZERO) Pilot Study
- ix. Central California Travel Survey
- x. Quarterly Report on Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Board approved contracts
- xi. SB 1410 (Caballero) Application of Vehicle Miles Traveled Support Letter
- xii. State Legislation Report

b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

- i. Quarterly Report on Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County (TJPA) Board approved contracts

At this time, Chair Shane Smith stated that the original volunteer for the May 19th MCAG Governing Board meeting will not be able to attend. Chair Smith will represent the Citizens Advisory Committee at the May 19, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting.

4. Consent calendar:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. Approve the minutes of the April 1, 2022 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting
- ii. Adopt Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 12
- iii. Authorize the execution of the agreement for services between YARTS and MCAG for a period of one year from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**

- i. Approve the Low Carbon Transit Operation Program Allocation Request for FY 2021/22
- ii. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County and Merced College for student transportation services

Paul Villarreal Jr. moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Paul Ward.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Jean Okuye, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

5. **Action items:**

- a. Adopt Final FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Budget

Kuljit Singh and Rene Ruiz presented the request to adopt the Final FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Budget.

Paul Villarreal Jr. moved to recommend the Governing Board adopt the FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Budget for the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

Seconded by Jose Delgadillo.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year base contract with two, one-year options for Public Transit Security Guard Services in an amount not to exceed \$712,191 with the selected vendor, Good Guard Security, Inc.

Jose Perez summarized the request to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year base contract with two, one-year options for Public Transit Security Guard Services in an amount not to exceed \$712,191 with the selected vendor, Good Guard Security, Inc.

Paul Ward moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year base contract with two one-year extension options for public transit security guard services in the amount not-to-exceed \$712,191 with the selected vendor, Good Guard Security, Inc.

Seconded by Paul Villarreal Jr.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Discussion items:

a. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update

Jose Perez presented the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update and discussed the following topics:

- March 2022 ridership
- Transit Administration Offices construction work underway
- Short Range Transit Plan data collection is underway as well as public outreach events. You can visit the website for more information at: www.mcagov.org/SRTP
- Public Transit Security Guard Services contract authorization set to be on the May agenda
- Transportation Security Administration face mask requirement has been extended through April 18, 2022
- New bus purchases are being finalized with expected delivery in 2022
- Electric Bus Infrastructure scope of work is underway
- Bus Stop Improvement Project is underway with staff working with jurisdictions for bus shelter installations with anticipated start dates in spring of 2022

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7. Action items:

a. Approve the selection of Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Preferred Scenario

Ty Phimmason summarized the request to approve the selection of Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy Preferred Scenario as presented.

The committee discussed encouraging infill within communities where possible and to conduct more outreach to help with attendance at the outreach events. Concern was voiced that new developments were not walkable.

Paul Ward moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board select the preferred RTP/SCS Scenario 3, as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Jose Delgadillo.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Discussion items:

a. Transportation Planning and Measure V update

Ty Phimmason presented the Transportation Planning and Measure V update and discussed the following topics:

- Staffing and current job postings
- Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Measure V Annual Report to Community

- Regional Housing Needs Allocation
- Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants
- Regional Non-Motorized Plan interviews have been completed
- Short Range Transit Plan is in the design phase and will be brought back to the board in June

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9. Committee reports

a. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Citizens Advisory Committee

Paul Ward gave the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Citizens Advisory Committee update.

b. Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy Advisory Committee

Maddie Brown gave a brief update on the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy Advisory Committee and stated that the committee was favorable of Scenario 3 as presented by staff.

c. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Presentation

Eric Zetz presented Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority orientation for the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ursula Stock asked if there is a way to test the compost to know what is in it. Eric Zetz stated that there are ways for testing.

Jean Okuye asked if there is a way to test for heavy metals. Eric Zetz stated that there are ways for testing.

10. Announcements

None.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:59 a.m.