



Citizens Advisory Committee MINUTES

DATE

Friday, February 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was held on Friday, January 6, 2023, in person at the Merced County Association of Governments office, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA and via webinar and was called to order by Vice Chair Ursula Stock at 8:31 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large
 Rene Gutierrez, Citizen at Large, Chair** *
 Maddie Brown, Student **
 Paul Villarreal Jr., Goods Movement
 Jean Okuye, Agriculture
 Ursula Stock, Citizen at Large, Vice Chair
 Michelle Symes-Thiara, Education
 Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate
 Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development**
 Jack Jackson, Citizen-at-Large
 Bryan Kroeger, Construction**
 Paul Ward, Commerce/Finance

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Jensen, Water/Irrigation
 Michael Beltran, Engineering
 Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare
 Vacant, Small Business
 Vacant, Citizen-at-Large

OTHERS PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Alexandra Arroyo, Procurement Specialist I**
 Elizabeth Forte, Director of Planning and Programming**
 Myrissa Bravo, Multimedia Specialist
 Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist**
 Xavier Garcia, Assistant Planner**
 Meg Prince, Senior Planner**
 Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manager
 Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
 Mauricio Torres, Associate Planner**
 Ty Phimmasone, Senior Planner
 Tara Rodriguez, Staff Services Analyst**
 Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director**
 Angelina Linan, Administrative Assistant I

*Arrived after roll call

**Attended via zoom

1. Call to order

- a. Roll call
- b. Pledge of allegiance

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

2. Public comment

Paul Villareal Jr. expressed his concerns in regard to numerous potholes spanning beyond Gustine and into Santa Nella.

Jose Delgadillo requested for patience as city and county are working to address various pothole issues in various locations.

3. Information items:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. CAC highlights of the January 6, 2023, meeting
- ii. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board meetings – 2023
- iii. CAC calendar – 2023
- iv. CAC attendance roster – 2023
- v. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- vi. MCAG newsletter – February 2023
- vii. Draft minutes of the January 19, 2023, MCAG Governing Board meeting
- viii. January Governing Board summary
- ix. Quarterly report on Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Board approved contracts

b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

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

4. Consent calendar:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. Approve the minutes of the January 6, 2023 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

Michelle Symes-Thiara moved to approve the consent calendar.
Seconded by Jean Okuye.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Jack Jackson, Jean Okuye, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Ursula Stock, Paul Ward, Paul Villarreal Jr., Bryan Kroeger, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Jaswinder Singh.

NOES: None

Note: Patricia Ramos-Anderson die not cast a vote on this item

MOTION CARRIED.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

5. Action items:

- a. Recommend the Governing Board adopt by resolution the FY 2023/24 Finding of Fact and approve the Unmet Transit Needs FY 23/24 Analysis and Recommendations report

Mauricio Torres summarized the request to the Governing Board adopt by resolution the FY 2023/24 Finding of Fact and approve the Unmet Transit Needs FY 23/24 Analysis and Recommendations report.

Jean Okuye moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to and approve the Unmet Transit Needs FY 23/24 Analysis and Recommendations report.

Seconded by Paul Villareal Jr.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Jack Jackson, Jean Okuye, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Ursula Stock, Paul Ward, Paul Villarreal Jr., Bryan Kroeger, Jaswinder Singh.

NOES: None

Note: Patricia Ramos-Anderson die not cast a vote on this item

MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Recommend the Governing Board adopt 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program amendment 2 to program Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality projects

Ty Phimmasone summarized the request to recommend the Governing board adopt 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program amendment 2 to program Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality projects.

Jose Delgadillo moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program Priorities.

Seconded by Patricia Ramos-Anderson

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Jack Jackson, Jean Okuye, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Ursula Stock, Paul Ward, Paul Villarreal Jr., Bryan Kroeger, Jaswinder Singh, Patricia Ramos-Anderson

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Discussion items:

- a. Transportation Planning and Measure V Monthly update

Elizabeth Forte presented the Transportation Planning and Measure V update and discussed the following topics:

- Regional Transportation Plan
- Federal Transportation Improvement Program
- Air Quality Conformity
- Finish the 99
- Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan
- Unmet Transit Needs
- Measure V
- Active Transportation Plan

b. Regional Housing Planning update

Meg Prince presented the Regional Housing Planning update and discussed the following topics:

- REAP 1.0
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure Capacity Assessment
- Regional Housing Trust Fund and Housing Consortium Study
- Multijurisdictional Housing Element
- REAP 2.0

c. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and 2023 Federal Transportation Implementation Program amendment update

Elizabeth Forte presented the Transportation Planning and Measure V Update for RTP and FTIP. Updated project change amendments will be released for public review shortly.

d. Update on Brown Act meeting requirements

Mary-Michal Rawling presented Brown Act meeting requirements update and discussed the following topics:

- AB361 set to expire on February 28, 2023
- AB2449 took effect January 1, 2023
- Committee participation remotely will no longer be allowed with exception of two meetings per year which can be attended remotely with reasons listed as Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances

The committee expressed concerns with the updates pertaining to in person meeting attendance requirements for members with disabilities and those not available for in person attendance.

Mary-Michal Rawling recommended committee members reach out to state level representatives to raise concerns with the new meeting attendance law.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

7. Action items:

None.

8. 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:

- Ridership data for December 2022
- New Bus purchases update

- Electric Bus Infrastructure
- Bus Stop Improvements Project update
- Public Outreach update

OTHER REPORTS

9. Committee reports

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Citizens Advisory Committee

No report was given at this time.

10. Announcements

None.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:08 a.m.