



**Citizens Advisory Committee  
MINUTES**

**DATE**

**Friday, February 4, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee held Friday, February 4, 2022, via webinar was called to order by Chair Shane Smith at 8:35 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large  
Rene Gutierrez, Citizen at Large  
Mike Jensen, Water/Irrigation\*  
Bryan Kroeger, Construction  
Jean Okuye, Agriculture  
Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development  
Shane Smith, Citizen at Large, Chair  
Ursula Stock, Citizen at Large, Vice Chair  
Paul Villarreal, Goods Movement\*  
Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare  
Paul Ward, Commerce/Finance

**STAFF PRESENT**

Natalia Austin, Associate Planner  
Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director  
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director  
Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant  
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Procurement Manager  
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager  
Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manager  
Skyler Summers, Assistant Transit Manager  
Mauricio Torres, Assistant Planner  
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Beltran, Engineering  
Maddie Brown, Student  
Jack Jackson, Citizen-at-Large  
Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate  
Michelle Symes-Thiara, Education  
Vacant, Small Business

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Stephanie Maynard, Dibs

\*Arrived after roll call

**1. Call to order/roll call**

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.

**2. Public comment**

None.

**3. Information items:**

**a. Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. CAC highlights of the January 7, 2022 meeting
- ii. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board meetings – 2022
- iii. CAC calendar – 2022
- iv. CAC attendance roster – 2022
- v. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- vi. MCAG newsletter – January 2022
- vii. Minutes of the January 20, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- viii. Quarterly Report on Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Board approved contracts
- ix. Dibs Quarterly Activity Report for July - September 2021
- x. Dibs Annual Community Report - Presentation
- xi. Accept the Merced County Association of Governments Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021
- xii. Accept the Measure V Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021

**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 pulled item 3ax. from the information list and Stephanie Maynard presented the Dibs Annual Community report.

**4. Consent calendar:**

**a. Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. Approve the minutes of the January 7, 2022 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

Patricia Ramos-Anderson moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Rene Gutierrez.

Roll call vote:

**AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Bryan Kroeger, Jean Okuye, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

### 5. Action items:

None.

As a quorum was present, Chair Shane Smith took action Item 7 out of order to ensure that all action items were heard first.

## TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

### 7. Action items:

- a. Authorize the construction contract for the transit administration building remodel and approve FTIP amendment No. 10 and related FY 21/22 budget amendment

Nav Bagri summarized the request to authorize the construction contract for the transit administration building remodel and approve FTIP amendment No. 10 and related FY 21/22 budget amendment with the selected vendor being T&S West.

Patricia Ramos-Anderson moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board:

- A. Authorize an additional \$213,661 for the transit administration building remodel project (170,928.80 in FY 18/19 FTA 5339(a) and \$42,732.20 in State of Good Repair (SGR) funds as match);
- B. Adopt 2021 FTIP amendment No. 10 to program the \$213,661 of federal and matching funds to the transit administration building remodel project;
- C. Amend the FY 2021/22 budget to include the additional \$213,661 in the capital projects budget; and
- D. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a construction contract for the remodel of the transit administration building in an amount not to exceed \$1,314,676.

Seconded by Paul Villarreal Jr.

Roll call vote:

**AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Bryan Kroeger, Jean Okuye, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Villarreal Jr., Paul Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

### 6. Discussion items:

- a. Transportation Planning and Measure V update

Nav Bagri presented the Transportation Planning and Measure V update and discussed the following topics:

- 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy development is currently underway
- 2022 Regional Transportation Plan – development is underway, asked CAC for a representative to serve on the RTP/SCS Advisory Committee
- Measure V Annual Report – development is underway

- Regional Housing Needs Allocation – completion by late 2022
- Finish the 99 – campaign is underway
- SB 743/VMT Implementation Plan
- Short Range Transit Plan

b. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy Overview - Presentation

Stacie Guzman presented the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Communities Strategy Overview.

Ursula Stock emphasized the need to involve ag preservation groups in the process, particularly the American Farmland Trust. Stacie Guzman stated that our agency has worked with AFT in the past but would appreciate Ursula's contact. She also stated that the Farm Bureau and the Valley Land Alliance are on the Advisory Committee.

Several committee members voiced concern regarding lack of pedestrian crossings on SR 99 and SR 152.

## TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

### 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 increases
- Emergency Service Reductions for fixed routes
- Expanded Measure V Free Fare Program
- New Bus Purchases are being finalized
- Transit Administration Offices Invitation for Bids released
- Bus Stop Improvements – shelters have been ordered
- Short Range Transit Plan – data collection is underway
- Public Transit Security Guard Services RFP released
- Transportation Security Administration face mask requirement extended
- CAD/AVL – staff is working on a funding plan to pay for the implementation of updated on-board technology for the bus fleet

Rene Gutierrez asked about system route maps and asked that they be placed at areas that have connecting bus routes so the riders can plan out their trip at connecting stops.

### 9. Announcements

After a lengthy discussion by committee members regarding batteries and recycling options. Staff suggested options that are currently available and will bring back more information at a future meeting.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:53 a.m.**