



## Citizens Advisory Committee MINUTES

### DATE

Friday, April 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee held Friday, April 1, 2022, held in-person at the MCAAG Office, 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced CA and via webinar was called to order by Chair Shane Smith at 8:30 a.m.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Beltran, Engineering  
 Maddie Brown, Student\*\*  
 Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large  
 Rene Gutierrez, Citizen at Large\*\*  
 Jack Jackson, Citizen-at-Large  
 Bryan Kroeger, Construction \* \*\*  
 Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development\*\*  
 Shane Smith, Citizen at Large, Chair  
 Michelle Symes-Thiara, Education\*\*  
 Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare\*\*  
 Paul Ward, Commerce/Finance

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director  
 Christine Chavez, Transit Manager\*\*  
 Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant\*\*  
 Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Procurement Manager\*\*  
 Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manager\*\*  
 Ty Phimmasone, Senior Transportation Planner  
 Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager  
 Rene Ruiz, Senior Accountant\*\*  
 Skyler Summers, Assistant Transit Manager\*\*  
 Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II\*\*

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Jensen, Water/Irrigation  
 Jean Okuye, Agriculture  
 Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate  
 Ursula Stock, Citizen at Large, Vice Chair  
 Paul Villarreal, Goods Movement  
 Vacant, Small Business

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

None

\*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 March 4, 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 – April 2022 was distributed at the meeting
  - vii. Draft minutes of the March 17, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting
  - viii. Quarterly Governing Board summary
  - ix. Dibs Quarterly Activity Report
  - x. 2022 Anna Maria Fuentes Scholarship recipient
  - xi. California Transportation Assessment (AB 285 Report)
- b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**
  - i. None

At this time, Jack Jackson reported out from the March 17, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting and stated that the Governing Board thanked the CAC for all that they do and for their reporting efforts monthly. Jack Jackson thanked staff for their efforts and for the information they put together for the meetings.

**4. Consent calendar:**

- a. **Merced County Association of Governments**
  - i. Approve the minutes of the March 4, 2022 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

Jose Delgadillo moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Jack Jackson.

Roll call vote:

**AYES: Michael Beltran, Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Bryan Kroeger, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

### 5. Action items:

- a. Approve FY 2021/22 Capital Budget Amendment No.1 to include FY 2019/20 Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP) funds to purchase seven new buses

Nav Bagri summarized the request to approve FY 2021/22 Capital Budget Amendment No.1 to include FY 2019/20 Low Carbon Transit Operation Program (LCTOP) funds to purchase seven new buses.

Patricia Ramos-Anderson moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the FY 21/22 budget to include \$541,769 FY 19/20 Low Carbon Transit Operation Program to complete the purchase of seven (7) new clean diesel buses.

Seconded by Michael Beltran.

Roll call vote:

**AYES: Michael Beltran, Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Bryan Kroeger, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Accept the Drug and Alcohol Policy provided by First Transit

Jose Perez summarized the request to accept the Drug and Alcohol Policy provided by First Transit.

Paul Ward moved to recommend the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County Board accept the drug and alcohol policy provided by First Transit.

Seconded by Jose Delgadillo.

Roll call vote:

**AYES: Michael Beltran, Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Bryan Kroeger, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At this time, items 7a and 7b were taken out of order due to time constraints.

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

### 7. Action items:

- a. Adopt Overall Work Program Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Nav Bagri summarized the request to approve the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program and budget for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Jose Delgadillo moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program and budget for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Seconded by Jack Jackson.

Roll call vote:

**AYES: Michael Beltran, Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Bryan Kroeger, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Approve the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 2

Nav Bagri summarized the request to approve the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program Amendment No. 2.

Jack Jackson moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the FY 21-22 Overall Work Program Amendment No. 2 to program the actual federal planning funds in the amount of \$940,574 and FTA 5303 funding in the amount of \$85,653.

Seconded by Patricia Ramos-Anderson.

Roll call vote:

**AYES: Michael Beltran, Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Bryan Kroeger, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward**

**NOES: None**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY**

### **6. Discussion items:**

a. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update

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

- January 2022 ridership
- Transit Administration Offices construction work set to start April 11, 2022
- 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](http://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
- Fixed-Route Emergency Service Reductions remain in place until further notice

b. Draft Transit Operations and Capital Budget Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Presentation

Nav Bagri and Christine Chavez presented the Draft Transit Operations and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 discussing budget accomplishments and priorities for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

The committee discussed outreach ideas and reiterated past requests to make sure to include rural communities when planning outreach events. Staff emphasized the desire to include all communities when planning outreach events.

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

### 8. Discussion items:

#### a. Transportation Planning and Measure V update

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

- Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy meetings and public workshops are underway
- Measure V Annual Report to the community is being finalized and will be released in mid-April
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation development of methodology underway
- Finish the 99 sub-committee created to coordinate regional dialogues with Caltrans
- SB 743/VMT Implementation Plan is underway
- Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan RFP has been released
- Short-Range Transit Plan draft will be presented to the Governing Board in late spring

Ty Phimmason discussed the importance of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and the role that it plays regionally.

### 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 the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy Advisory Committee update.

### 10. Announcements

None.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:06 a.m.**