



## Citizens Advisory Committee MINUTES

### DATE

Friday, May 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was held on Friday, May 5, 2023, in person at Merced County Association of Governments office, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA and via webinar and was called to order by Chair Rene Gutierrez at 8:33 a.m.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large  
 Rene Gutierrez, Citizen at Large, Chair  
 Mike Jensen, Water/Irrigation  
 Paul Villareal Jr., Goods Movement\*  
 Jean Okuye, Agriculture  
 Michelle Symes-Thiara, Education  
 Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare\* \*\*

#### MCAG STAFF PRESENT

Alexandra Arroyo, Procurement Specialist I\*\*  
 Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director\*\*  
 Elizabeth Forte, Director of Planning and Programming\*\*  
 Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager  
 Meg Prince, Senior Planner\*\*  
 Elizabeth Forte\*\*  
 Jose Perez, Assistant Transit Manager  
 Maria Ceja

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Ursula Stock, Citizen-at-Large, Vice Chair  
 Maddie Brown, Student  
 Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate  
 Jack Jackson, Citizen-at-Large  
 Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development  
 Vacant, Small Business  
 Vacant, Citizen-at-Large  
 Vacant, Commerce/Finance  
 Vacant, Engineering  
 Vacant, Construction  
 Vacant, Real Estate

#### OTHERS PRESENT

None

\*Arrived after roll call

\*\*Arrived via Zoom

1. **Call to order**

- a. Roll Call
- b. Pledge of allegiance

Chair Rene Gutierrez called the meeting to order and asked that roll call be taken. It was determined that a quorum was not present. Chair Rene Gutierrez led the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Public comment**

None.

3. **Information Items:**

a. **Merced County Association of Governments**

- i. CAC highlights of the April 7, 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 – May 2023
- vii. Draft minutes of the April 20, 2023 MCAG Governing Board Meeting
- viii. April Governing Board summary
- ix. Quarterly report on MCAG Board approved contracts
- x. Letter of Support for High-Speed Rail Federal-State Partnership Application
- xi. Letter of Support for San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Federal-State Partnership Application
- xii. MCAG/Measure V 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Sales Tax Update

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

- i. Quarterly report on TJPA Board approved contracts

So noted.

4. **Consent calendar:**

a. **Merced County Association of Government**

- i. Approve the minutes of the April 7, 2023 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting
- ii. Recommend the MCAG Governing Board authorize the execution of the agreement for services between YARTS and MCAG

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

None.

Due to the lack of a quorum present in-person, no action was permitted to be taken.

## MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

### 5. Action Items:

None.

### 6. Discussion Items:

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

Elizabeth Forte introduced Natalia Austin who presented the Transportation Planning and Measure V update and discussed the following topics:

- Progress continues on the 'Finish the 99' initiative.
- In November, an application for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program was submitted.
- On March 15, 2023, Caltrans released a request for proposals to develop a State Route 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan. All proposals were due April 13, 2023.
- Executive Director Stacie Guzman participated in a panel at the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Conference in Manteca to discuss the importance of Finishing the 99.
- Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 3 was state-approved April 4, 2023 and is currently undergoing federal review. FTIP Amendment 6 was approved by the Governing Board in April.
- A website was created for the EV Readiness Plan, outreach material and plan information will be posted on the site.
- *On the move* was finalized and distributed last month; Executive Director Stacie Guzman will be presenting the report at upcoming City Council meetings.

Mike Jenson expressed his appreciation for the 'Finish the 99' website.

Chair Rene Gutierrez suggested staff reach out to our public partners for a similar update.

#### b. Regional Housing Planning monthly update

Meg Prince gave an update on the Regional Housing Planning

- Multijurisdictional housing element (MJHE) outreach is beginning this month.
- REAP 1.0 has new resources and tools available on their website along with workshop series.

There were no questions.

Yamilet Valladolid joined the meeting via zoom.

Jean Okuye moved to approve Yamilet Valladolid to join the meeting.

Seconded by Mike Jensen.

**Due to a lack of a quorum of members present in the room, no action was permitted to be taken.**

## TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

### 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:

- Reviewed Ridership stats
- New Bus Purchases: TJPA staff finalized specifications on an order for eight clean diesel buses.
- Last two cutaways were delivered in April
- Early May, TJPA will be having a walk through for a site assessment of the Operations and Maintenance facility
- Data gathering will begin in May for the Zero Emission Roll-Out Plan
- Shelters were installed at a bus stop in Delhi as part of the Bus Stop Improvement Project, in the next few months more shelters will be added throughout the county
- The Bus is providing free shuttle to the Spring Fair in Los Banos this week and will continue to provide free shuttle service to the public for the Merced fair

There were no questions or comments.

#### b. Draft FY 2023/24 Operation and Capital budget

Nav presented the draft FY 2023/24 TJPA budget along with accomplishments for the current year including:

- Increases FY 2023/24 due to special services, maintenance cost, utilities, and staffing cost
- 22 vehicles will be replaced with the Capital Budget from FY 22/23
- Bus stop improvements and installation
- EV infrastructure of facility
- Upgrading technology in buses
- Upcoming capital budget FY 23/24 projects include the updating of current bus radios, on-going fleet replacements and additional funding for the Zero Emission Facility.

There were no questions or comments.

## OTHER REPORTS

### 9. Committee report

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

Jose Delgadillo gave the following updates:

- Provided overview of the organization's structure
- Attended his first meeting in Modesto this past week
- AB 617 passed
- The board approved a residential air filtration program
- Passed out a News Release for an incentive program from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Jose Delgadillo would like MCAG to post the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution News Release on its newsletter for this month.

No further comment or questions.

### 10. Announcements

None.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:13 a.m.**