



Citizens Advisory Committee MINUTES

DATE

Friday, June 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee held Friday, June 4, 2021, via webinar/teleconference was called to order by Chair Jose Delgadillo at 8:42 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large, Chair
Rene Gutierrez, Citizen at Large*
Jean Okuye, Agriculture
Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development
Shane Smith, Citizen at Large, Vice Chair
Michelle Symes-Thiara, Education
Ursula Stock, Citizen at Large
Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare
Paul Ward, Commerce/Finance*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Beltran, Engineering
Roscoe (Jack) Jackson, Citizen-at-Large
Bryan Kroeger, Construction
Mike Jensen, Water/Irrigation
Brian Pena, Small Business
Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate
Paul Villarreal, Goods Movement
Vacant, Student

OTHERS PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Natalia Austin, Associate Planner
Nav Bagri, Finance Director
Christine Chavez, Transit Manager
Blake Dunford, Assistant Planner
Matt Fell, Deputy Director - Planning
Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
Stephanie Jackson, Executive Assistant
Alicia Ochoa-Jones, Purchasing and Contracts Manager
Ty Phimmasone, Senior Planner
Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II

*Arrived after roll call

1. Call to order/roll call

At this time, Chair Jose Delgadillo called the meeting to order and instructed that the roll call for attendance be taken. It was determined that a quorum was not present.

2. Public comment

None.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

3. Information items:

None.

4. Consent calendar:

None.

5. Action items:

None.

6. Discussion items:

a. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County monthly update:

Christine Chavez presented the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County update and discussed the following topics:

- Ridership update
- Operation and maintenance update
- The Micro Bus update

Patricia Ramos-Anderson suggested more public outreach in other ways than currently offered and suggested that banners in local communities could help raise awareness of services offered in rural communities.

Rene Gutierrez asked if the YARTS reservation and capacity restrictions will be lifted soon. Christine Chavez stated that staff will be evaluating the current process.

Jose Delgadillo stated that the committee can also assist with getting information out by word of mouth regarding services that are offered.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

7. Information items:

- a. CAC Highlights of the May 7, 2021 meeting
- b. Sign-up sheet for CAC representative to the MCAG Governing Board meetings - 2021
- c. CAC Calendar - 2021
- d. CAC Attendance Roster - 2021
- e. Calendar of Meetings, Conferences and Events
- f. Minutes of the May 20, 2021 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- g. MCAG Newsletter – June 2021

Chair Jose Delgadillo stated that the sign-up sheet for the MCAG Governing Board meeting still needs volunteers and asked the committee to look at the CAC attendance roster for 2021.

At this time, it was determined that a quorum was present.

8. Consent calendar:

- a. Approve the minutes of the May 7, 2021 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting

Shane Smith moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Rene Gutierrez.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Action items:

- a. Approve MCAG's Other Programs Budget FY 2021-22

Nav Bagri presented the request to approve the MCAG Other Programs Budget for FY 2021-22.

Patricia Ramos-Anderson moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the MCAG Other Programs Budget FY 2021-22.

Seconded by Paul Ward.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Recommend the Overall Work Program amendment

Matt Fell summarized the request to recommend the Overall Work Program amendment.

Patricia Ramos-Anderson moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board to direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Overall Work Program 2021-22 to include \$200,000 to prepare a regional bike plan and a J-59/North Highway 59 study.

Seconded by Paul Ward.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. Adopt Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Distribution

Blake Dunford summarized a request to adopt the Regional Surface Transportation Program distribution.

Paul Ward moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the FY 2020-21 Regional Surface Transportation Program apportionment distribution and RSTP carryover distribution and adopt Resolution No. 2021/06-17-01 authorizing disbursement of the funds.

Seconded by Patricia Ramos-Anderson.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Adopt Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 2

Ty Phimmason summarized the request to adopt the Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 2.

Patricia Ramos-Anderson moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board adopt Formal Amendment 2 to the 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Seconded by Shane Smith.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

e. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2021-2022

Michele Symes-Thiara nominated Shane Smith as Chair for FY 2021-2022.

Jose Delgadillo nominated Ursula Stock as Vice Chair for FY 2021-2022.

Jose Delgadillo moved to appoint Shane Smith as Chair for FY 2021-2022 and Ursula Stock as Vice Chair for 2021-2022.

Seconded by Michelle Symes-Thiara.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jean Okuye, Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Shane Smith, Ursula Stock, Michelle Symes-Thiara, Yamilet Valladolid, Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

f. Determine format for future meetings (virtual vs in-person)

Stacie Guzman discussed options for future Citizens Advisory Committee meetings.

It was agreed upon by consensus to direct staff to secure a location that would allow for a hybrid of virtual/in-person meetings until it is voted on to resume in-person only meetings. Staff will work to find a location that provides the social distancing space and technology to host a meeting in a hybrid virtual/in-person setting.

10. Discussion items:

a. Transportation Planning and Measure V update

Matt Fell gave the Transportation Planning and Measure V update and discussed the following topics:

- Measure V Revenues

- Electric Vehicle Projects
- State and Federal level revised programs
- Infrastructure Bill

b. Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure

Matt Fell summarized the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) stating that the state is advancing its transportation policy and investment strategy framework to align with climate goals, most recently with CAPTI.

11. Announcements

Patricia Ramos-Anderson thanked staff on information presented and stated her commitment to support and work with MCAG and MCAG staff.

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