



Citizens Advisory Committee MINUTES

DATE

Friday, August 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee held Friday, August 5, 2022, held in person at the MCAAG Office, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA and via webinar was called to order by Chair Shane Smith at 8:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maddie Brown, Student
 Jose Delgadillo, Citizen at Large
 Rene Gutierrez, Citizen at Large **
 Jack Jackson, Citizen-at-Large
 Mike Jensen, Water/Irrigation **
 Jean Okuye, Agriculture **
 Jaswinder Singh, Real Estate ** *
 Shane Smith, Citizen at Large, Chair **
 Paul Ward, Commerce/Finance

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Beltran, Engineering
 Bryan Kroeger, Construction
 Patricia Ramos-Anderson, Economic Development
 Ursula Stock, Citizen at Large, Vice Chair
 Michelle Symes-Thiara, Education
 Yamilet Valladolid, Healthcare
 Paul Villarreal Jr., Goods Movement
 Vacant, Small Business

OTHERS PRESENT

Alex Tolley, Resident

STAFF PRESENT

Alexandra Arroyo, Procurement Specialist I **
 Natalia Austin, Senior Planner **
 Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director **
 Christine Chavez, Transit Manager **
 Elizabeth Forte, Director of Planning and Programming
 Xavier Garcia, Assistant Planner **
 Adam Perez, Transit Assistant Manager**
 Jose Perez, Transit Assistant Manager
 Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager **
 Mauricio Torres, Associate Planner
 Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist
 Joy Young, Administrative Assistant II **

*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 not 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 July 3, 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 – August 2022
- vii. Draft minutes of the July 21, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- viii. Quarterly report on Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Board approved contracts
- ix. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Appointments

b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

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

So noted.

At this time, Chair Shane Smith stated that information items would be heard prior to action items until a quorum is present.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

5. Action items:

None.

6. 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:

- June 2022 ridership
- Free fares for the months of July-September 2022 on all fixed routes and The MicroBus for general fare passengers
- Transit Administration Offices construction work underway with completion set for end of September pending no supply chain delays
- Short Range Transit Plan will be brought to the Board in August for approval. You can visit the website for more information at: www.mcagov.org/SRTP
- New bus purchases are being finalized with expected delivery in 2022
- Electric Bus Infrastructure scope of work is underway
- Bus Stop Improvement Project shelter installation began in July 2022

The committee discussed bus stop locations that included Yosemite Avenue and El Rodondo Drive in Merced.

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8. Discussion items:

a. Transportation Planning and Measure V update

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

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) will be presented to the Governing Board on August 18, 2022 for consideration
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation 35-day public comment period ended on July 26, 2022 and final methodology will go to the September Governing Board for approval
- REAP 1 funding expenditure deadline was moved to June 2024
- Finish the 99 coordinating efforts ongoing
- County-wide electrification plan Request for Proposals are being finalized
- Unmet Transit Needs process will start in September and public hearings will begin in October 2022
- SB 743/VMT Implementation Plan staff and consultants moving forward with development
- Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan has contracted with a vendor and will begin working with staff and stakeholders to create a committee for plan development
- Short Range Transit Plan comments are currently being collected and plan will be presented to the August Governing Board for adoption

So noted.

b. Adoption of the Merced County Short Range Transit Plan 2022-27

Mauricio Torres summarized the request to adopt the Merced County Short Range Transit Plan 2022-27 and stated that this item will be presented at the August 18, 2022 Governing Board meeting for consideration and adoption.

At this time, it was noted that a quorum was present, and Chair Shane Smith stated that action items will be heard starting with Item 4a Consent calendar.

4. Consent calendar:

- a. **Merced County Association of Governments**
 - i. Approve the minutes of the July 1, 2022 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting
- b. **Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County**
 - i. None.

Jose Delgadillo moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Jean Okuye.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Jaswinder Singh, Shane Smith, Paul Ward

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Maddie Brown

MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Action items:

- a. Adopt the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Elizabeth Forte summarized the request to recommend adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Jose Delgadillo moved to recommend the Governing Board adopt the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report, 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Seconded by Paul Ward.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Jaswinder Singh, Shane Smith, Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Approve project submittal for the State of Good Repair Program for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Christine Chavez summarized the request to recommend approval of the project submittal for the State of Good Repair Program for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Rene Gutierrez moved to recommend the Governing Board:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2022/08-18-01 authorizing the filing of the FY 2022-23 SGR project; and
2. Authorize the Transit Joint Powers Authority Executive Director to sign and execute the related documents as well as executing Caltrans-DMT Standard Agreement contract.

Seconded by Jean Okuye.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Maddie Brown, Jose Delgadillo, Rene Gutierrez, Jack Jackson, Mike Jensen, Jean Okuye, Jaswinder Singh, Shane Smith, Paul Ward

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER REPORTS

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 and presented the Reduction in Air Quality report.

10. Announcements

None.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:29 a.m.