



Technical Review Board MINUTES

DATE

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Technical Review Board was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, in-person at the Los Banos Community Center, Half Room, 645 7th Street, Los Banos, CA and via zoom. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Vanessa Portillo at 12:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lindsay Johnson for Raul Lomeli Mendez, CEO of County of Merced, Chair
 Vanessa Portillo, City Manager of Livingston, Vice Chair
 Stephanie Dietz, City Manager of Merced
 Brad Kilger, Interim City Manager of Gustine
 Dewayne Jones, City Manager of Dos Palos
 Greg Wellman, Interim City Manager of Los Banos

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lori Waterman, City Manager of Atwater

STAFF PRESENT

Natalia Austin, Senior Planner
 Nav Bagri, Deputy Executive Director
 Christine Chavez, Transit Manager
 Blake Dunford, Associate Planner**
 Elizabeth Forte, Director of Planning and Programming
 Xavier Garcia, Assistant Planner**
 Stacie Guzman, Executive Director
 Kyle Loreto, Diversion Programs Manager **
 Ty Phimmason, Senior Planner**
 Mary-Michal Rawling, Public Affairs Manager
 Tara Rodriguez, Staff Services Analyst I**
 Griselda Villa, Public Program Specialist **
 Patrick Womble, Environmental Resources Manager**
 Marty Yerrick, Interim RWA Director
 Daisy Zaragoza, Procurement and Reporting Analyst**

OTHERS PRESENT

Stacy Souza Elms, City of Los Banos
 Stephen Qualls, California League of Cities
 Hilda Sousa, Caltrans, District 10 **
 Nirorn Than, City of Los Banos

*Arrived after roll call

** Attended virtually

1. Call to order/roll call

Vice Chair Vanessa Portillo called the meeting to order and asked that roll call be taken. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Public comment

Christine Chavez introduced Staff Services Analyst I, Tara Rodriguez and welcomed her to the Transit team.

3. Information items:

a. Merced County Association of Governments

- i. Transportation Planning and Measure V update
- ii. Technical Review Board meeting calendar – 2022
- iii. Calendar of meetings, conferences, and events
- iv. Draft minutes of the August 18, 2022 MCAG Governing Board meeting
- v. MCAG newsletter – September 2022
- vi. City-County Dinner Host Rotation Schedule
- vii. Regional Housing Planning update
- viii. REAP 2.0 Program Development and Public Outreach

b. Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County

- i. TJPA monthly update

c. Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority

- i. RWA monthly update

So noted.

4. Consent calendar:

a. Merced County Association of Government

- i. Approve the draft minutes of the August 10, 2022 Technical Review Board meeting

Brad Kilger moved to approve the consent calendar.

Seconded by Stephanie Dietz.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Stephanie Dietz, Brad Kilger, Lindsey Johnson, Dewayne Jones, Vanessa Portillo, Greg Wellman

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

5. Action items:

- a. Recommend the adoption of Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology – Option 1C

Natalia Austin summarized the request to adopt the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology – Option 1C.

Stephanie Dietz moved to recommend the Governing Board adopt by resolution the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology – Option 1C.

Seconded by Brad Kilger.

AYES: Stephanie Dietz, Brad Kilger, Lindsey Johnson, Dewayne Jones, Vanessa Portillo, Greg Wellman

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Recommend COVID Relief Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding/Local Transportation Fund Swap

Nav Bagri summarized the request to authorize the COVID Relief Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding/Local Transportation fund swap.

Dewayne Jones moved to recommend the MCAG Governing Board approve the \$1,234,325 CRRSAA RSTP/LTF swap and authorize the by-population-distribution of the LTF to the jurisdictions.

Seconded by Brad Kilger.

AYES: Stephanie Dietz, Brad Kilger, Lindsey Johnson, Dewayne Jones, Vanessa Portillo, Greg Wellman

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Discussion items:

- a. Sixth Cycle Multijurisdictional Housing Element

Meg Prince presented the Sixth Cycle Multijurisdictional Housing Element discussing next steps for jurisdictional participation.

Brad Kilger thanked staff for providing a 2nd alternative and stated his support for option 2. Stephanie Dietz and Vanessa Portillo also stated their support for option 2. Staff will move forward with option 2.

- b. Unmet Transit Needs FY 2023-2024

Natalia Austin presented the Unmet Transit Needs FY 2023-2024 stating that five public hearings will be held in October to receive public input regarding transit service needs in Merced County.

TRANSIT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR MERCED COUNTY

7. Action items:

None.

8. Discussion items:

None.

MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

9. Action items:

None.

10. Discussion items:

a. SB 1383 Organic Waste Processing or Transfer Request for Proposal

Kyle Loreto presented an update on the SB 1383 Organic Waste Processing or Transfer Request for Proposal to assist member jurisdictions as they prepare for local compliance efforts associated with SB 1383.

OTHER REPORTS

11. Executive Director's report

Stacie Guzman gave the Executive Director's report and discussed the following topics:

- Valley Voice program happening next week
- Measure V RPCs will happen in January
- October meetings for CAC, TRB and Governing Board will take place at the Highway 59 Landfill
- TJPA Administration Building grand opening likely to happen in November
- New bus deliveries have been delayed due to supply chain issues (electric and clean diesel)
- Unmet Transit Needs process will take place in October
- Bus shelter replacement is ongoing
- Outreach in South Dos Palos regarding The Micro Bus will happen in October
- Finalizing RHNA in early 2023
- Jurisdictions will be asked to present regional projects to the Governing Board
- Governing Board discussion on roles of the CAC and TRB
- JPA comments due to legal counsel September 19, 2022

12. Caltrans report

Hilda Sousa presented the Caltrans report.

13. Oral report – League of California Cities update

Stephen Qualls presented the League of California Cities update.

14. Oral report - Jurisdictions

Lindsey Johnson stated that the county is working on their budget that will be final September 27th and the County will conduct interviews for a new Assistant CEO.

Greg Wellman thanked everyone for coming to Los Banos for the meeting.

Dewayne Jones stated that the wastewater plant plans will be submitted to the state and will be built soon.

Vanessa Portillo stated that the City of Livingston has hired a new Chief of Police. Staff is recruiting for a Public Works Director now. The City of Livingston turned 100 and celebrations are ongoing. The Sweet Potato festival will be held September 30, 2022 to October 2, 2022 and the City County Dinner will be held on October 6, 2022 at Foster Farms.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:17 p.m.