



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

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Meeting Agenda Thursday, August 4, 2011 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Fresno Council of Governments (Ash Room)
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 2, 2011 Director's Meeting (*enclosure*)

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| 3. California Partnership | S. Dabbs |
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| 10. High Speed Rail
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| 11. Blueprint Guidance Framework (<i>enclosure</i>)
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| 12. Sustainable Communities Funding (<i>enclosure</i>)
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OTHER ITEMS

- 21. Director Items
- 22. Public Presentations for Items Not on Agenda. This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but NOT on this agenda. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes. Note: The general public may comment on listed agenda items as they are considered.

Next Directors Meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2011

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Item 1

Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 2, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Executive Minutes

Members Attending:

Tony Boren, Fresno COG, Chair
Vince Harris, StanCOG, Vice-Chair
Patricia Taylor, MCTC
Terri King, KCAG

Ron Brummett, Kern COG
Ted Smalley, TCAG
Jesse Brown, MCAG (phone)
Andrew Chesley, SJCOG (phone)

Others:

Tom Jordan, Air District
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG
Derek Winning, MCTC
Cari Anderson, CA Consulting
Michael Sigala, Sigala Inc.

Nathan Wahl, Sigala Inc.
Robert Phipps, Kern COG (phone)
Ken Baxter, Caltrans (phone)
Dianne Barth, SJCOG (phone)
Stacie Dabbs, CA Partnership (phone)
Scott Carson, FHWA (phone)
Joseph Vaughn, FHWA (phone)

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tony Boren, Chair. Everyone introduced themselves.

1. Approval of May 5, 2011 Minutes

T. Boren

A motion was made by Mr. Vince Harris and seconded by Mr. Ted Smalley. The minutes were approved by consensus.

ITEM 2 WAS MOVED TO A LATER PART OF THE MEETING

3. FTIP/AQ Status

T. Taylor

Ms. Tanisha Taylor and Ms. Cari Anderson gave the update on this item. The district did not adopt their progress report on time but it will not affect the timeline. The ARB went ahead and adopted theirs and submitted it to the EPA. The EPA is waiting on

some documents that will be submitted towards the end of June and conformity budgets will be created then. The STIP in their conformity budgets include ISR, so after the effective date of June 8th, they can no longer include it in conformity demonstrations. Most amendments were completed and the final one should be finished by then. Depending on what the amendments, project changes needed, and what analysis years are impacted they will need to be evaluated with ISR removed. Most will be OK but some will be cutting it close. The eight hour Ozone status approval/disapproval should be available sometime in June/July. If conformity cannot be completed soon current actions look to have conformity completed in early 2012.

4. CA Partnership

S. Dabbs

Ms. Stacie Dabbs gave an update on the Partnership's latest activities. She informed everyone that the Sustainable Communities Workgroup will be meeting June 16 from 10am – 12pm in Fresno. The next board meeting will be July 11th in Lemoore from 11am – 5 pm and they are finalizing instructions to take advantage of the 2 point Smart Valley Places bonus in HUD grant applications for qualifying projects in the region.

5. Valley Modeling Improvements

M. Bitner

Mr. Mike Bitner noted that the tasks in the sheet he handed out at the previous meeting were all completed except for a minor one that will not delay the project. They are nearly at the point where the work to be completed by the MPOs is finished and the purchase for the valleywide software and corporate licensing is complete. He also informed the group that there will be an all day workshop from Citilabs on June 30th and August 16th. Their next conference call will be held on June 9th at 1:30pm.

6. Regional Energy Planning

M. Sigala

Mr. Michael Sigala informed everyone that Mr. Fred Abousleman will be stopping in Fresno on June 10th to formally go through the Regional Energy Plan proposal NARC had discussed with the group before. There will be a face to face meeting with a number of valleywide stakeholders to discuss what direction the proposal should be going.

7. SJV Interregional Goods Movement

M. Sigala

Mr. Sigala informed the directors that there have been delays due to contract language but hopes to begin shortly.

8. Fall Policy Conference

P. Taylor

Ms. Patricia Taylor informed everyone that they are finalizing the itinerary and reminded everyone that it will be held October 11th through the 13th at the Pines Resort.

9. Blueprint Roadmap

B. Steck

Ms. Barbara Steck recapped the process that was undertaken with the initial blueprint planning process funds for the Blueprint Roadmap from 2005 through the present meeting. She noted that a valleywide analysis was opted for instead of eight separate county analyses. The review period had been extended three months by the planners committee and all comments that were received were responded to. Ms. Steck recommends the changes in the handout to the Blueprint Guidance framework.

Mr. Ron Brummett informed the group that there were some people in Kern County who are concerned with the terminology and would recommend changes to the executive summary. Mr. Ted Smalley noted that the action should be clarified at the Regional Policy Council. The group indicated that the action would be an acceptance of the consultants' work.

10. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

D. Barth

Ms. Dianne Barth spoke on this item and noted that in years past there was a consensus that there were too many issues being brought up at the Washington D.C. trip. VLAC recommends that Air Quality and Goods Movement be the primary focus of the next trip.

Mr. Brummett noted that action needs to be taken shortly on the Surface Transportation Act and the table the Mr. Robert Phipps had sent out is a significant focus. Mr. Brummett made a motion for Mr. Phipps and the VLAC group to continue working on the table for reauthorization and continue working on the information for the September trip. If the Reauthorization bill is passed before hand the group can deal with the implementation side of the bill as well. Mr. Jesse Brown seconded the motion and it passed.

Further discussion to give guidance on the table was given that the table needed to be expanded and have an air quality focus by the 25th. Ms. Terri King voiced some concern over the freight corridor program that was highlighted in the table and was noted by the group.

Mr. Tom Jordan informed the group about HR 1582 and that the Air District has taken a position of support for it. He recommended that the group take it to the Regional Policy Council at their next meeting and send letters of support. Mr. Smalley moved to recommend the RPC send a support letter in favor of the bill. Ms. King seconded and the motion passed.

MR. JEFF ABERCROMBIE JOINED THE CONFERENCE CALL

2. High Speed Rail

J. Abercrombie

Mr. Abercrombie joined the meeting on the phone and was able to inform everyone on the latest with high speed rail. He noted that they are preparing to release draft EIRs for the Merced-Fresno and Fresno-Bakersfield sections in July. He noted that the draft does not have a preferred alignment but after the comment period a preferred alignment will be put together in the fall to get public comment and have the document approved by early 2012. There was an additional \$300 million from the federal government targeted for the Fresno to the north region. San Jose-Merced document is being worked on and a draft EIR is scheduled to come out in spring 2012.

Mr. Tony Boren asked about the timing on the maintenance facility to which Mr. Abercrombie responded that it was not in this draft EIR. A question about a formal HSR authority response to the LAO report was also brought up. Mr. Abercrombie did not know in what form it would come but they are working on a response. Mr. Brummett asked about the Bakersfield-Palmdale section and Mr. Abercrombie noted that he would follow up with him on it.

10. Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC)

D. Barth

The group returned to item 10 to visit the other bills of consideration that were included in the packet. After a short discussion on the different bills it was decided that they would go to the Regional Policy Council with the indicated Support/Oppose positions in the letters.

11. FY 2013-14, RTP/SCS

T. Taylor

Ms. Taylor gave an update on this item for the group. Five of the eight counties have attorney general commitments to the 2013 timeframe for the SCSs. They had gotten some additional information clarifying this item. Ms. Taylor handed out a timeline chart showing the RTP/SCS timelines. She wanted the directors to weigh in on the 2013 commitment as they have important implications on EIR schedules for the MPOs and implementation. She asked for the directors to also weigh in on accepting the 2013 date or further clarify the discussions on the date. This would dictate for the five counties how to proceed from their current situation.

If the EPA disapproves PM 2.5 then they must do the action together, if not they can take action independently. Ms. Taylor noted that they must come to ARB by December 2012 with the scenario the valley adopts, if they do not then it will be a 5 and 10% target by default. Mr. Smalley voiced his concerns that a lot of these discussions with the AG's office have been verbal and that they need some commitments in writing. A short discussion ensued about the different dates and timing. Ms. Taylor

noted that they will stick to the 2013 date and she will come back to the directors with a work program keeping the 2012 date for the targets as well.

13. Regional Policy Council, June 24 Meeting

T. Boren

Mr. Boren asked for the director's comments on the enclosure highlighting items to be included for the next Regional Policy Council meeting. Short Haul Rail and an update on the Partnership's workgroup efforts were noted and VLAC also brought up one item as well. Ms. King pointed out that there will be a follow up meeting in Kings County June 7th about High Speed Rail.

Mr. Harris informed everyone he needed to leave at this point. The group decided they will not meet in July and will reconvene in August.

12. Director's Retreat

A. Chesley

Mr. Sigala noted that he needs the directors to respond to date availabilities so a retreat weekend can be set aside.

15. Other Directors Items

Mr. Brummett informed everyone that they settled on their litigation and are currently waiting on dismissal notice before any other discussion over the matter.

16. No public comment

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

2011

San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Call for Projects



Recognizing outstanding achievement in quality development while celebrating projects that reflect the Blueprint Principles.

This awards program is open to all San Joaquin Valley jurisdictions in the counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus & San Joaquin.

Awards will be presented in the following categories :

- ***Sustainable Development Projects:*** On the ground, existing examples of projects that exemplify the Blueprint Principles in the following categories:
 - *Residential*
 - *Commercial*
 - *Mixed Use*
 - *Historic District*
 - *Downtown Revitalization*
- ***Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award:***
For an individual who has shown enthusiasm and tenacity in promoting the Blueprint Principles.

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Nomination requirements and packages are available online at www.valleyblueprint.org

Submittal deadline: Friday, August 26, 2011

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August 4, 2011

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agency Directors **Item # 11**

FROM: Barbara J. Steck, AICP, Deputy Director
SJV Blueprint Program Manager

SUBJECT: Blueprint Roadmap - Documents include: Summary Report, Guidance Framework
(Including the Institutional Arrangements Whitepaper) and the Web-based Planners
Toolkit. Available at <http://valleyblueprint.org>

Action: Recommend acceptance by the Regional Policy Council of SUBJECT Blueprint Roadmap deliverables.

Background:

Issue 1 – Guidance Framework

On June 24, 2011, the Blueprint Roadmap deliverables listed above were presented to the Regional Policy Council for “Acceptance”. Concerns were raised by Ted James, Community Development Director for Kern County and echoed by the building industry associations in both Kern and Tulare/Kings Counties. While staff had attempted to respond to the majority of the concerns that surfaced during the review period, there still seemed to be some unresolved issues at the RPC meeting. Staff was directed to continue to work with Kern County to address those issues.

Since that time, we have discussed the issues with Ted James and Ron Brummett and have again made several more edits to the Guidance Framework. The most recent version of the document (7/25/11) will be available on the www.valleyblueprint.org website on July 29th.

Two of the changes requested, pertaining to the Greenprint and the Regional Technical Coordinating Committee were not made since the RPC has already approved the scope of work for the Greenprint and the formation of a regional technical committee is the manner in which the eight Valley RPAs typically conduct business on joint ventures such as the Blueprint.

I believe that we have made an earnest effort to respond appropriately to the concerns we’ve heard. I also believe it is important to maintain the integrity of the Blueprint planning process as it reflects the values of the thousands of community members who have been engaged in its development.

Issue 2 - Institutional Arrangements Whitepaper.

Ted Smalley, TCAG Executive Director, has requested the addition of a brief statement to page 10 of the Whitepaper. That statement is shown in red on the attached page.

Staff recommends that the RPA Directors approve the changes made to the documents and recommend acceptance by the Regional Policy Council of the Blueprint Roadmap deliverables.

ATTACHMENT

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT OPTIONS

This section summarizes three institutional options for regional coordination in the San Joaquin Valley. These include the Existing Arrangement (Option 1), Regional Joint Powers Authority (Option 2), and Policy Board/Sub-regional MPOs (Option 3). The diagrams to the right illustrate the three options. Detailed descriptions of the three options are included in Appendix B. These options are intended to help facilitate a discussion about possible institutional arrangements for the Valley. Ultimately, a hybrid or a completely different arrangement may be selected.

Option 1: Existing Arrangement

Option 1 would continue the existing institutional arrangement established by an MOU among the Valley Regional Planning Agencies, which created the Regional Policy Council. The Valley is unique in its existing arrangement compared to the other regional agencies profiled in this whitepaper.

Option 2: Regional Joint Powers Authority

Option 2 would create a tiered regional representation system that would include a General Assembly and an Executive Committee. It would involve Valley cities and counties directly in regional policy and priority setting, centralize several Valleywide functions, and leverage additional regional resources to address Valleywide issues. Option 2 proposes a membership and representation arrangement similar to those used by SCAG, ABAG, and PSRC.

Option 2 uses a General Assembly of representatives from all local governments in the Valley to discuss, build consensus, and identify solutions to regional transportation planning issues (e.g., State/Federal Highways, Interstates, High Speed Rail, Sustainable Communities Strategies), and to create an institutional structure to organize, support, and implement change (e.g., Blueprint) at the Valleywide level. The Executive Committee would carry out the day-to-day operations of the Valleywide JPA and implement the regional policies and priorities established by the General Assembly. The responsibilities, functions, boards, and staffs of the Valley Regional Planning Agencies would remain basically unchanged.

Option 3: Policy Board/Sub-regional MPOs

Option 3 would create a Policy Board with regional duties and responsibilities. It would establish a framework for regional support and would leverage additional regional resources to address Valleywide issues. The Valley Regional Planning Agencies would retain their decision-making authority and priority setting responsibilities, but they would consolidate their transportation-related planning duties into three sub-regional MPOs. Transportation planning (e.g., preparing the RTP) would be hosted by one of the Valley Regional Planning Agencies in each sub-region. Option 3 proposes an organization, membership, and representation arrangement similar to those used by MTC, SACOG, SANDAG, and AMBAG.

A defining feature of Option 3 is its focus on creating a single policy body (i.e., Policy Board) to organize, support, and implement policy and programs (e.g., Blueprint) at the Valleywide level. Unlike in Option 2, a Policy Board would not focus on transportation-related coordination issues. Rather, transportation matters would be dealt with at the sub-regional level, by the three sub-regional MPOs and each Valley Regional Planning Agency.

Depending on the option, a new MPO would be created. An MPO also has the responsibility to manage federal transportation funding such as federal transit funds, CMAQ and TE. The creation of a Valley MPO would result in federal transportation management shifting from the current MPO structure.

August 4, 2011

TO: San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agency Directors **Item # 12**

FROM: Barbara J. Steck, AICP, Deputy Director
SJV Blueprint Program Manager

SUBJECT: Sustainable Communities Funding: Second Round of Prop 84 and HUD Grants

Action: Direction on seeking future funding from Sustainable Communities grant opportunities from Prop 84 or HUD

Background: Fresno COG has just received the contract from Department of Conservation to proceed with the \$1 million Prop 84 grant on behalf of the eight Valley RPAs. As you recall, there are three components to the grant:

- **Task 1: SCS Initial Outreach (Valleywide) - \$190,000**
- **Task 2: Local Government Blueprint Principles Integration into small communities' General Plans - \$530,000**
- **Task 3: Greenprint (Valleywide)- \$280,000**

Details on these tasks can be found in Fresno COG's 2011-12 OWP, Work Element 814 and in the detailed grant contract documents which can be provided upon request. You may also recall that the original "ask" on the Prop 84 grant was for \$2.5 million.

The Valley RPA's Prop 84 work program will coordinate with the CA Partnership's activities included in their \$4 million HUD funded "Smart Valley Places" program (working with 14 large cities in the Valley.)

The purpose of this item is to inform you that a second round of Prop 84 and HUD Sustainable Communities funding will be coming available in the near future. I have attached brief summaries of the grants. The question is, do the Valley RPAs wish to pursue either or both of these grants.

I believe that we have always assumed that we would apply for a second round on the Prop 84 grant to finish the \$1.5 million of unfunded activities associated with the projects listed above. It would be prudent to discuss the matter in more detail and put forth a formal decision on the matter.

Discussion on the HUD grant opportunity would be appropriate at the same time.

Attachment

PROPOSITION 84 - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM

I. Introduction

Grants - The Strategic Growth Council requests submittal of Proposals for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. Cities, counties, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Joint

Powers Authorities (JPAs), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), Councils of Governments (COGs), or combination thereof, are eligible to apply. It is anticipated that proposals funded under this solicitation will be not less than \$100,000 nor greater than \$1,000,000 each. The Council may consider higher grant awards for a joint proposal, an application submitted by one lead applicant with one or more eligible partner entities, coordinated by planning activities with defined shared outcomes. Partial funding may be considered to fully maximize grant awards.

III. Focusing Funds

Applications will generally be limited to a maximum of \$1 million and a minimum of \$100,000 per proposal. Partial funding may be considered to fully maximize grant awards. The Council may consider higher grant awards for a joint proposal (*see Glossary*) that is cooperative, scale-appropriate, and reflects the interdependence of environmental, economic, community health, and other requirements.

The Council shall fund proposals that fall within the following three focus areas:

- Focus Area #1: Local Sustainable Planning
- Focus Area #2: Regional SB 375 Plus
- Focus Area #3: Regional Planning Activities with Multiple Partners

The goal is to focus a minimum of 25% of funds in Focus Area #1, a minimum of 25% in Focus Area #2, and a minimum of 10% in Focus Area #3. No less than 20% of all Round 2 program funds will be dedicated to targeted planning efforts that address the direct challenges of economically disadvantaged communities. An applicant may submit two applications to Focus Area #1 provided that at least one of the applications proposes to address the needs of an economically disadvantaged community.

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## HUD Announces Advanced Notice of Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced an Advance Notice of Requirements for HUD's FY 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, which will provide an additional \$67 million for building sustainable communities throughout the country. The opportunity to apply for funding will soon be made available through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to be issued by HUD. Below is basic information concerning the competitive grant program.

*Eligible Entities:* Multi-jurisdictional and multi-sector partnerships, as well as regional consortia of state and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and philanthropic organizations

### *Funding Categories:*

1. Funds can be used to support the preparation of Regional Plans for Sustainable Development
2. Funds can be used to support efforts to modify existing regional plans so that they are in accordance with the Livability Principles, as well as to prepare execution plans for adopted regional plans and for predevelopment planning activities for catalytic projects.

## San Joaquin Valley RPA Directors' Committee

Item 14

August 4, 2011

**SUBJECT:** San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Planning and Coordination Services Contract

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve One Year Option to Extend Cari Anderson Consulting Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination Services Contract to December 31, 2012

### **DISCUSSION:**

In August 2008, an RFP was released for Valley-Wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination Services. The RFP identified a budget not to exceed \$125,000 per year with an additional \$25,000 contingency subject to approval by the COG Directors' Committee. The term of the contract identified in the August 2008 RFP was three years (January 2009 through January 2012) with the option to extend the contract for a maximum of three additional years, based on a one-year at a time approval by the COG Directors' Committee. Proposals were submitted in September 2008, and the San Joaquin Valley planning agencies selected Cari Anderson Consulting with an annual budget not to exceed \$124,641.80. Cari Anderson Consulting was chosen because of its expertise of multi-jurisdictional nonattainment areas and its expertise of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

The RFP identified an ability for the COG Director's Committee to extend the contract in one-year intervals up to three years. As the contract administrator, SJCOG staff contacted each of the eight MPOs to request information on the quality of service received by Cari Anderson Consulting over the past three year period (2009-2011). Each responding MPO (seven of eight; at the time of this staff report, no response was received from the eighth) identified receiving satisfactory service from Cari Anderson Consulting.

It is staff's recommendation that the Cari Anderson Contract be renewed for the following reasons:

- The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, which contains the 8 Valley MPOs and is classified as non-attainment for several federal air quality standards is one of the few multi-jurisdictional non-attainment areas in the nation. Cari Anderson possesses a unique expertise of federal Clean Air Act multi-jurisdictional non-attainment area requirements.
- Cari Anderson also possesses unique expertise in the development and implementation of the San Joaquin Valley on-road transportation sections of the PM10, PM2.5, and Ozone State Implementation Plans (SIPs).
- Extensive expertise in the San Joaquin Valley processes is needed beginning January 1, 2012 of the contract period to enable the 8 MPOs to amend their 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (FTIP) to incorporate the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to ensure each MPO is able to maintain compliance with the federal Clean Air Act and avoid harsh project delivery penalties if

MPOs are unable to do so. Cari Anderson has an extensive familiarity with the San Joaquin Valley processes which eliminates the transition to another consultant at a critical time period in the San Joaquin Valley air quality planning process.

- Cari Anderson Consulting also possesses a unique expertise on the current San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 and Ozone SIP actions from EPA as well as the eminent release of EMFAC2010 air quality model and the ensuing conformity testing/procedure development required to complete the 2013 TIP conformity analysis.

Staff recommends no changes to the scope of services as identified in the original three year contract or the annual contract not to exceed amount of \$124,061.80.

This action requires the action of the SJCOG board (as the contract administrator) in addition to the COG Directors' Committee prior to execution of the contract.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of staff's recommendation will result in the expenditure of \$124,061.80 in Calendar year 2012. It is recommended the existing MPO population formula split be utilized to fund this contract.

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- ▶ Application Resources (FAQ)
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- ▶ July 18 Lessons Webinar
- TIGER Project Awards**
- ▶ 2010 Capital Projects
- ▶ 2010 Planning Projects
- ▶ 2009 Capital Projects

Half-Day Seminar  
July 18, 1-4pm EDT

**TIGER**  
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Please [click here](#) to access the July 18 Webcast: **Lessons on How to Compete for a USDOT TIGER Grant**. The presentation slides are available through this link.

### FY 2011 TIGER Grants

DOT is authorized to award \$526.944 million in TIGER+ Discretionary Grants pursuant to Div. B of the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-010, Apr. 15, 2011). This appropriation is similar, but not identical to the appropriation for the "TIGER" program authorized and implemented pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the National Infrastructure Investments or "TIGER II" program under the FY 2010 Appropriations Act. Given that funds have now been appropriated for these similar programs in three separate statutes, DOT is referring to the grants for National Infrastructure Investments under the FY 2011 Continuing Appropriations Act simply as "TIGER Discretionary Grants." As with the TIGER and TIGER II programs, funds for the FY2011 TIGER program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. View a copy of the full [Interim Notice of Funding Availability](#).

Prospective applicants are encouraged to look through Frequently Asked Questions, webinars and other guidance at the [Application Resources](#) page.

### Program Background

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the U.S. Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Congress dedicated \$1.5 billion for TIGER I and \$600 million for TIGER II to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area. TIGER's highly competitive process, galvanized by tremendous applicant interest, allowed DOT to fund 51 innovative capital projects in TIGER I, and an additional 42 capital projects in TIGER II. TIGER II also featured a new Planning Grant category and 33 planning projects were also funded through TIGER II. Each project is multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional or otherwise challenging to fund through existing programs.

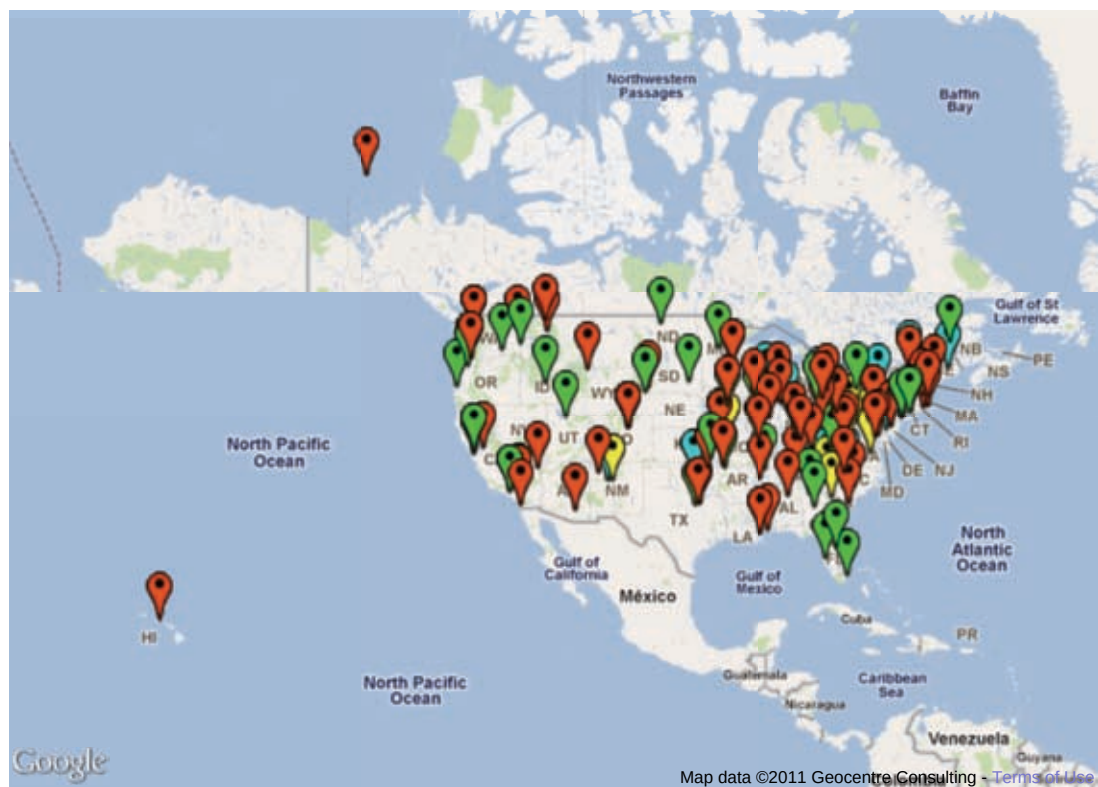
The TIGER program enables DOT to use a rigorous process to select projects with exceptional benefits, explore ways to deliver projects faster and save on construction costs, and make investments in our Nation's infrastructure that make communities more livable and sustainable.



## STAY CONNECTED



"These are innovative, 21st century projects that will change the U.S. transportation landscape by strengthening the economy and creating jobs, reducing gridlock and providing safe, affordable and environmentally sustainable transportation choices," said Secretary LaHood. "Many of these projects could not have been funded without this program." View the grant awards here:



-  TIGER I
-  TIGER II
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**MEMORANDUM**

Item 18

**DATE:** JULY 25, 2011

**TO:** SJV REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES' DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE

**FROM:** LORI FLANDERS, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, MCAG

**RE:** WEBSITE HOSTING/MAINTENANCE

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At present, the Planning Agencies shared websites include the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint [www.valleyblueprint.org](http://www.valleyblueprint.org), the San Joaquin Valley RTPA/Policy Council site at [www.sjvcogs.org](http://www.sjvcogs.org), and the newly activated Blueprint Toolkit.

In an effort to ensure consistent messaging, and follow through, website hosting/maintenance responsibilities were given to MCAG in March of this year. Estimated costs annually for the Policy Council website and Valley Blueprint website were presented in March as:

| <b><u>Item</u></b>               | <b><u>Annual Cost</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hosting/Domain Name Registration | \$ 500                    |
| Maintenance                      | <u>\$1,800</u>            |
|                                  | \$2,300                   |

MCAG has since taken on the Blueprint Toolkit. Staff was informed by Learning Change, our hosting company, that we not only will incur costs for hosting/domain, but we are also responsible for security updates at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 annually.

Attached is the revised budget proposal to include the costs for all three websites, annually, which we request be shared among all Planning Agencies based on population.

**REQUESTED ACTION**

That the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors approve:

- A. MCAG to host/manage the Blueprint Toolkit
- B. Costs of operating the sites to be shared

# SJV Websites

Budget Sheet

|  | Budgeted amount<br>from March | Estimated Costs<br>for FY2011/2012 | Difference w/<br>the addition of<br>BP Toolkit |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|  | \$2,300.00                    | \$3,370.00                         | \$1,070.00                                     |

| Name | Description | Quantity | Cost Each | Total |
|------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------|
|------|-------------|----------|-----------|-------|

## Hosting with StrangeCode

|                             |              |   |          |          |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---|----------|----------|
| valleyblueprint.org         | hosting/year | 1 | \$240.00 | \$240.00 |
| toolkit.valleyblueprint.org | hosting/year | 1 | \$240.00 | \$240.00 |
| SJV Policy Council          | hosting/year | 1 | \$240.00 | \$240.00 |
| Total Hosting               |              |   |          | \$720.00 |

## CMS Maintenance - Tracy to maintain Content updates

|                                            |               |   |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---|---------|----------|
| update website:<br>www.valleyblueprint.org | Monthly hours | 3 | \$50.00 | \$150.00 |
| Total CMS Content                          |               |   |         | \$150.00 |

## CMS Maintenance - Learning Change to maintain Security updates

|                                        |                       |   |            |            |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------|------------|
| Update and install software<br>patches | Security updates/year | 1 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Security Updates                       |                       |   |            |            |
| Drupal Updates                         |                       |   |            |            |
| Status Updates                         |                       |   |            |            |
| Module Updates                         |                       |   |            |            |
| Core Updates                           |                       |   |            |            |
| Total CMS Security                     |                       |   |            | \$2,000.00 |

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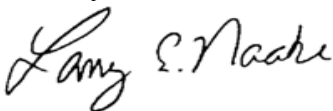
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We urge the committee to reject efforts to phase out over 50 per cent of America's Metropolitan planning agencies.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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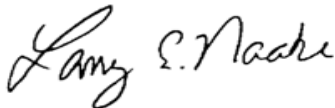
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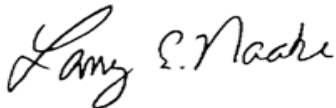
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
FY 2011 / 2012

Item 20

| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMITTEE<br>MEETING DATES | LOCATIONS  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| JULY 7, 2011 (OPTIONAL)                         | NO MEETING |
| AUGUST 4, 2011                                  | FRESNO     |
| SEPTEMBER 1, 2011                               | TBD        |
| OCTOBER 11, 2011                                | MADERA     |
| NOVEMBER 3, 2011                                | FRESNO     |
| DECEMBER 1, 2011 (OPTIONAL)                     | TBD        |
| JANUARY 5, 2012                                 | FRESNO     |
| FEBRUARY 2, 2012                                | SACRAMENTO |
| MARCH 1, 2012                                   | FRESNO     |
| APRIL 5, 2012                                   | TBD        |
| MAY 3, 2012                                     | FRESNO     |
| JUNE 7, 2012                                    | TBD        |