

INTER-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

***Pleasanton Library Community Room
400 Bernal Avenue
Pleasanton, California***

Wednesday, May 21, 2003
12:30 p.m.

MEETING-MINUTES SUMMARY

I. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

Co-chair, Mayor Dan Bilbrey called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone to Pleasanton. He asked those in attendance to make self-introductions: In attendance were:

Inter-Regional Partnership Members

Mayor Dan Bilbrey, City of Tracy
Councilmember Bob Wasserman, City of Fremont
Councilmember Denny Jackman, City of Modesto
Mayor Richard Dodds, City of Patterson
Councilmember Millie Greenberg, Town of Danville
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County
Mayor Gloryanna Rhodes, City of Lathrop
Supervisor Pete McHugh, Santa Clara County
Supervisor Jeff Grover, Stanislaus County

Staff to the Inter-Regional Partnership

Gary Dickson, Executive Director, Stanislaus Council of Governments
Alex Amoroso, Senior Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments
Lark Downs, Senior Regional Planner, Stanislaus Council of Governments
Christy Riviere, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments
Michael Smith, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments
Mike Swearingen, Senior Regional Planner, San Joaquin Council of Governments
Betty Garcia, Senior Office Assistant, San Joaquin Council of Governments

Public Attendees

Bruce Kern, Economic Development Alliance for Business
Brad Kildrey, City of Modesto
Joel Elekman, Tracy Gateway
Val Menotti, Manager, BART
Andrew Malik, City of Tracy
Audrey Cooper, The Record
Brad Hilton, City of Modesto

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved/seconded (Haggerty/Dodds) to approve the minutes of January 15, 2003. Motion passed.

III. IRP STATUS REPORT/PROGRAM REVIEW

Alex Amoroso gave a brief update of the IRP projects including status reports and IRP pilot project timeline. He informed the committee that ABAG would be meeting with legislation.

Gary Dickson acknowledged Supervisor Jeff Grover as the replacement for retired Supervisor Nick Blom.

IV. URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES

This item was continued for discussion at a future meeting.

V. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS PROCESS

Mr. Amoroso discussed the issues involved in the Housing Needs Allocation process. He stated the current process consists of each COG in the state independently working with HCD to determine its fair share housing totals by income group. It is the IRP staff's opinion that there are several problems with this arrangement. Mr. Dickson expressed his concerns regarding the Department of Finance projections for Stanislaus County. He was also concerned that both ABAG and SJCOG negotiated reductions of housing units with HCD, however, StanCOG's required total remained unchanged. Mr. Jackman stated the people who live and work in Modesto are being priced out of the housing market because of people who commute to the Bay Area. Mr. Dodds was very upset regarding the wording of item #4 of the IRP housing needs process. The statement reads "StanCOG staff believes that the net result of constructing the HCD-mandated housing may worsen the jobs/housing imbalance, rather than improve it." Mr. Dodds stressed the idea that StanCOG is a part of the IRP and the statement should read "IRP staff believes that the net result of constructing the HCD-mandated housing may worsen the jobs/housing imbalance, rather than improve it." A lengthy discussion followed regarding the HCD housing needs allocation. Mayor Bilbrey suggested ABAG change the staff report.

VI. JOBS/HOUSING OPPORTUNITY ZONES INCENTIVES

Bruce Kern discussed the jobs/housing opportunity zones incentives. He stated the IRP has full authority to work with HCD to try and balance jobs and housing. However, we continue to be pushed back by HCD. The IRP co-chairs met with Senator Tom Torlakson to discuss the IRP and incentives. Mr. Kern informed the committee of a meeting that was scheduled for May 28th in the City of Dublin with City Council members to discuss AB 437 a bill that would give priority eligibility in the award of state grants to local jurisdictions sponsoring opportunity zones. Swearingin of SJCOG staff gave a brief update of AB 723 which would allow for the

creation of similar tax increment financing districts in opportunity zones created by the Inter-Regional Partnership. Revenues raised would be used to develop infrastructure that would improve the competitive position of the zones relative to other states and regions and make the zones more attractive to prospective employers and developers.

Supervisor Haggerty informed the committee that Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier met with Senator Torlakson and asked what the IRP could do to gain incentives. Senator Torlakson told them SB 321 has identified specific monies for the IRP. Mr. Amoroso stated there is \$2 billion for infrastructure and \$50 million for incentives that come through HCD. Mayor Dodds asked if everyone could receive a faxed update of the bills.

VII. I-580 BART STUDY

Val Menotti, BART staff, made a presentation on the Interstate 580 corridor study, Phase 2.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty urged members to meet with their respective Boards to ask for their support in developing a rapid transit system that connects Livermore to Pleasanton in the I-580 Corridor.

Mayor Bilbrey stated the SJCOG could also address this issue as an emergency item at the May 22, 2003 meeting under miscellaneous Transportation Items. Supervisor Haggerty would like to see the COG's take a position of support on this item at their Board meeting.

Mr. Amoroso suggested ABAG could draft a letter of support for the BART extension to Livermore. Supervisor Haggerty said the I-580 Policy Advisory Committee would be meeting on May 27, 2003 and would need the letters of support by that date.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m. until July 18, 2003.