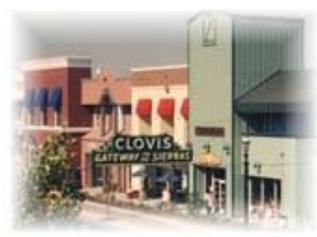


San Joaquin Valley Growth Response Study, Phase III - Stakeholder Meeting #1



THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2003
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
CALTRANS DISTRICT 6 - MANCHESTER CENTER
YOSEMITE ROOM, #145

Meeting Notes

Attendee Sign-in Sheets attached.

9:00 Opening Remarks and Introductions Georgiena Vivian

Ms. Vivian provided brief opening remarks focusing on why the Study was important within the Valley and within the Fresno-Clovis-SE Madera County Region.

9:15 Overview of the Purpose of the Study Georgiena Vivian

Ms. Vivian explained why the Study was being conducted and focused her discussion on a set of tools or “toolbox” that could be applied by the local jurisdictions or others during review of General Plans and proposed developments. She emphasized that the tools were the main product of the Phase III Study, not the desire to identify major General Plan issues or improvements to the General Plans that may result from the modeling of such plans within the Region.

9:25 Review of Phase I and Phase II Study Outcomes Georgiena Vivian & Jerry Walters

Ms. Vivian provided an overview of Phase I and II of the Study conducted by the Mineta Institute and the Rand Corporation over the past two years. She highlighted the major outcomes of both phases of the Study as referenced in the presentation.

9:40 Purpose of Phase III Georgiena Vivian & Jerry Walters

- ◆ Review of Scope of Work
- ◆ Project Milestones

Ms. Vivian reviewed the proposed Scope of work for the project and Mr. Walters provided an overview of the Phase III Modeling process focusing on other studies that have been conducted within California.

10:00 *Break*

10:15 Discussion of Smart Growth Indicators

- ◆ Overview Georgiena Vivian
- ◆ Group Discussion Jerry Walters, Richard Lee, Phil Erickson & Teifion Rice-Evans

The Stakeholders Committee was asked to identify the indicators that were the most important. Key topics discussed by the group included:

- ◆ Involvement of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The group decided they should be part of the Advisory Committee;
- ◆ Health concerns as it relates to air quality. The group identified Kevin Hamilton of Community Hospital as a potential source of data regarding escalated health issues related PM10 in winter months. The California Health Interview data conducted by UCLA is another potential data source;
- ◆ Unemployment data should be considered as a key indicator as it relates to migration;
- ◆ That the study area or Region should be expanded beyond the Fresno-Clovis-SE Madera County area and include small cities such as Fowler and Selma as an example. The Team responded that the study area was limited due to funding constraints and that the results of the modeling process would consider and provide information regarding effects of rural areas of both Counties.;
- ◆ The impact of fireplaces on air quality should be studied;
- ◆ The effects of high speed rail and other major transportation investments should be addressed;
- ◆ The Team should study the adequacy of transit/access to health services; and
- ◆ That the effects of PM10, PM 2.5, ROG and other pollutants should be studied.

11:05 Review Recommended Smart Growth Model Applications

- ◆ Overview of Selection Process Richard Lee
- ◆ Model Demonstrations Phil Erickson, Teifion Rice-Evans, Richard Lee & Jerry Walters

Various members of the Project Team reviewed the process the Phase III Team applied to narrow the list of Smart Growth Modeling Tools identified from Phase II of the Study. This process was the first Subphase task to be undertaken by the Phase III Team. The process included further detailed evaluation of each of the model applications and development of review criteria focusing on special needs within the Study Region. The Team indicated that there are three modeling tools that will be required for purposes of Phase III including the Land Use Allocation Model, the Visualization/Indicator Model and the Transportation Model. Both the Land Use Allocation and Visualization Models will be developed by the Project Team from software (What if? And INDEX). The Transportation Model to be applied will focus on using the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) Model and/or the Madera County Traffic Model.

11:35 Discussion of Available Data and Resources Georgiena Vivian & Project Team

Based upon the need to meet with the elected officials before the Advisory Committee prioritizes model indicators, discussion regarding this item was limited.

11:40 Discussion of Similar Studies in the Region Georgiena Vivian

Ms. Vivian provided an overview of other studies being conducted with the Valley including the Collaborative Regional Initiative (CRI), which has focused on the development of a single GIS dataset for the General Plans within the Region. The CRI has agreed to combine further effort with the Phase III Modeling process. The other study currently underway with the Valley is the Merced Smart Growth Study being conducted by the Merced Association of Governments. The study is just being initiated and further details were not available at the time of the Workshops.

11:55 Next Steps in the Phase III Process
and Closing Remarks Georgiena Vivian

Ms. Vivian identified the next few tasks to be undertaken by the Project Team including:

- ◆ Meeting with the elected officials to review the Study purpose and identify important indicators;
- ◆ Meeting with the Advisory Committee to review results of the meeting with the elected bodies;
- ◆ Completing the Phase III - Subphase 2 Scope of Work and budget and forward the information to Caltrans for review and comment;
- ◆ Initiating the collection of data and information to develop Subphase 2;
- ◆ Meeting with the Advisory Committee and the Stakeholders at a workshop series in Late Fall to review results of Subphase 2 and to begin the identification of various alternative scenarios that should be applied to the modeling process (Subphase 3).

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