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**COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
AGENDA**

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2006

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Council of Fresno County Governments
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COFCG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

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B. Presentation: Dr. Edward Moreno, County Health Officer

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A. 2006-07 Transportation Funding Claim – City of Huron, Resolution 2006-40	Yes	Approve
B. Administrative Amendment No. 3 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program	No	Information
C. FY2005-06 Transit Productivity Evaluation	Yes	Accept
D. Air Quality – Rules and Legislation Update	No	Information
E. Association for the Beautification of Highway 99: Committee Update	No	Information
F. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Update	Yes	Info/Discussion

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Formal Amendment #2 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Resolution 2006-41	Yes	Approve
B. Proposition 1B: State Route 99 Corridor Improvements & Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Program Submittals, Resolution 2006-42	Yes	Approve
C. Measure "C" Update	No	Info/Discussion
D. Caltrans Monthly Report	No	Info/Discussion
1. Route 33 Concept Report	Yes	Info/Discussion

COFCG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

IV. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

No Reaffirm

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

Approve Calendar Items

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B. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan	Yes	Approve
C. 2006-07 Overall Work Program Amendment #1	Yes	Approve
D. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update	Yes	Info/Discussion
E. "One Voice" – 2007 Washington D.C. Project Recommendations	Yes	Approve
F. Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy Statement – AB 1234 Resolution 2006-43	Yes	Approve
G. Support Appointment of Supervisor Judy Case as a Representative on the California Air Resources Board from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board, Resolution 2006-44	Yes	Approve
H. CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley--Elected Official Nominations	Yes	Approve Three Nominations

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

COFCG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

A. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program – Request by City of Firebaugh	Yes	Approve
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*Items listed as Information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Board.



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A. 2006-07 Transportation Funding Claim – City of Huron, Resolution 2006-40

Summary: The City of Huron has submitted their 2006-07 Transportation Development Act Claim. The amounts claimed for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds are:

Jurisdiction:	LTF Fund:	STA Fund:	Total Funds:
City of Huron	\$ 231,322	\$ 31,351	\$ 262,673

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

Staff has reviewed the claim and finds the amounts consistent with apportionments previously approved by the Board. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the funding claim by adopting Resolution 2006-40.

B. Administrative Amendment No. 3 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Summary: Administrative Amendment No. 3: This amendment was approved on November 7, 2006 by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments as authorized by the Policy Board. Modifications to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program are as follows:

Change to the *Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program*. Fresno Unified School District CNG School Bus Project: Technical correction to the programming of funding in this project. Funding that should have been input as construction was input as preliminary engineering. This amendment adjusted the information accordingly. [DEVERE]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

C. FY 2005-06 Transit Productivity Evaluation

Summary: The productivity evaluation is conducted annually to assess the progress of transit operators who receive State Transportation Development Act funds and to recommend potential productivity improvements. The California Public Utilities Code 99244 requires that "Each Transportation Planning Agency shall annually identify, analyze, and recommend potential productivity improvements which could lower the operating costs of those operators who operate at least 50 percent of their vehicle service miles within the area under its jurisdiction." If operators fail to reasonably respond to recommended productivity improvements, local transportation funds cannot exceed appropriation for the prior year.

The FY 2005-06 Productivity Evaluation assesses the following transit agencies:

1. Fresno Area Express and Handy Ride
2. Clovis Stageline and Roundup
3. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
4. Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies for the Metropolitan and Rural Areas.

The FY 2005-06 Transit Productivity Report was reviewed and accepted by the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on December 5, 2006. [LONG]

Action: Staff, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend acceptance of the FY 2005-06 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report as presented.

D. Air Quality – Rules and Legislation Update

Summary: The following is an update of current rules and legislation that have an impact on the San Joaquin Valley:

(1) AB 32 - *California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006*

In September 2006, the Governor signed AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to:

- Establish a statewide greenhouse gas emissions cap for 2020 by January 1, 2008.
- Adopt mandatory reporting rules for significant sources of greenhouse gases by January 1, 2009.

- Adopt a plan by January 1, 2009 indicating how emission reductions will be achieved from significant greenhouse gas sources through regulations, market mechanisms and other actions.
- Adopt regulations by January 1, 2011 to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas.
- Prior to imposing any mandates or authorizing market mechanisms, CARB must evaluate several factors, including but not limited to: impacts on California's economy, the environment and public health, and conformance with other environmental laws.

The California Air Resources Board has scheduled several upcoming events related to the implementation of AB 32. Information regarding these workshops will be posted when available and can be found at the ARB Climate Change website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm>. Fresno COG staff will continue to follow development of the rules and provide additional information on the potential impacts to agencies in the San Joaquin Valley.

(2) ARB Public Fleet Rule

On December 8, 2005, the California Air Resources Board adopted the Fleet Rule for Public Agencies and Utilities, which requires municipalities and utilities to apply best available control technology to diesel heavy-duty vehicles in their fleet. This affects municipally owned and operated diesel vehicles over 14,000 Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) with model year engines from 1960 to 2006. To assist municipalities and utilities with their compliance efforts, the Air Resources Board presented seven "training seminars" during the months of October and November 2006. Additional information, including presentations and compliance schedules, is available on the CARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/publicfleets/publicfleets.htm>.

(3) San Joaquin Valley Air District - School Bus Rule

The Air District recently adopted a rule that will impact school fleets in the San Joaquin Valley. By January 1, 2016 operators of existing school bus fleets must (1) replace pre-1978 school buses; and (2) replace, retrofit or repower their school buses manufactured during and after 1978. All existing gasoline or alternative fueled school buses, and any diesel school buses manufactured after October 1, 2002 are considered compliant subject to a few conditions.

By January 1, 2007, each school district must provide the District with a list of existing school buses. Each school district fleet must also maintain records of annual mileage per bus and the amount of fuel purchased annually for the fleet, recorded by fuel type. [PAUKOVITS]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

E. Association for the Beautification of Highway 99: Committee Update

Summary: The Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 (Association) will continue to meet on a bimonthly basis in 2007 with meetings now taking place at the COG office. The Association last convened on November 17 with the next meeting scheduled for January 12. The committee is currently working on three items: 1) planning a southern "Welcome to Fresno County Monument; 2) "overseeing the adoption process of the Zone District Overlay; and 3) opening discussion with Caltrans to discuss the mitigation of oleander removal along newly expanded freeway segments. At the November meeting a new chair and vice chair were elected. Jim Simonian of Fowler, Chair for the past two years, will be replaced by former Vice-Chair David Karstetter of Kingsburg. The new Vice-Chair is Don Tow of Selma. Information on the Association can be found at www.fresnocog.org under the Planning link or by contacting Renée DeVere of staff. [DEVERE]

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

F. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Update

Summary: Vikki Magee-Bauer, Mono County Supervisor and Chair of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority, had requested an opportunity to discuss the potential of YARTS providing a broader regional service, including service from Fresno Yosemite International Airport to Yosemite National Park. She made a presentation to the Joint TTC/PAC Committees on December 8 and also convened a meeting later that day to discuss the future of YARTS. She will present the matter to the COG Policy Board at a future meeting.

YARTS, now in its seventh year, offers a choice to those traveling in the counties of Mariposa, Merced and Mono by providing an affordable, dependable alternative to driving into Yosemite National Park and in the region. Included in the agenda packet is a letter from Supervisor Magee-Bauer, YARTS background information, and YARTS budget, ridership, and scheduling information. The rockslide on SR-140 and subsequent road closure has forced YARTS to use many alternate routes and schedules and form new partnerships, prompting the YARTS Board to revisit the subject of YARTS serving a more regional audience in order to make the service better and more useful to the Yosemite region. Further information about YARTS is available from its website at www.YARTS.com.

Supervisor Magee-Bauer will also make a presentation in Madera County in January. COG staff will continue to monitor discussions regarding potential expansion of the transit system to Madera and Fresno counties and will provide information to your Board as events warrant.

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Formal Amendment #2 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Resolution 2006-41

Summary: This amendment is a request by Caltrans, the City of Fresno, City of Reedley, and City of San Joaquin to modify the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The amendment incorporates changes to the Hazard Elimination Safety Program, SHOPP-Collision Reduction Program, Regional Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Enhancement Program, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. Program changes include:

- Addition of funding to the Lump-sum Hazard Elimination Safety Program for Caltrans identified projects.
- Addition of new project category, Lump-sum SHOPP-Collision Reduction, for Caltrans identified projects.
- Addition of City of San Joaquin Transportation Enhancement project FRE040619. This project was originally programmed in the 2004 FTIP. Funding was allocated by the CTC in 2005/06 with an approved allocation extension granted in November 2006.
- RSTP Program modifications incorporate changes requested by the Cities of Fresno, Reedley, and San Joaquin. Changes include the addition of projects from the 2004 FTIP, schedule advances, schedule delays, and funding changes.
- CMAQ Program modifications incorporate changes requested by the Cities of Fresno and San Joaquin. Changes include the addition of projects from the 2004 FTIP, schedule advances, schedule delays, and funding changes.

For questions regarding individual projects in this amendment please contact Renée DeVere.
[DEVERE]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the approval of Formal Amendment No. 2 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program by the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-41.

B. Proposition 1B: State Route 99 Corridor Improvements & Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Program Submittals, Resolution 2006-42

Summary: With the passage of Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006, Fresno COG in its role as a Regional Transportation Planning Agency will now have a responsibility (the role will vary based on the Bond program) to participate in the twelve different funding components that comprise Proposition 1B. Those components and the funding amounts allocated to each program are as follows:

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| 1. Corridor Mobility Improvement Account: | \$ 4.5 billion |
| 2. State Route 99 Corridor Improvements: | \$ 1.0 billion |
| 3. Ports Infrastructure, Security & Air Quality | |
| a.) Trade Corridors Improvement Fund: | \$ 2.0 billion |
| b.) Emission Reduction & Air Quality Improvements: | \$ 1.0 billion |
| c.) Port, Harbor, and Ferry Terminal Security: | \$100 million |
| 4. School Bus Retrofit For Air Quality: | \$200 million |
| 5. State Transportation Improvement Program Augmentation: | \$ 2.0 billion |
| 6. Public Transportation Modernization Improvement & Service Enhancement | |
| a.) Pro-rata Formula Distribution: | \$ 3.6 billion |
| b.) Department Intercity Rail Improvement Program: | \$400 million |
| 7. State-Local Partnership Program: | \$ 1.0 billion |
| 8. Transit System Safety, Security & Disaster Response Account: | \$ 1.0 billion |
| 9. Local Bridge Seismic Safety Retrofit: | \$125 million |
| 10. Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account: | \$250 million |
| 11. State Highway Operations and Protection Program: | \$750 million |
| 12. Local Streets and Roads, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006 | |
| a.) Cities | \$ 1.0 billion |
| b.) Counties | \$ 1.0 billion |

The first of these responsibilities is developing and submitting Fresno COG's list of candidate projects for the State Route 99 Corridor Improvements program and the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) program. Candidate project submittals are required to be consistent with the Draft SR 99 Guidelines (enclosed) and the CMIA Guidelines (enclosed) adopted by the CTC. Regional candidate project submittals are required to be submitted to Caltrans Headquarters and the California Transportation Commission by January 16, 2007. Once submitted, these projects will compete with other regional candidates statewide for the available Proposition 1B funding. In order to help identify potential candidate projects for the various bond programs, COG issued a "Call for Projects" for Proposition 1B funding programs in mid August, 2006. As a result of that process, COG received candidate project submittals from four member agencies (see enclosure), the majority of which are seeking funding from programs which still lack necessary guidelines or legislation. In the months ahead COG staff will work with its member agencies and our state lobbyist California Consulting Inc. to ensure that those projects are placed in the statewide competitions for those Bond funding programs. COG did receive project submittals from Selma and Reedley for CMIA and SR 99 funding, unfortunately those projects were not eligible due to issues with lack of inclusion in the SR 99 Business Plan which established the funding priorities for the SR

99 corridor or the project would be unable to meet the project delivery date of 2012 established by the guidelines.

State Route 99 Corridor Improvement Program

The State Route 99 Guidelines establish the policies and procedures for allocating Proposition 1B State Route 99 Corridor Improvement Program funding. As has been discussed previously, the State Route 99 Corridor Improvement Program decisions will be guided by the State Route 99 Business Plan which has been previously adopted by the California Transportation Commission. The Business Plan is a "nuts and bolts" approach to achieving the functional goals for the corridor laid out in the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan, Transportation Concept Reports, and the Route 99 Corridor Enhancement Master Plan. The SR 99 Business Plan was developed to provide a guide for decision makers as they address the needs of this developing corridor.

Following extensive discussion and analysis with Caltrans District 06 and Fresno County Transportation Authority staff, consensus was reached that based on the performance criteria as outlined in the SR 99 Guidelines, the State Route 99 Corridor Improvement Plan project list Fresno COG will be submitting is the following:

Fresno COG Candidate Projects State Route 99 Program (Prop. 1B)

Facility	Project Limits	Project Description	Project Cost	Delivery Date
SR 99	Ashlan Ave. to Ave. 7	Const 4 Ln. to 6 Ln.	\$ 98 million	2011

This project was selected as it has been previously identified in the SR 99 Business Plan as a Priority Category 2 -- Capacity Increasing Project (Fresno County has no Tier 1 projects) and therefore is a logical candidate project that would compete well with other SR 99 Tier 2 projects seeking funding in the San Joaquin Valley. Priority Category 2 projects consist of projects that would widen State Route 99 to a minimum of 6 lanes throughout the corridor, while also providing safety benefits by reducing or eliminating the incidences of stop-and-go traffic on the route thereby leading to a reduction in the number of congestion related accidents that currently occur.

Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA)

Included as an enclosure are the CMIA Program Guidelines that were adopted by the California Transportation Commission at their November 8, 2006 meeting. The guidelines establish the policies and procedures for allocating Proposition 1B -- Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funding. After reviewing a lengthy list of potential candidate projects (enclosure) and following extended discussions with the California Transportation Commission, Caltrans District 06 and Fresno County Transportation Authority staff, it was determined that the next two State Route 180 E projects that are scheduled for delivery, Clovis Ave. to Temperance Avenue and Temperance Ave. to Academy Ave., can be funded through the following combination of funding sources: existing STIP funding (\$60.5 million), STIP augmentation funding (\$25.0 million), existing Measure "C" funding (\$10.2 million) and new Measure "C" funding (\$71.7 million) and therefore would not require CMIA funding. With that in mind, the following projects are recommended to be the CMIA candidate project submittals for Fresno COG based on their ability to meet the CMIA guidelines as adopted by the California Transportation Commission.

**Fresno COG Candidate Projects
CMIA Program (Prop. 1B)**

Priority	Facility	Project Limits	Project Description	Est. Cost (\$million)	Delivery Date
Interregional CMIA					
1	State Route 180 East (Interregional CMIA)	Academy Ave. to Trimmer Springs Rd..	Widen Existing SR 180 to a 4 Ln divided Expressway	\$61.0	2010/11
2	State Route 180 East (Interregional CMIA)	Trimmer Springs Rd. to Frankwood Ave.	Widen Existing SR 180 to a 4 Ln divided Expressway	\$66.0	2010/11
Urban CMIA					
1	SR 180/168/41 (Urban CMIA)	SR 180/168/41	Braided Ramps to Improve Safety and Connectivity Between State Routes	\$50.0	2012
2	State Route 41 (Urban CMIA)	Divisadero Ave. to Shields Ave.	Convert 6 Ln. Freeway to 8 Ln Freeway & Widen SB off-ramp at Divisadero	\$65.0	2011

[BOREN]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the TTC/PAC approve submittal of the above identified projects as candidate projects for the State Route 99 Improvement Program and the Corridor Mobility Improvement Program by approving Resolution 2006-42.

C. Measure “C” Update

Summary: COG staff will provide a verbal update on Measure “C” including next steps in the process and formation of the Citizens Oversight Committee mandated by the new Measure C. At the TTC/PAC meeting a question was raised by the Coalition for Livable Communities, as to whether members of the Citizens Oversight Committee or the Transportation Authority receive compensation. Staff will review the Expenditure Plan language, and also the policies of the Authority. [BOREN]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

E. Caltrans Monthly Report

Summary: Caltrans staff will provide an update on Caltrans activities. [CALTRANS]

1. Route 33 Concept Report

Summary: Pedro Ramirez, Caltrans staff will report on the Route 33 Concept Report that is included in your agenda packet. Colored copies of this document are available on Caltrans website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/planning/tcrs/index.htm>. [CALTRANS]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

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A. Executive Minutes of October 26, 2006

B. 2007 Triennial Performance Audit, Contract Award to Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC)

Summary: Per Section 99246(a) of the California Public Utilities Code we are required to have a Triennial Performance Audit performed of ourselves and the three transit operators to which we allocate Local Transportation Funds. In October an RFP was sent to a list of 36 consultants. We received bids from Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) (\$36,394) and Moore & Associates (\$39,380) by our November 15 deadline. A selection committee consisting of representatives from Fresno Area Express, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, Clovis Transit, and Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission reviewed the proposals and unanimously recommended PMC. PMC had the low bid and in addition, Derek Wong, PMC's principal, worked for the firm that satisfactorily provided the 2004 Triennial Performance Audit. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend authorization to contract with PMC in the amount of \$36,394 for the 2007 Triennial Performance Audit.

C. FY 2006-07 First Quarter Progress Report

Summary: The report is included in your agenda packet and is a listing of funds expended and work completed by work element during the first quarter 2006-07. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend acceptance of the FY 2006-07 First Quarter Progress Report.

D. CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – Solicitation for Concept Proposals

Summary: The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency on behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, requests submittals of Concept Proposals for Partnership Seed Grants. Eligible applicants include government entities (including school districts and institutions of higher education), other organizations (public and private), and consortia of public or private organizations, private firms, or individuals. A maximum of \$2,500,000 in state funds is

available for awards. It is anticipated that projects funded under this solicitation will be for up to \$250,000. Funded projects are expected to begin in the spring of 2007. Deadline for proposals is January 16, 2007. For more information call 916-322-5400. COG staff will be evaluating potential COG projects. [GOODWIN]

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc.

Summary: California Consulting staff will provide an update to the Policy Board. [SAMUELIAN]

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

B. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

Summary: The Fresno COG has begun the process of preparing the next edition of the Fresno County Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan. The overarching purposes of the Plan, along with similar plans developed for other regions of the state, are to address the statewide concern for “decent housing and a suitable living environment for every California family,” and to reflect the shared responsibility among local governments for accommodating the housing needs of all economic levels.

Housing Element law requires quantification of each jurisdiction's share of the region's existing and projected housing need, by income level. This is otherwise referred to as the regional housing need allocation, or RHNA, for each jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction's RHNA establishes the minimum housing development capacity to be provided for in its housing element. The allocation of the regional housing need to individual cities and counties within a region is typically determined by the region's COG. The projected housing need is allocated by four income categories. The RHNA Plan is scheduled to be adopted by June 30, 2007 and encompasses the 7½ year planning period from January 2006 through June, 2013. The 5-year housing element planning period extends from July 2008 through June 2013. A team of local planning and housing experts, formed to assist staff with this project, met recently and agreed on the following consensus recommendations:

Housing Construction Need: The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in consultation with individual COGs, are required to determine the projected need for housing in each region. This regional housing construction need figure is established for planning purposes and statutes recognize that future housing production may not equal the regional housing construction need. The methodology used by HCD to determine the housing construction need for Fresno County includes projected population and household formation rates (or headship rates), vacancy rates and housing replacement needs. During the consultation phase between Fresno COG and HCD, the housing construction need figure for Fresno County was reduced from HCD's original proposal of 56,762 units to 52,142 units, a reduction of 4,620 units or 8.14%. This reduction occurred because HCD agreed with COG staff analysis that the trend of declining headship rates (i.e. household formation rates) between 1990 and 2000 ought to be continued and applied to projected 2013 population. This resulted in lower household growth (and therefore a lower housing construction need) than projected by HCD, which kept headship rates the same in 2013 as in 2000 (i.e. no decline).

The housing construction need figure is broken down by income category. The income category allocation is calculated by multiplying total housing construction need by the proportion of households in each income category based on Fresno County Census 2000 median income and income definitions. Income group percentages in 2001 were 25% very low, 17% low, 21% moderate and 37% above-moderate. Percentages used in the 2007 RHNA Plan are, respectively, 23.8%, 16.2%, 18.1%, and 41.9%.

Market Areas: Housing market areas are used throughout the Plan in the gathering, analysis, and presentation of data. For this reason, the boundaries of the market areas are drawn along census tract boundaries. Market areas should not divide developed areas and should define subregions in which there is an interaction between employment opportunities and housing opportunities. The team agreed to utilize the same five market areas used in the 2001 RHNA Plan, a reduction from the seven market areas used in earlier RHNA Plans. These market areas recognize two ongoing trends; commuting trips have become generally longer over time and economic relationships among cities have been formed, particularly regarding the Five-Cities Economic Development Authority (Parlier, Selma, Fowler, Sanger and Reedley).

Methodology: The team concurred with staff recommendation to utilize the same methodology successfully used in the 2001 RHNA Plan and earlier RHNA Plans. The methodology is acceptable to HCD, is relatively straightforward to understand and implement, and reflects a city-centered and balanced development pattern. In addition, the methodology allows for the ability to make manual adjustments to each jurisdiction's allocation of the regional housing construction need. Recent changes to statute require that local jurisdictions be surveyed to gather information regarding local government infrastructure, housing market, and other local conditions that could influence the distribution of the regional housing need. Information from the survey will be particularly helpful during negotiations, if necessary, regarding potential manual adjustments. [THOMPSON]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Housing Construction Need number of 52,142 units and, pursuant to statute, initiate the 60-day public comment period of the proposed allocation methodology.

C. 2006-07 Overall Work Program Amendment #1

Summary: This amendment affects two work programs and increases the FY 2006-07 budget by \$22,500 using state and federal funding.

The first part of the amendment involves Work Element 119 - *San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Blueprint*. The amendment does not change funding sources but does realign existing Blueprint funding. We are requesting approval to purchase a fixed asset (large format plotter) that will be needed to print large scale maps as we move into the scenario planning phase of the project. The estimated \$15,000 cost of the item would be paid from the existing Blueprint budget.

The second part of the amendment involves Work Element 914 - *State Route 99 Consensus Building*. Great Valley Center, the contractor on this project, was unable to complete the project as scheduled and has requested that we carry over the final report into this fiscal year. This project is funded 100% with a combination of state and matching funds from Great Valley Center. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend authorizing 2006/07 OWP Amendment #1 in the amount of \$22,500 to carry over funding for State Route 99 Consensus Building in Work Element 914. In addition authorize the purchase of a fixed asset (large format plotter) with existing funds in Work Element 119.

D. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update

Summary: During the past two months, COG staff has been providing Blueprint update presentations at all member agencies' City Councils and to the Board of Supervisors. Concurrently, our outreach consultant has been conducting workshops and meetings around the county in an effort to learn what values the general public consider important regarding future growth. These values will be translated into the goals, objectives and measurable outcomes that the Blueprint planning process will address as we move forward. We will conduct a community workshop on Thursday, January 11th from 4:30 – 8:00 PM at the U.C. Center across from Fashion Fair, where we will engage the audience in an exercise aimed at prioritizing the community's values. We want to

have a large and diverse group in attendance and hope that all COG committee members and the COG Policy Board attend the workshop and encourage their friends and neighbors to attend as well. A flyer for the Community Workshop is included in your package. [STECK]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

E. "One Voice" – 2007 Washington D.C. Project Recommendations

Summary: The One Voice project selection committee held two meetings last month to review, prioritize and recommend a list of regional projects to be promoted during our February 2007 trip to Washington D.C. Our consultant, Simon & Company, suggested that we limit our list to three projects, one for each appropriations bill. Eighteen infrastructure projects were submitted. Project proponents presented details at the first committee meeting and committee members scored each project. We held a second meeting after the election so that we could consider how the ballot measures might affect prioritizing the projects. At the second meeting, committee members were given the project scores and ranking. After reviewing the recommendations of our consultant, and considering the appropriations bills and project scores, the committee agreed upon recommending the attached list of 9 projects to the COG Policy Board. Three of the projects are not asking for dollar amounts per se. The list represents high scoring projects and/or ones that qualify for different appropriations bills and accounts. At the joint TTC/PAC meeting on December 8th, the County of Fresno submitted a letter asking that the Veterans Boulevard project be included in the list of projects recommended to the Policy Board. After discussion, the committees did not concur with that request and a motion was passed to recommend approval of the project list that was submitted by the project selection committee. [STECK]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the list of projects submitted by the One Voice project selection committee.

F. Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy Statement – AB 1234, Resolution 2006-43

Summary: Staff will present an update on the Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy Statement as it relates to AB 1234 and a draft resolution and attachment is included in your agenda packet which is presently being reviewed by Legal Council.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy by adoption of Resolution 2006-43.

G. Support Appointment of Supervisor Judy Case as a Representative on the California Air Resources Board from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board, Resolution 2006-44

Summary: Chairman Trinidad M. Rodriguez has requested this resolution be placed before the COG Policy Board, in support of Supervisor Judy Case. Included in your agenda packet is a resolution supporting the appointment of Supervisor Judy Case as a representative on the California Air Resources Board from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. [GOODWIN]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC support the appointment of Supervisor Judy Case to the California Air Resources Board by adoption of Resolution 2006-44.

H. CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – Elected Official Nominations

Summary: On June 24, 2005 the Governor signed Executive Order S-5-05 establishing the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, which expired last month. On November 28, 2006 the Governor signed Executive Order S-22-06 reestablishing the Partnership. Each county, through

the Council of Governments (COG), has been asked to again submit their list of elected local official nominees to the Governor's Office no later than December 22, 2006. Our prior nominations to the original Partnership membership were:

- Mayor Alan Autry, City of Fresno
- Mayor Leland Bergstrom, City of Kingsburg
- Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga

Mayor Alan Autry was the nominee appointed by the Governor to serve on the original Partnership.

With the new Executive Order, the Partnership membership must also be reestablished. On December 6, 2006 the Fresno COG received the letter from the Governor's Office, requesting our local elected official nominations. All nominees are required to complete the appointments application available through the Governor's office.

In order to meet the nomination timeframe, the Fresno COG Policy Board should make its nominations at this December meeting. An e-mail and fax was sent to all City Managers/County CAO and to each Policy Board member, alerting them to inform their Council members and Board members of the nomination process, and alerting the COG Policy Board member that action would be required on December 14th in order to comply with the Governor's request. [GOODWIN]

Action: Three nominees should be selected and asked to submit formal applications to the Governor's Office for appointment consideration on the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

COFCG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

A. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program – Request by City of Firebaugh

Summary: Section 22710(c)(2) of the Vehicle Code states that money received by an Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority shall be used only for the abatement, removal, and disposal as public nuisances of any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof from private or public property. The guidelines for program implementation, contained in the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Handbook developed by the California Highway Patrol, state that major purchases exceeding \$2,500 require the participating jurisdiction to request approval from the Service Authority, and these requests shall include a detailed justification. When evaluating a request, a Service Authority shall ensure the funds are being expended in accordance with Section 22710(c)(2) and for the benefit of the AVA Program.

The City of Firebaugh has submitted a request (letter enclosed) to the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority for the partial reimbursement of the cost to purchase code enforcement database software. Firebaugh is requesting reimbursement of \$5,000, or two-thirds of the \$7,500 total cost. Three city departments (Code Enforcement, Police and Public Works) have agreed to purchase the code enforcement database software, with each department responsible for one-third of the purchase cost. Firebaugh indicates that both Code Enforcement and Police, representing two-thirds of the purchase cost, will use the database software to conduct and ensure accurate reporting and tracking of abandoned vehicles. Firebaugh would be reimbursed from its formula share of funding, so the funding amounts of other agency AVA programs are not affected by this request. [THOMPSON]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of Firebaugh's funding request.

*Items listed as Information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Board.



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November 8, 2006

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Council of Fresno County Governments
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*10 Minute
Presentation
@ Policy Board*

Dear Ms Goodwin:

On behalf of the Fresno County Department of Community Health, I am requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to the Council of Fresno County Governments (COG) Board. The presentation will focus on Pandemic Influenza, the potential impact to all Fresno County communities and response planning efforts underway. Specifically, my 45-minute presentation discusses the potential impact an influenza pandemic could have on local government, including the County Health Officer's authorities, and recommends strategies for emergency preparedness and continuity of business planning.

The County of Fresno is planning and preparing for a potential pandemic influenza in response to Federal and State direction. This includes identifying segments of the community which could be negatively impacted. A pandemic influenza outbreak has the potential to sicken thousands of residents, overwhelm health care systems, shut down schools, interrupt commerce and challenge local agencies.

COG members play a key role in preparing local communities to respond to emergency events including a potential influenza pandemic. I welcome the opportunity to present to your Board on this critical and timely public health issue.

Please contact me through my Administrative Secretary, Veronica (Ronnie) Murray at (559) 445-3200, or by email vmurray@co.fresno.ca.us to schedule a presentation or to discuss further.

Respectfully,

Edward L. Moreno, M.D., M.P.H.
Director – Health Officer

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cc: Phil Larson, Chair, Fresno County Board of Supervisors
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