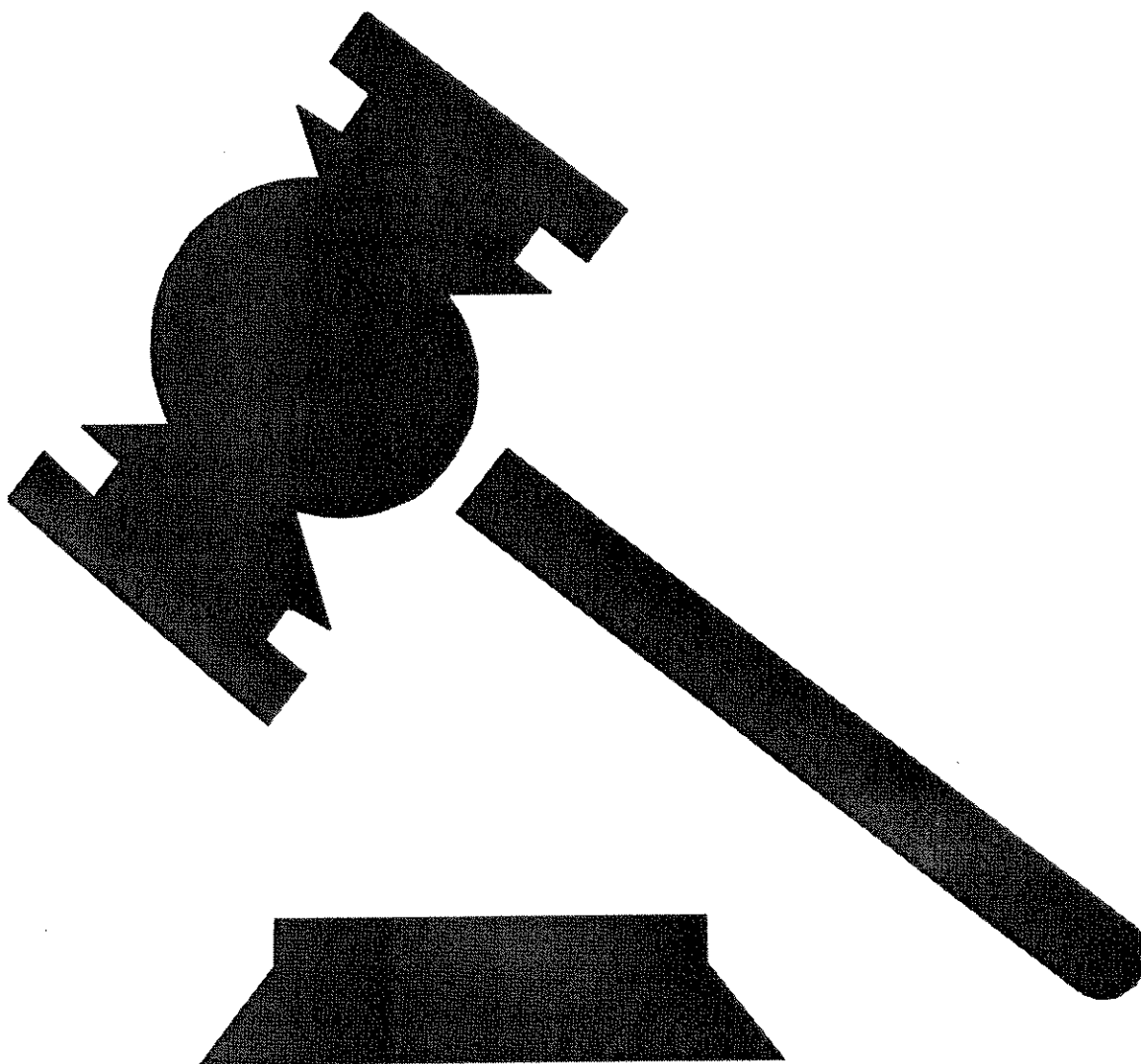




*ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT
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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2006

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201
Fresno, CA

Members Present: Trinidad Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Kerman, Chairman
Dennis Lujan, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Selma, Vice Chairman
Mayor Nathan Magsig, City of Clovis
Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor Jim Simonian, City of Fowler
Councilmember Henry Perea, City of Fresno
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Leland Bergstrom, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Joseph Riofrio, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Councilmember Scott Brockett, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Mike Montelongo, City of Sanger
Supervisor Judy Case, County of Fresno

Alan McCuen, Caltrans
Janelle Kelley, Legal Counsel
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

Quorum: At the start of the meeting there were 15 members present representing 99.25% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County)

COFCG Sitting As The Council of Fresno County Governments

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda

There were no public presentations.

B. Presentation: Joe De Los Santos with DLS Security – Connecting People to Service Wi-Fi Technology

Mr. Cardenas with DLS Security gave a brief introduction and explanation of the security company and asked the Board for the opportunity to make a full 30-minute presentation at

the next meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to have a full presentation at the next meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Supervisor Case (Fresno County) suggested that because of the competitive nature of the company, and to give others the same opportunity, the presentation should be prior to the official Board meeting. It was agreed to schedule the item at 6:30 p.m. on December 14, 2006.

Agenda Item V. B. was considered at this time to accommodate Mr. Samuelian's schedule.

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

Steve Samuelian, California Consulting provided an update on his lobbying activities. He called attention to a memorandum that gave a review of the 2006 legislative agenda and a preview of the 2007 legislative agenda.

He called attention to the invitation to a luncheon in the City of Fowler featuring Yolanda Benson, Deputy Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. The luncheon will be on November 6, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at Favoritos Restaurant.

This was an information item and required no further action from the Board.

Agenda Item VI. D. was considered at this time.

D. California Consulting Contract

Fresno COG's contract for state lobbying services with California Consulting is in effect until December 1, 2006. A memo summarizing their work during the past year was enclosed in the agenda package. If the Board wished to continue lobbying services, this would be the time to either issue an RFP or negotiate extension of the existing contract. In all fairness to California Consulting, they are currently in the process of establishing COG's 2007 program of activities. Issuing an RFP could compromise their position as an applicant. Should the Board decide to negotiate extension of the existing contract, staff suggests that extending the term of the contract through June 30, 2008 (19 months) would align lobbying efforts with COG's budget cycle as well as the state legislative calendar. [GOODWIN]

Staff was requesting a Policy Board decision on whether to (1) issue an RFP for state lobbyist consulting services effective December 1, 2006, or (2) negotiate extension of existing contract with California Consulting. In addition, determine the term of contract. TTC, noting this is a policy decision versus a technical recommendation, deferred to PAC for a recommendation.

PAC, after some discussion, recommended the following: 1) extend the existing contract with California Consulting to June 30, 2007 to align the cycle with the COG and member budget cycle; 2) include a California CPI adjustment to the contract between December 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007; 3) allow COG to pay the required filing fee with the State; and 4) prepare an RFP and conduct a process so that a contract could be awarded by June 1, 2007.

During discussion there was a suggestion by Mayor Montelongo (Sanger) to extend the contract to June, 2008. After discussing this with Mr. Samuelian and staff, it was felt it would be better to only extend the contract to June 2007.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) to 1) extend the existing contract with California Consulting to June 30, 2007 to align the cycle with the COG and member budget cycle; 2) include a California CPI adjustment to the contract between December 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007; and 3) allow COG to pay the required filing fee with the State and an expense reimbursement which includes travel, phone calls and copying (estimated at \$20 a month). A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Mayor Simonian (Fowler) and Supervisor Case (Fresno County) felt that the scope of services needed to be expanded. There was consensus to revise the scope of services. Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director asked for a sub committee to help revise the previous scope of services. It was agreed to use the same group who helped when the RFP was originally drafted.

Note: The subcommittee membership was as follows:

Transportation Technical: Bruce Webber (Selma, Reedley & Huron),
Lynn Gorman (County)

Policy Advisory: Lou Martinez (Parlier), Gabriel Gonzalez (Mendota)

Policy Board: Scott Brockett (Reedley), Victor Lopez (Orange Cove)

Metropolitan Area Representation, Kathy Millison (Clovis) Bruce Rudd (Fresno)

Bob Whalen (Clovis) further suggested the contract should include a clause to extend itself 30 days if the lobbyist was involved in certain timely discussions that would extend beyond the date of the contract. This was agreed to by consensus.

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.

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| A. Transportation Funding Claims | |
| 1. County of Fresno, 2006-07, Resolution 2006-37 | Approve |
| 2. City of Clovis, 2006-07, Resolution 2006-39 | Approve |
| B. Selection of Consultant to Conduct the Fresno-Madera County Freeway Interchange Deficiency Study Phase II | Approve |
| C. Why Your Community Needs Its Airport | Information |
| D. Bicycle Transportation Account – Call for Projects | Information |
| E. Caltrans Partnership Planning Applications | Information |
| 1. Tolling & Pricing | |
| 2. Eastside Cities | |
| F. Safe Routes to School – Call for Projects | Information |
| G. Regulation VIII Compliance Bulletin | Information |
| H. Workshop Announcement – Strategic Business Plan for the (Amtrak) San Joaquin Rail Corridor | Information |

For a summary of these items, please see the October 26, 2006 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Riofrio (Mendota) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to approve the Transportation Consent items as requested. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Formal Amendment No. 1 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 2006-38

Renee DeVere informed the Board that this amendment is a request by Caltrans, the City of Fresno, and the Council of Fresno County Governments to modify the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This amendment provides for the addition of one new project, the modification of two existing projects, and the inclusion of Appendix L into the text of the 2007 FTIP:

City of Fresno, CTIPS ID 203-0000-0467: State Route 41 Off Ramp at O Street. The City of Fresno has requested to add this project to the 2007 FTIP under the *Demonstration Program*. This project was formerly in the 2004 FTIP. The City of Fresno has received Earmark funds in the amount of \$1,485,000 for construction of this project.

Caltrans, CTIPS ID 203-0000-0165: State Lump Sum 130-Railroad Grade Crossing Protections Program. Caltrans has requested to modify this project in the 2007 FTIP. \$2.5 million will be added to construction in 2006/07- 2007/08. Funding goes to Caltrans specified projects in the Fresno region that eliminate hazards at railroad grade crossings.

Caltrans, CTIPS ID 203-0000-0278: State Lump Sum Hazard Elimination Safety Program. Caltrans has requested to modify this project in the 2007 FTIP. \$672,000 will be added to preliminary engineering and \$2.3 million will be added to construction in 2006/07. Funding goes to Caltrans specified projects.

Inclusion of Appendix L: Appendix L highlights formal comments and responses received during the drafting of the 2007 FTIP.

For questions regarding individual projects in this amendment please contact Renee DeVere.

Chairman Rodriguez (Kerman) opened the hearing for public testimony. There being none, he closed the hearing. A motion was made by Councilmember Perea (Fresno) and seconded by Mayor Riofrio (Mendota) to approve Formal Amendment No. 1 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program by the adoption of Resolution No. 2006-38. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. High Speed Rail Authority Board Vacancies (Continued from September 28, 2006)

Clark Thompson, COG staff reported that there are currently several vacancies on the nine-member High-Speed Rail Authority Board. Of the five vacancies, four are to be appointed by the Governor and one by the State Assembly. While these vacancies do exist, Board members remain on the Board, even after their terms have expired, until such time as they are either reappointed or someone new is appointed to fill their seat. Currently four of the five vacancies are filled with termed-out members. Fran Florez, a resident of Shafter in Kern County and mother of Senator Dean Florez, is the only member on the Authority Board from the San Joaquin Valley. Her term does not expire until December 2008.

In October of 2002, the Fresno COG Policy Board sent a letter to the Governor requesting that he strongly consider making additional appointments to the Authority Board from the San Joaquin Valley. The Policy Board indicated at that time its desire to have adequate representation from the San Joaquin Valley. Subsequently, in January of 2003, the COG Policy Board recommended that John Welty, Ed Graveline, James Hallowell, and Dan

Whitehurst be specifically considered to fill one or more of the three vacancies existing on the Authority Board at that time.

Both Carrie Pourvahidi, Deputy Director of the Authority and Julie Benevedes-Menzes, District Director for Governor Schwarzenegger, have indicated it would again be appropriate to recommend individuals from Fresno County to serve on the High-Speed Rail Authority Board. Of the four individuals mentioned above, Ed Graveline, John Welty and Dan Whitehurst indicate they would be interested, while James Hallowell indicates he would not. In addition, Jeff Reid has indicated he would be interested in representing the region on the Authority Board and would like to be considered for recommendation. Background information related to Mr. Reid's government and civic activities was enclosed. The COG Board may also wish to consider additional or alternate names at this time.

At the September 28, 2006 meeting of the Policy Board, Dennis Lujan, Mayor Pro-Tem of Selma, nominated Leland Bergstrom, Mayor of Kingsburg, as the applicant from Fresno County to fill one of the vacancies on the Authority Board, subject to his willingness to be the applicant. Jim Simonian, Mayor of Fowler, seconded the nomination. Mayor Bergstrom indicated he needed to think about it and, therefore, the original motion was withdrawn and substituted with another motion, subsequently adopted, to continue the matter to this meeting. Staff has since learned that Joe Levy was recently asked by Quentin Kopp, a member of the Authority Board, to submit an application for membership on the Authority Board. The COG Board may wish to recommend Mr. Levy for consideration, thereby lending strength to his application, either singly or in conjunction with other individuals from the list above, or from other sources.

Staff, TTC and PAC recommended the Board submit recommendations for one or more individuals to be considered by the Governor and the State Assembly for appointment to the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board.

After questioning Mayor Bergstrom whether he would consider the appointment, and an expressed opportunity for further comment from the audience, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Simonian (Fowler) to recommend that Mayor Bergstrom (Kingsburg) be submitted as a recommendation from the COG Board for the appointment to the High Speed Rail Authority. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACM) Discussion

Jason Paukovits, COG staff reported on this item. On July 12, 2006, the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Air District requested that the SJV Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) draft a Reasonably Available Control Measure (RACM) approach for the 8-hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Air District anticipates releasing a draft plan with workshops later this fall. A draft response to the July 12th request from the Air District was developed and then followed up by a conference call with the Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Air District on August 2, 2006. Since that time, the SJV MPO technical and policy air quality consultants have analyzed the various options for the local RACM approach. Fresno COG provided a brief presentation on the options and recommendations for RACM in the 8-hour Ozone SIP.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action from the Board.

D. Measure "C" Update

Tony Boren, Deputy Director reported on the educational efforts of staff regarding Measure "C". Mayor Simonian complimented the campaign on having many signs out and information

available. Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director reminded the Board to look for an editorial regarding Measure C in the Fresno Bee showing the consequences depicted on the maps showing how LA and the Bay Area would be Self-Help Centers versus the Valley if the Measures in the Valley do not succeed. Also, TV ads have started.

Councilmember Whalen (Clovis) questioned if the Measure does not pass, is there a plan for a third attempt or another plan to deal with the situation. Ms. Goodwin responded that in anticipation of the Measure passing, COG has retained Strategy Research Institute to do an exit poll after the election, in an effort to validate the trust of those who passed it. There is not an established plan if it fails, although we will have the "intelligence" from the exit poll. The issue for a third attempt will be in trying to raise funds for another campaign.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action from the Board.

E. TRIP Report – Rough Ride in the City

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director, explained this item was placed on the agenda to call attention to the information in the report. TRIP is a nonprofit organization based in Washington D.C. that researches, evaluates and distributes economic and technical data on highway transportation issues. TRIP has just released a report titled *"Rough Ride in the City-Metropolitan Areas with the Roughest Rides and Strategies to make our Roads Smoother"* which is included in your package. In the report TRIP examines the condition of major roads in the nation's most populous urban areas, recent trends in the urban travel, and the latest developments in repairing and building bridges to last longer. The major findings of the report were:

1. The condition of the nation's most critical metropolitan area roads and highways is getting worse, increasing the cost motorists are paying to maintain their vehicles as a result of driving on roads and highways with pavements in poor condition.
2. Significant increases in travel in the years ahead will put additional stress on roads and make it even more costly to improve and maintain them.
3. A 2004 U.S. Department of Transportation study prepared for Congress found that urban road and highway pavement conditions are likely to worsen at current funding levels. Significant inflation in the cost of highway construction materials may further increase the cost of needed road and highway repairs. Current federal highway revenues will be unable to fully fund the federal highway program by 2009.

Fresno metropolitan area roads received the following TRIP scorecard.

- Percentage of pavement in poor condition: 31%
- Percentage of pavement in mediocre condition: 33%
- Percentage of pavement in fair condition: 22%
- Percentage of pavement in good condition: 13%
- Additional vehicle operating cost as a result of road conditions: \$462

For additional TRIP report findings, see www.tripnet.org

This was an informational item and required no further action from the Board.

F. State Route 180 West Adoption Study – Continued Discussion

At the request of the COG Policy Board, staff will be providing status reports on the status/progress of the State Route 180 West Route Adoption study. [GOODWIN]

PAC recommended to the Policy Board that they continue to recognize the regional nature of this route, and that it is not only a Westside issue. Alan McCuen, Caltrans staff reported that Caltrans is still taking comments regarding the alignment.

This was an informational item and required no further action from the Board.

G. Caltrans Monthly Report

Alan McCuen, Caltrans staff introduced Malcolm Dougherty, the new District 06 Director.

This was an informational item and required no further action from the Board.

H. Letter from Will Kempton

Attention was called to a copy of the letter COG received from Will Kempton regarding State Route 180 project (Clovis to Temperance Avenue) and the concern regarding the forecasted shortage of aggregate from existing sources at a time when Caltrans is working diligently to expedite essential transportation improvement projects. [GOODWIN]

This was an informational item and required no further action from the Board.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. Executive Minutes of September 28, 2006 | Approve |
| B. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc., 10-26-06 COG Meeting | Info/Discussion |
| C. Monthly Legislative Update | Information |
| D. Regional Clearinghouse | |
| 1. Head Start – Preschool & Early Head Start 2006 Refunding | Information |
| FRESNO COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION | |

For a summary of these items, please see the October 26, 2006 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Riofrio (Mendota) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Item B. was pulled and presented earlier by Steve Samuelian, State Lobbyist.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno County Request to Form a Land Buffer Task Force

Tony Boren, Deputy Directory, reported that pursuant to a request by the County of Fresno, in June 2006, Fresno COG took through its committee process a request by Fresno County to have Fresno COG host a Land Buffer Task Force. The first order of the Task Force should be to discuss and determine whether, and where, land buffers or transition areas are desirable, and to define the terms of "land buffers" and "transition areas". The basic objectives of the Task Force, subject to Task Force modification, could be to:

- Identify funding and management mechanisms necessary to purchase/hold the identified land-buffer areas in perpetuity for land-buffer/greenbelt purposes; and
- Develop implementation policies for local agencies' consideration and adoption to preserve those identified geographical areas.
- The Task Force should also, with participation of the affected cities, designate subcommittees to identify potential areas between the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area and the Cities of Sanger and Kerman, between the Cities of Reedley, Parlier and Selma, and between the Cities of Fresno, Selma, Fowler, and Kingsburg for land-buffer or transition areas to maintain identity between the cities (land buffers can be maintained as agricultural, natural open space, park/trail uses). This discussion will include appropriate boundaries between Fresno and Clovis.

The recommendation that came forward to the Policy Board from TTC and PAC was that Fresno COG host the Task Force. However, during Policy Board discussions the item was referred back to staff in order to allow those cities that had concerns over the role of the task force time to consult with their respective staffs and community members.

Over the last couple of months, Fresno County staff has been meeting with various member agencies in an effort to explain the roles/responsibilities of the Task Force and to answer any questions they may have. Fresno County has requested that Fresno COG place the item on the October 2006 agenda for reconsideration.

Staff, TTC and PAC have previously recommended (May 2006), the Policy Board agree to allow COG to host the Land Buffer Task Force per the Fresno County Board of Supervisors' request. COG Staff, TTC, and PAC reaffirm the recommendation to allow COG to host the Task Force. TTC noted the Buffer issue is an appropriate topic for regional discussion. PAC recommended, as noted in the underlined sections in the summary, an expansion/clarification of certain issues. PAC also recommended the use of an independent moderator (non-COG staff) to be secured for this effort.

After discussion and an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Brockett (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Montelongo (Sanger) to approve the PAC recommendation as stated above. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, Resolution 2006-36

Barbara Steck, COG staff reported on the Blueprint. Two major activities are currently in process regarding the Blueprint. Community outreach consultant VRPA Technologies is in the midst of a comprehensive approach to identify community members' vision and values

regarding future growth patterns in our county (schedule on www.fresnocog.org). In the meantime, COG staff has scheduled presentations before all member agency governing boards to provide an update on Blueprint activities (schedule enclosed).

Merced COG, as the lead agency for the eight Valley COGs, is in the process of filing a grant application for second year funding of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint. Each of the eight COG partners is asked to pass a resolution to include with the application in support of the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lander and seconded by Mayor Riofrio (Mendota) to recommend approval of Resolution 2006-36 in support of the California Regional Blueprint Planning Process. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. 2007 Washington D.C. "One Voice"

Barbara Steck, COG staff reported on the "One Voice" trip to Washington. In preparation for the upcoming "One Voice" trip to Washington D.C. (February 10-15, 2007) we have initiated the regional "call for projects" process. Staff has been reviewing the projects that have been submitted and will hold the first project selection committee meeting on October 25th from 1:30-5:00 PM here at COG. Depending on the outcome of the November 7th election, there may need to be a follow-up meeting. Recommended projects will be presented to the Board on 12-14-06.

Staff is also soliciting "local specific" projects that member agencies and community partners are lobbying for on their own behalf. The deadline for submittal of local projects is December 15th. While we will not actively promote these projects in our presentations, we will include them in the materials that we distribute on our trip. It is a good opportunity to gain additional exposure for local projects. Please contact Barbara Steck at 233-4148 or bjsteck@fresnocog.org if you have any questions.

Councilmember Brockett (Reedley) expressed concern that we will not get enough funding if we only take three projects back to Washington. Ms. Steck responded this is the strategy the Federal Lobbyist has recommended but that the final decision was the COG Policy Board's. Other "local projects" will be included but not promoted.

This was an information item only and required no further action from the Board.

E. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

Clark Thompson, COG staff reported on this item. As reported in last month's agenda, COG staff has begun the process of preparing the Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan. The RHNA Plan determines each jurisdiction's existing and projected housing needs for all income levels. Local governments, through their Housing Elements, are individually accountable for demonstrating capacity to accommodate these housing needs for the 5-year planning period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

State Housing Element law requires that several factors be addressed in the development of the methodology that determines each jurisdiction's housing needs. These factors include, for example, opportunities and constraints to development of additional housing within each jurisdiction, agreements between a county and cities in a county to direct growth toward incorporated areas of the county, the market demand for housing, etc. The enclosed survey included all of the factors that must be considered and was reviewed by a working group that

met earlier this month. Staff requests your assistance in insuring the prompt completion and return of the survey.

This was an information item only and required no further action from the Board.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director reported on the following items:

- Change in Meeting Calendar for November/December
 - The November meetings for TTC, PAC and the Board have been cancelled and the meetings in December will be a Joint TTC/PAC on December 8th and the COG Board will meet on December 14th.
- Partnership Item: When the COG's met in Bakersfield last month, they convened the first Regional Policy Council meeting. They did not have a quorum because all the counties had not made their appointments. Carol Whiteside (Great Valley Center) made a presentation that they were responding to the RFP issued by Business, Transportation & Housing who wants to identify a Secretariat that will lead the workgroups and also has asked the valley COG's to staff the Transportation Work Group and also the Land Use, Housing and Agricultural work groups. Ms. Goodwin wanted the group to know that in cooperation with the Great Valley Center, information has been submitted to the GVC in the event that the COG's are asked to staff those groups.

TE Funding Program

Les Beshears, Finance Director handed out information regarding the State Transportation Improvement Program--Transportation Enhancements Program. Presently the STIP TE statewide program is under-programmed \$12 million in 2006-07 and about \$2 million combined for the first two years. Since the State and Federal rules reward the project that can be delivered immediately, the CTC has indicated for all practical purposes, the \$1.787 million in 2006-07 is assured so there is an opportunity to advance projects. Mr. Beshears asked that agencies contact him regarding whether they are ready and willing to proceed with their TE projects.

There were no additional items from members.

B. Items from Members

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) reported he had been working with Mayor Autry regarding the Gang Summit scheduled for November 28th and 29th. Invitations will be sent out.

There were no additional items from staff.

COFCG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

Quorum: Councilmember Perea left, leaving a quorum of 46.85% of the population.

VIII. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT – FY 2005-06 FOURTH QUARTER STATUS REPORT AND YEAR-END SUMMARY

As stated in the 2003 Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority Plan, the Fresno COG, as administrator of the AVA Program, shall submit a quarterly status report to the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority. The Service Authority has

directed the quarterly status report first be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. Status reports are submitted quarterly to ensure proper distribution of funding to the member agencies. This status report contains the following information:

- The gross amount of money received by the Authority from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund during the quarter.
- An itemized statement of the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund monies expended by the Authority during the quarter.
- An accounting of money expended for major purchases, if any.
- An accounting of unexpended revenues from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund.
- An accounting of the total number of vehicles and parts thereof abated by the Authority during the quarter.

The enclosures for this item indicate the costs incurred by member agencies during the quarter, the number of vehicles abated by member agencies, and the distribution of funding to the member agencies. For the fourth quarter of FY 2005-06, a total of \$173,850.08 in current AVA revenues was available for distribution to member agencies and to the Fresno COG for program administration. During the quarter, member agencies expended \$139,194.04 conducting AVA activities and the Fresno COG claimed \$1,680 for program administration. A total of 979 vehicles were abated this quarter.

For the entire FY 2005-06, a total of \$694,380.18 in revenues was received by the AVA Service Authority. Total expenditures by the AVA Service Authority were \$618,951.09, resulting in a \$75,429.09 carryover of funds. Combined with the \$30,491.77 carryover of funds from FY 2004-05, the first year of program operation, results in a total carryover amount of \$105,920.86 into the current FY 2006-07.

Program staff is naturally concerned about this large and growing amount of carryover funds. This issue has been a focus of quarterly AVA Working Group meetings. While it is to be expected that many of our member agencies need time to adjust their ordinances, procedures and staffing in order to take advantage of this program, there are still a few member agencies that have not yet participated in the program or whose involvement is minimal. Staff continues to work with these agencies to encourage their participation and to provide assistance. A workshop on the AVA Program, conducted by the California Highway Patrol, will be held next month. Attendance by all AVA Service Authority member agencies is strongly encouraged. [THOMPSON]

Concern was expressed that the number of abated vehicles has gone down and some of the member agencies are not participating in the program. A workshop has been scheduled for November 15th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the issues.

This was an information item and required no further action from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to adjourn the meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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ATTACHMENT 1
Observers and Non-Members
COG Board Meeting
October 26, 2006

Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans
Steve Samuelian, California Consulting
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County
Catherine Crosby, Fresno County
Rico B. Aguayo, City of Fowler
Michael Cardenas, DLS – IT Security
Thomas Renteria, DLS – IT Security
Joseph De Los Santos, DLS --IT Security
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Renee DeVere, Fresno COG
Jason Paukovits, Fresno COG
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG

Council of Fresno County Governments
First Quarter Progress Report for FY 2006-07
Ending September 30, 2006

WE 110 - Regional Streets and Highways

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional streets and highways planning process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Participated in the Statewide California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) established to provide a linkage between State, Federal, and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies involved in transportation programming activities.
- **Continued use** of the *California Transportation Improvement Program System* (CTIPS) and involvement in program updates.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) are also included in the Regional Transportation Modeling Overall Work Plan (OWP). ITS can be thought of the use of advanced technology to improve the safety, capacity and efficiency of the transportation system. Studies have shown that most transportation problems can be more cost effectively solved using ITS than traditional capacity increasing projects (infrastructure).

Accomplishments:

- Did extensive research on ITS systems, documentation, best practices and case studies with the objective of learning as much as possible to position myself as a resource on ITS-related matters.
- Met with several ITS stakeholders within Fresno County to discuss ITS-related projects and issues and identify opportunities for collaboration to increase awareness of ITS technologies and solutions.
- Joined the Fresno County ITS Working Group. A group designed to share knowledge and identify opportunities for collaboration that further the adoption of ITS technologies in Fresno County and the entire region.
- Built consensus and established the need among other ITS stakeholders to develop a program to educate decision-makers on the benefits of and problems that could be solved with ITS technologies.
- The Fresno COG is facilitating the Traffic Operations Center (TOC) working group comprised of stakeholders in the Fresno TOC to find ways to leverage the TOC for the benefit of the entire region. Group members include the cities of Fresno and Clovis, Caltrans, Fresno County, FAX, and other emergency service providers such as police, the Highway Patrol, and the Fire Department. While this group started to focus on the Fresno TOC, it is our desire to see this group evolve into a forum to pursue the 'regionalization' of transportation-related matters and agencies.
- Sacramento Region 511 operators have invited the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs to participate in the SacRegion 511 system. A 511 system is also known as a traveler information system and exists to inform travelers on such things as weather, road conditions, transportation alternatives and more. Participation in the system is limited to the SacRegion 511 phone system. We have completed the phase where options and costs are explored and are currently starting to engage in dialog with the eight other MPOs. State transportation officials are providing a great deal of assistance in this process.

WE 111 - Regional Transportation Modeling

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Provided various model data to consultants, member agencies, and Caltrans.
- Continued participation in the Caltrans led Statewide Modeling/Information Sharing Group. Helped coordinate the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) Modeling/Air Quality Coordinating Committee. This committee was established to provide interagency transportation conformity consultation. The meetings are attended by representatives of the eight Valley RTPAs; the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Caltrans; the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD); and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).
- Kept the road network database up-to-date. The database is used for modeling and other reporting purposes.
- Participated in the Valley-wide Truck Model Steering Committee, and coordinated grant application for Valley-wide truck model - phase III. Awarded the contract for Phase III to Cambridge Systematics.
- Continuing the land use update for traffic model to year 2003 conditions by updating land use information utilizing 2000 Census data and local data.
- Participated in the Freeway Deficiency Study Modeling effort. Awarded the contract for phase II to Fehr and Peers transportation consultants.

WE 112 - Regional Traffic Monitoring

Objective: To maintain the Fresno Regional Traffic Monitoring Program as a source of current traffic information for use by member agencies and the public, and as a validation tool for the Countywide Traffic Model.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated the *Traffic Counts Program* and provided technical assistance to member agencies.
- Provided traffic counts in response to public requests.
- Working on an RFP to review and enhance our traffic monitoring program

WE 113 – COG Measure “C” Expenditure Plan

Objective: To update and/or monitor the Fresno COG Measure "C" Expenditure Plan as required, and to provide ongoing traffic analysis and modeling for the Fresno County Transportation Authority and Caltrans in support of the project implementation. This is a delivery plan of state and local highway projects within Fresno County using the proceeds of the ½ percent local sales tax in conjunction with other federal, state and local highway funding.

Accomplishments:

- Fresno COG staff held a meeting with Fresno County Transportation Authority staff to develop a timeline for the final update of the Measure C Expenditure Plan. The next update of the Expenditure Plan is scheduled for completion in Early 2007.

WE 114 – Measure C Reauthorization

Objective: To provide the organizational structure and staffing for development of an Expenditure Plan that will guide the utilization of a proposed ½ cent sales tax measure that is tentatively scheduled for the November 2006 ballot. The Reauthorization process is being guided by a Regional Steering Committee consisting of

elected officials, interested regional stakeholders and the general public. Staffing is provided by COG.

Accomplishments:

- Prepared Draft Expenditure Plan for 2006 ballot
- Developed public information process for presenting Draft Expenditure Plan to the public
- Scheduled presentations on Expenditure Plan to clubs and organization who were interested
- Prepared ballot materials for November 2006 election
- Fresno COG's Policy Board approved an extension to the facilitator contract to assist with public information developments

WE 117 – San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Study

Objective:

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Goods Movement Study project is the third phase of goods movement related studies in the valley. The proposed project will provide improvements to the 8-county (Kern, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Madera, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced) SJV truck model and integration with local models. The model has been developed to provide an analytical basis for evaluating the benefits of transportation investments that impact the movement of goods in the Valley. The first phase of the study described the goods movement system and freight flows for the region and generated a list of key goods movement issues and problems. Phase II of the study developed the San Joaquin Valley Truck model tool. In Phase III, the SJV truck model will test modified scenarios from Phase II and other goods movement scenarios in future years, such as: truck bypass in Fresno County, Shafter Intermodal Facility and "all truck" lanes on South and West Beltway facilities around Bakersfield in Kern County, truck movements along the Route 132 Corridor in Stanislaus County, truck diversion potential (in several communities) in Merced County, CIRIS truck related studies in San Joaquin County, and studies in other SJV counties. The completed model product will be used by each of the county Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and HQ Modeling and Travel Analysis Branch. The San Joaquin Valley region is one of the four major international trade regions in California, designated in the 2002 Global Gateways Development Program.

Accomplishments:

- Released the Request for Proposal for the San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Study Phase II – Truck Model Improvement Project. Interviewed consultants and awarded contract to Cambridge Systematics.

WE 118 – Fresno Regional Housing Needs Plan

Objective: To prepare the Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan. The RHNA Plan determines each jurisdiction's existing and projected housing needs for all income levels. Local governments, through their Housing Elements, are individually accountable for demonstrating capacity to accommodate these housing needs for the 5-year planning period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013

Accomplishments:

- Formed a Steering Committee to assist staff with the development of the RHNA Plan.
- Reviewed the Final 2001 RHNA Plan for applicability of methodology for the current Plan.
- Consulted with State Department of Housing and Community Development on the determination of the Housing Need figure, by income group, for Fresno County.

WE 119 – San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process

Objective: The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process is a two-year planning effort envisioned to support long range regional planning through comprehensive development of regional consensus. The goal of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process is to develop a preferred future growth vision for the region through the use of scenario planning.

Accomplishments:

- Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the eight Valley COG's outlining our relationship as we move forward with the Blueprint.
- Utilizing the System Development of Informed Consent, Potentially Affected Interests were identified by category and level of priority for the successful implementation of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Project.
- A Citizen Participation Plan has been developed and adopted by the eight San Joaquin Valley Council of Governments (COGs).
- The institutional structure of a San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) has been developed. BRAC membership applications are being accepted at this time. The BRAC will advise and interface both the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint products and the San Joaquin Valley Partnership products.
- Local Blueprint Roundtable is being established according to guidelines in the Citizen's Participation plan.
- San Joaquin Valley COGs are in the process of assessing San Joaquin Regional Modeling capability and possible Modeling enhancements.
- Circulated an RFP to solicit proposals for a Community Participation Facilitator to assist Fresno COG with outreach and modeling tasks associated with the Blueprint
- Participated in Valleywide Blueprint Summit with approximately 700 community members in attendance.
- Entered into contract with VRPA Technologies to engage in community outreach activities with stakeholder groups and general public.
- Attended two Blueprint Learning Network sessions (one in Sacramento and one in Oakland) with 3 COG staff, an elected official and 2 community stakeholders.
- Conducted 2 Blueprint Roundtable meetings with excellent turnout and member participation.
- Forwarded BRAC recommendations for Fresno County to Valley COG Directors for final selection and approval.
- Continued presentations and interviews with community members to elicit information on values and vision.

WE 120 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Urban

Objective: To carry on the continuing urban area public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration under TEA-21 (1997), the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977) and AB-120 (Statutes of 1979); the Social Service Improvement Act (SB-826, 1988); the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

Accomplishments:

- *Demand-Responsive Service Evaluation:* Staff continues to monitor and evaluate the paratransit services provided under contract with MV Transit. Service is monitored for productivity, cost effectiveness, contract compliance, as well as compliance with ADA regulations.
- *Management Information Systems:* Staff continues to develop and maintain various MIS programs and services. Major work included beginning the implementation of the new Trapeze fixed-route scheduling software.

- *National Transit Database Report:* National Transit Data Base (NTDB) annual operating statistics for FY2005-06 have been collected and are being compiled for the report to the Federal Transit Administration which is due in October. NTDB data collection is an ongoing process.
- *Coordinate with Air District:* Staff reviews Air District's plans and rule making and attends workshops on topics related to transit planning. Staff also works closely in developing funding request strategies from the SJVUAPCD for related TCM's such as alternative fuels funding and transit pass subsidy funding.
- *Review Development Proposals:* Staff continues to work closely with the development community in order to promote pedestrian and transit-friendly development through review and comment on development proposals.
- *Community Outreach and Public information:* FAX information continues to be maintained on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fresno.gov/index.html>. Staff continues to work with major employers to promote public transit, and to find creative ways to increase transit's market share. Staff received a first place award in the American Public Transportation Association Ad Wheel contest for the FY05 FAX Annual Report.
- *Clean Air Express Vanpool Program:* Staff continues to oversee the downtown Fresno commuter vanpool program that has been expanded to 19 vanpools.
- *Service Coordination:* FAX continues to include transit service schedules and information for Clovis Stageline in the FAX Schedule Guide.
- *Regional Agency Formation Study:* The Steering committee met to discuss the study progress and to consider appropriate peer agencies for evaluation. The peer agency evaluation portion of the study has been prepared by the consultant, and distributed to the Committee for their review.
- *Transit Master Plan:* Staff continues to work with the MAHA, Fancher Creek Development, and the City of Fresno to finalize the consultant contract. Significant disagreement between the parties has delayed the execution of the contract with KHA.
- *Fresno Downtown Transportation Infrastructure Study (DTIS):* The DTIS is a City of Fresno planning effort that is being managed by COG/FAX staff. The DTIS Technical Advisory Committee held meeting in August and September and has completed its review of previous Downtown Fresno plans and studies.

WE 121 – Southeast Asian Transit Ridership Awareness Project

Objective: Through a Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant, the Council of Fresno County Governments and Lao Veterans of America Institute aim to increase transit ridership in the low income and minority Hmong and Laotian communities by increasing awareness of the service.

Accomplishments:

- Staff is working with Caltrans and Lao Veterans of America Institute staff to facilitate contract agreement on this Environmental Justice Grant. Work on the project cannot commence until this is accomplished.
- Staff continues to work with Caltrans to pursue Fund Transfer Agreement. This project has been "in the pipeline" for 9 months and we have yet to receive the papers necessary from Caltrans to move this forward.
- Received Fund Transfer Agreement from Caltrans and entered into contract with Lao Veterans of America Institute (sub-recipient) so that they can proceed with their project.
- Consulted with sub-recipient regarding their progress and their billing procedures with COG.
- Continue to work with sub recipient in hopes that they will find capacity to commence work program.

WE 123 – Fresno-Madera County Freeway Interchange Deficiency Study

Objective: Through a Caltrans Partnership Planning Grant, the Council of Fresno County Governments and the Madera County Transportation Commission are joining the cities of Fresno, Clovis, Madera, Selma, Kingsburg, Chowchilla and the counties of Fresno and Madera in an assessment of the current freeway systems and

interchanges within Fresno and Madera counties. The purpose of the Fresno-Madera County Freeway Interchange Deficiency Study is to determine, based on projected population growth and build out of existing general plans, if a regional transportation impact fee will be required from future development in Fresno County in order to keep the metropolitan transportation system functioning properly.

Accomplishments:

- Released the Request for Proposal for the Freeway Deficiency Study Phase II.
- Interviewed consultants for the phase II deficiency study. Fehr and Peers was selected for the study.

WE 130 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Rural

Objective: To carry on the continuing rural public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977); the Social Service Improvement Act (AB-120, 1979); the Mello Act (SB-157, 1985); the Specialized Transportation Services Act (SB-826, 1988) the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments (1990); the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

Accomplishments:

- No Work Element tasks were scheduled or performed during the First Quarter

WE 150 - Other Modes - Aviation, Non-Motorized & Rail

Objective: To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the aviation, non-motorized, and rail modes.

Accomplishments/Aviation:

- Monitored aviation issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Ongoing participation as a member of the RTPA Aviation System Planning Working Group.

Accomplishments/Non-Motorized:

- Monitored bikeway issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Staff sits as a voting member representing the San Joaquin Valley on Caltrans Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Accomplishments/Rail:

- Monitored rail issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Monitored activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority and other activities related to high-speed rail in California.
- Attended meetings of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee in Martinez on July 13, 2006 and in Merced on September 14, 2006. Primary agenda items at the first meeting included a presentation by Tom Matoff on the Bar Area Regional Rail plan, a presentation and discussion of the San Joaquin Corridor Strategic Business Plan, and ideas for an on-time performance "Summit." Primary agenda items at the second meeting included a resolution on Merced-Fresno-Visalia-Bakersfield passenger service via the Union Pacific Railroad, a resolution on federal "Tax Credit Bonds" for intercity passenger rail, and a possible meeting with various railroad agencies in San Jose. Regular agenda items included an Amtrak/Caltrans marketing report, an Amtrak California Corridor report, and a Caltrans Division of Rail report, including State and Federal Amtrak budgeting issues. The next meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee is scheduled for November 9, 2006 in Hanford.

- Continued efforts with Fresno Area Residents for Rail Consolidation (FARRC) and other interested citizens and organizations regarding the potential rail consolidation project in Fresno and other projects.

WE 170 - Regional Transportation Plan

Objective: To develop and publish on a triennial basis the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Fresno County which addresses at a minimum a twenty-three year planning horizon. The plan shall include both long-range and short-range strategies and actions for implementing an integrated intermodal transportation system. The plan will address the federally required Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21) five planning emphasis areas as enumerated in the Planning Issues Section and the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration Region Nine FY 2004 Emphasis Areas for Metropolitan and Statewide Transportation Planning.

Awaiting formal guidance on implementation of provisions and requirements of the new Federal Surface Transportation Act, The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU),

Accomplishments:

- The Final 2004 RTP was approved by the COG Policy Board at its July 22, 2004 meeting. The document was formally approved by FHWA on October 4, 2004. Amendment No. 01 to the 2004 RTP was approved by the Policy Board on June 30, 2005 and formally approved by FHWA on August 12, 2005. Amendment No. 02 to the 2004 RTP was approved by the Policy Board on July 20, 2006 and submitted to FHWA and is currently awaiting approval.
- Developed strategy to approach the preparation of the 2007 RTP according to guidelines set forth in SAFETEA-LU. Will coordinate RTP with San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint planning process.

WE 172 - Congestion Management Planning

Objective: To respond to federal congestion management planning requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Conducted research on congestion management activities and reports provided by other MPOs.
- Discussed congestion management issues at RTP workshop in August 2006.

WE 180 - Air Quality Transportation Planning

Objective: To maintain a coordinated transportation/air quality planning process consistent with the goal of attaining and maintaining federal and state air quality standards.

Accomplishments:

- Worked on an on-going basis with local, State, and Federal agencies regarding air quality and transportation issues.
- Continued participation in the Statewide Air Quality/Conformity Working Group.
- Continued to participate with the other seven Valley TPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Modeling and Air Quality Committees to address pertinent transportation, modeling, air quality, and conformity analysis issues.

- Continued contract administration for the Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination consultant. Managed the efforts of the air quality consultant (including strategy and review of all materials) on behalf of the eight Valley TPAs.
- Managed the contract for the Valley-Wide Air Quality Policy Services consultant.
- Participated in conference calls with staff from ARB, EPA, FHWA, Caltrans, and various members of the other San Joaquin Valley TPAs.
- Attended and participated in San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition Board Meetings.
- Attended Air District Board meetings and workshops.
- Presented air quality updates to the San Joaquin Valley TPA Director's Association.
- Participated in development of recommendations from the San Joaquin Valley Partnership Air Quality Work Group.
- Approved Conformity Analysis for the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).
- Continued work with the Air District on implementation of the Indirect Source Review (ISR) Rule.
- Began development of Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) process for the 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP).
- Developed and presented PM2.5 Hotspot process for the San Joaquin Valley.

WE-220 – Transportation Program Development

Objective: To identify transportation improvements proposed for implementation within a short-range period of compliance with federal and state requirements.

Accomplishments:

- COG staff continues to work with its member agencies in an effort to develop a financially constrained transportation improvement program.
- Correspondence with Agency staff and Caltrans regarding delivery of the Obligation Plan for FFY 2005/06.
- The 2007 FTIP was adopted by the COG Policy Board July 20, 2006. The FTIP has been approved by the Division of Transportation Programming at Caltrans and awaits final approval by the Federal Highway Administration.

WE 310 - Intergovernmental Coordination

Objectives: 1) To promote coordination, cooperation and communication on administrative and planning matters among local agencies, the COG, federal and state agencies. To enable various agencies, including Native Americans, to participate in and review the regional planning process; 2) To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities; and 3) To provide local agencies and the public the opportunity to review and comment upon federal grant proposals through the Local Clearinghouse Process.

Accomplishments:

- Continued to provide staff support to the Association for the Beautification of State Route 99. Organized bimonthly meetings for the Association, assisted with correspondence, conducted research, and prepared staff reports.
- Continued efforts towards implementing the *2000 Highway 99 Beautification Plan* by recommending the adoption of a draft Highway Beautification Overlay Zoning District by the Cities of Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, Fresno, and Fresno County.
- Continued monitoring other SR 99 beautification efforts such as the Great Valley Center's Highway 99 Project and Caltrans' *Highway 99 Plan*.

- Provided ongoing support to member agencies of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority in the establishment of this new program in Fresno County. Issues discussed over the course of the quarter include election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority and a determination of time standards and personnel costs for use in calculating program costs.
- Staff continues to outreach to the Native American Tribal governments, both federally and non-federally recognized, in Fresno County to solicit their input and to seek their participation in COG activities. Staff continues to provide all of the tribes with ongoing meeting notifications and any other pertinent information that may be of interest to the tribes.
- Convened Fresno "One Voice" task force to review past successes and plan for February 2006 visit to Washington DC
- Called for "One Voice" projects from member agencies and community organizations. Convened selection committee and selected top five priorities of COG Board approval
- Participated in the coordination of a monthly "Professional Development Roundtable" aimed at public and private agency education and networking.
- Provide follow up on February 2006 "Sacramento One Voice" trip in which a 24 person delegation traveled to the State's Capitol.
- Met with COG Policy Board members at special meetings in their communities to solicit input on the SJV Regional Blueprint Planning Process.
- Continued outreach with staff and administrators of member agencies to gather input for the Blueprint.
- Provide ongoing updates to member agencies on progress with Blueprint activities.
- Distributed report to member agencies on successes of 2006 "One Voice" Washington DC trip and recommendations for 2007 program.
- Distributed "call for regional projects" for 2007 Washington DC One Voice.
- Planned for project selection committee to meet during next quarter.
- Began trip planning for February 10-15, 2007.

WE 311 - Public Information and Participation

Objective: To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities. This work element is intended to highlight the COG's desire to encourage more public participation in the transportation planning process, consistent with TEA 21 requirements. This will include public involvement in the development stages of plans and programs as well as throughout the adoption process. COG's newly adopted Public Involvement Procedures will be consulted and followed during each phase of plan or program development.

In response to Federal and State emphasis on Title VI and Environmental Justice an effort has been added to this work element that will involve establishing an Environmental Justice Task Force to develop a process with which to assess and ensure compliance of Fresno COG's transportation planning efforts with environmental justice requirements and Title VI. The Task Force will play a key role in evaluating COG's current Environmental Justice and Public Participation efforts and provide guidance on how to achieve the desired results. The Task Force will also help define the target population within Fresno County, identify the needs of the target population and develop appropriate performance measures for gauging the regional benefit and burdens of transportation system investments on the target population.

An Environmental Justice Report will be prepared, which will include the Environmental Justice Task Force efforts and recommendations, as well as the analysis used to evaluate the Regional Transportation Plan to ensure that the programs, policies, and activities outlined in the plan serve all segments of the region without generating disproportionately high adverse impacts upon target populations.

Caltrans has developed an Environmental Justice Desk Guide that will serve as a resource for COG staff to better understand Environmental Justice issues and provide guidelines for the implementation of Environmental Justice in the planning process. Fresno COG staff has reviewed the Caltrans Desk Guide and plans to use the recommendations provided by incorporating them, as applicable, in our Environmental Justice efforts.

Fresno COG staff plans to use the Environmental Justice studies performed by the Kern Council of Governments and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission as models for our efforts in this area. The detailed tasks outlined at the end of this work element reflect the anticipated work activities of our staff.

It is Fresno COG's desire that the citizens of Fresno County and its cities assist in delineating values, goals, and objectives of transportation-related services and planning documents. Further, it is Fresno COG's intent that those same citizens, charged with the responsibility of providing feedback on a continuous basis, will participate in the selection of transportation facilities and programs for planning and programming under Fresno COG's authority. Finally, it is the goal of Fresno COG to adequately provide information to and solicit input from historically underserved community of Fresno County (i.e. elderly, minority groups, youth, disabled, and lower income people).

Accomplishments:

- Prepared agenda packages, reports, and notices for COG's three monthly public meetings.
- Developed legislative reports for Fresno COG's monthly public meetings. Tracked legislative items and supplied additional legislative information as requested by COG and member agency staff.
- Filled requests for information about Fresno COG and/or their member agencies and updated various listings.
- Designed and printed graphic design materials for Fresno COG staff as requested.
- 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan Outreach:
 - Staff worked with VRPA Technologies, FCTA and other consultants to develop presentation materials for Measure C public outreach. The materials include the following: PowerPoint presentations, Measure C Local Project Maps for each jurisdiction, a brochure on the Current Measure C, a brochure on the Measure C reauthorization, Frequently Asked Questions, other project maps and listings as needed.
 - Staff made presentations throughout July and August of 2006 at 15 City Council meetings in Fresno County, as well two presentations at the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.
 - Developed and downloaded content for the Measure C section of Fresno COG's new website.
 - Formed a speakers bureau wherein staff and Steering Committee members made public outreach presentations to community groups as requested.
 - Answered questions received from the media, member agencies and community members on the Measure C Expenditure Plan contents.
- Prepared and sent news releases to the media regarding the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan, One Voice, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint, and the Fresno COG 2006 Transportation Forum and Transportation Achievement Awards
- Complete the design and development of Fresno COG's new website
- Continued involvement in the Valley Blueprint process: Continued participation on the Valleywide Outreach committee, worked with consultants to development an outreach plan, co-hosted the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Summit, and held the first Blueprint Roundtable meeting.
- Continued update of the Fresno COG Transportation Guide, consulting with transit and rideshare personnel, as well as users of the systems and the guide
- Published the Fall 2006 COG Outlook newsletter. Mailed it out to an expanded list of 4,000. (Up from 1,200 previously)
- Planned and implemented the Fresno COG 2006 Transportation Forum and Transportation Achievement Awards held in September 2006.

Environmental Justice Study:

The COG's Environmental Justice Task Force, whose members include representatives from community based organizations that represent low-income, minority, elderly, disabled, Native American, and farmworker communities as well as representatives from local government agencies, Caltrans, and FHWA, met on a monthly basis from March of 2004 through spring of 2005.

Accomplishments:

- Staff began drafting the final copy of the Environmental Justice report.
- Staff is awaiting findings from consultant in order to complete the Environmental Justice report.

WE 312 - COGView Internet Home Page

Objective: To create a source providing easy access to government and other information for Fresno County residents, member agencies, and perspective business interests using the latest technology of the World Wide Web. To enhance potential economic development and increase public knowledge and involvement in COG activities.

Accomplishments:

- Traffic Modeling, Air Quality, and Conformity issues are regularly updated on the COGView home page.
- COGView maintains minutes and agendas for the Fresno COG, Technical Advisory Committee Meetings, the Policy Advisory Meetings and the Policy Committee Meetings.
- Continued to provide *COG Outlook Newsletter* on the COGView web site.
- Updated information on Reasonable Available Control Measures (RACM) and Best Available Control Measures (BACM) to the website.
- Posted the draft 2004 Regional Transportation Plan, the 2004-05 to 2009-10 Federal Transportation Plan and the 2004 Transportation Conformity Determination on the web site.
- Updated the Ridesharing/vanpooling section of the COGView web site.
- Added section on Environmental Justice, the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study and the Freeway Deficiency Study.
- Added a One-Voice section to the Website.
- Created a Measure "C" re-authorization website
- Posted December 2005 Conformity finding on website
- The major COGView website upgrade is in testing with most programming having been completed. In addition to testing, we are loading documents onto the site as well as working with COG staff to review and train. The site is to be completed in it's entirety before being released to the Public.
- The FresnoCOG website has been completed and is in BETA or user acceptance testing. It has been several weeks now since the Web site has been released to the public and we are receiving suggestions and comments regarding the new site.
- Discussion boards, and weblogs are in the process of being integrated into the Website.

WE 313 – Environmental Justice, Title VI

Objectives: Devise ways to ensure that Fresno County's disadvantaged and minority populations are being included in the transportation planning process.

Accomplishments:

- No activity this quarter. Still awaiting modeling results from consultants.

WE 314 – Public Transit-Human Services Transportation

Objectives: The Human Services Transportation Coordination work element's aim is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that public and non-profit agencies coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs including the Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities; the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program; and the New Freedom Program.

Accomplishments:

- Staff has reviewed preliminary program criteria for Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom programs. Staff has also reviewed several examples of the studies that are part of the Job Access and Reverse Commute program requirements that are to begin for the 2007 funding cycle. At this point in time, we are awaiting the release of the final requirements for the JARC and New Freedom programs by the Federal Government. With the final program requirements in hand, Fresno COG staff will go about creating a plan to implement the requirements called for by the Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom Programs.

WE 320 - Technical Assistance to Members

Objective: To provide member governments with specialized technical assistance services. It is intended that the major beneficiaries of this service be the smaller cities with limited technical staff resources.

Accomplishments:

Rural Communities Collaborative of Fresno County (RCCFC): Served on RCCFC Steering and General Committees. The RCCFC is a volunteer organization geared toward helping rural communities to become self-sufficient through increased social and economic development. The Collaborative acts as a catalyst in identifying available federal, state, and local resources available to serve local community needs and provides access to and dissemination of those resources.

WE 330 – Outside Technical Assistance

Objective: To provide traffic modeling information to outside agencies on a cost reimbursement basis. Also, to provide program support functions for microcomputer applications (accounting, utility billing, etc.) to interested parties on a cost reimbursement basis.

Accomplishments:

- No activity this quarter.

WE 340 – Traffic Demand Management Program

Objective: Transportation Demand Management (TDM) includes a wide variety of transportation control measures having a goal of reducing overall motor vehicle usage. In prior years, the predominate effort of this activity has been promotion of ridesharing. Declining state and federal revenue to support this effort in recent years has resulted in a less ambitious Program beginning in 1996/97.

Accomplishments/Ridematching:

- Currently have nearly 1,000 registered users in the *Carpool/Vanpool Online Matchlist* program at www.Valleyrides.com. Maintained this current and active database of commuters, referring callers to the online system or inputting information for clients.
- Worked with other TDM agencies, employers and vanpool agencies to facilitate matches and refer clients. These agencies include: CSU Fresno, South Valley Rideshare, San Joaquin Commute Connection, Fresno Area Express and Enterprise Rideshare.
- Continued servicing the city of Fresno's Downtown Vanpool Program. Staff receives calls and emails requesting information on available seats on one or more of the 18 available vanpools, and either refers commuters to an appropriate vanpool or places them on the waiting list for upcoming vanpool opportunities. As the program experiences changes and growing pains COG staff handles vanpoolers concerns and issues regarding the program.

Accomplishments/Information Services:

- Filled requests for transit referrals; park and ride lot information; vanpool subsidies and referrals; transportation guides; bikeway maps; and additional bikeway information.
- Continuing the update on portions of the Fresno County Transportation Guide.
- Received updates to the Fresno/Clovis and Kingsburg bikeway maps.

Accomplishments/Administration:

- Prepared and maintained program records, invoices, budget and Quarterly Report.
- Attended Fresno COG Committee meetings as appropriate.

WE 350 - Fresno Regional Data Center

Objectives: To perform the duties as an Affiliate State Census Data Center and provide assistance to member agencies and the general public in obtaining, analyzing and utilizing census and other demographic data in support of the area-wide planning process. Also to provide continuing support to the internal data needs for traffic simulation modeling requirements including the updating and development of alternative socio-economic scenarios and providing data support for COG prepared reports and plans.

Accomplishments:

- Assisted 75 individuals from governmental agencies, businesses, and the public, in their information needs.
- Monitored, prepared and distributed newly released Census 2000 and other data to member agencies and the public.
- Developed socio-economic data for alternative land use scenarios for consultants' traffic impact studies and special studies.
- Provided demographic information for COG-prepared documents and presentations including Measure C, Blueprint Planning Process, and the Regional Housing Needs Study. Update of base socio-economic model data.
- Prepared Affiliate State Census Data Center activity report as required.

WE 910 – COG Administration

Objective: To effectively administer the planning program and fiscal operations of the COG.

Accomplishments:

- Staff monitored funding levels, expenses and budgets. Development of the 2006/07 Overall Work Program is scheduled to begin in January.
- Supervised planning staff activities and progress on work assignments.

- Coordinated preparation of agendas, related materials and committee schedules.
- Conducted ongoing management team meetings to coordinate staff assignments and outcomes.
- Conducted staff evaluations as needed.

WE 911 - OWP and Budget

Objective: To develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget consistent with federal and state funding priorities and local agency needs.

Accomplishments:

- Staff monitored funding levels, expenses and budgets. Development of the 2006/07 Overall Work Program is scheduled to begin in January 2006.

WE 912 - Local Transportation Funds Administration

Objective: To administer the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund in accordance with the California Transportation Development Act.

Accomplishments:

- Staff recorded sales tax deposits from the State Board of Equalization and STA allocations from the State Controllers Office. Member Agency Claims were processed. Allocation Instructions were prepared and sent to the Auditor Controllers Office. Changes in state regulations were monitored through the TDA Ad Hoc committee chaired by the Division of Mass Transportation.

WE 913 - Valley RTPA Coordination

Objective: To ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to transportation and air quality planning among the eight San Joaquin Valley transportation planning agencies and the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Accomplishments: COG staff and the Director continue to work with the other seven San Joaquin valley RTPAs on issues that have valleywide significance including air quality, pursuit of Interstate designation for SR 99.

- Worked with all Valley COGs to submit a proposal to Caltrans to develop a coordinated San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint planning effort.
- Upon notification by BT & H that we were successful in our funding application for the Blueprint, began intensive coordination with other Valley COGs to begin the preliminary planning of this two year project.
- Attend "Consent Building Workshop" at UC Merced with other Valley COG representatives in preparation for work on Blueprint.
- Participated in bi-weekly conference calls/face-to-face meetings with members of the Blueprint Coordinating committee and Blueprint Modeling committee and Public Outreach committee.

WE 920 – Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration

Objective: To provide under contract, administrative and fiscal management services for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

Accomplishments:

- During the First Quarter, Staff closed out the 2005-06 books for auditing purposes.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- The General Manager began data analysis for the Transit Operators Report, and Annual Productivity Evaluation Report.
- Staff began implementation of the Juvenile Justice Campus Transit service in early August. Staff continued to work with the Community of Biola to implement the Biola Transit Demonstration service in mid-October.

WE 930 – Fresno County Transportation Authority Administration

Objective: To provide personnel support services to the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

Accomplishments:

Staff provided payroll and benefit administration for the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

WE 940 - Freeway Service Patrol

Objective: To continue the Freeway Service Patrol, in coordination with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, in an effort to remove minor incidents rapidly, thereby reducing congestion, secondary accidents, and vehicle emissions.

Accomplishments:

- Administered the FSP tow contracts. This primarily included reviewing and paying invoices for towing services and radio use, both on a monthly basis, and paying for radio repairs and miscellaneous supplies (i.e. brochures) on an as-needed basis.
- Ongoing coordination and communication with the Freeway Service Patrol Statewide Oversight Committee and with Caltrans Traffic Operations, including annual program benefit/cost evaluations.

WE 945 – Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

Objective: To administer the activities and duties of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Ongoing communication with AVA Service Authority members regarding issues related to establishment of this new program in Fresno County, particularly regarding eligible expenses for reimbursement and reporting requirements.
- Conducted a quarterly meeting of the AVA local agency staff on August 11, 2006. Agenda items included a workshop with CHP regarding their perspectives on the AVA Program, a Fiscal Year 2005-06 Program Summary, discussion regarding non-participating members, a discussion regarding eligible expenses, and other program issues.
- Calculated payment amounts to eligible local jurisdictions for AVA expenses.

WE 951 – Non-Point Source Water Quality Management

Objective: The purpose of this work element is to allow the Council of Fresno County Governments to act as a conduit for funding for an Environmental Protection Agency grant to conduct a non-point source water quality management program. The primary objective is to develop an educational program for farmers and ranchers on ground and surface water quality.

Accomplishments:

- Fresno COG's role in this project is to provide administrative services in determining eligibility and processing reimbursement requests by the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

WE 952 - Fresno Yosemite Village Revitalization Implementation Plan

Objective: Through a Caltrans Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning for Communities Grant, the Council of Fresno County Governments and the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno will undertake the following activities. This project will establish and promote guidelines that will make the Fresno Yosemite Village Revitalization Implementation Plan an area that is inviting to people who are walking or taking transit; fostering connectivity between a compatible mix of land uses and the creation of a traditional neighborhood community. The street types and intersection designs envisioned by the West Fresno Community Vision Plan are the basis of the traditional neighborhood design for this area. Pedestrian-friendly street designs can provide equity between pedestrian comfort and automobile traffic. This project seeks to accomplish the following:

- Develop conceptual pedestrian-oriented street design guidelines for the project area and identify pedestrian circulation paths, street trees and linkages to community services in accordance with the West Fresno Community Vision plan and the adopted Fresno General Plan "Landscape of Choice" and the Ahwahnee Principles to improve mobility, access to services and equity in providing for an improved quality of life for the project area.
- Promote cooperation between the public agencies and resident community members in improving their access to critical community services
- Promote the development of Healthy Communities and Sustainable Sites in accordance with the West Fresno Community Vision plan, the adopted Fresno General Plan "Landscape of Choice" and the Ahwahnee Principles, and developing access to critical services
- Promote the development of Healthy Communities and Sustainable Sites. Develop energy efficiency strategies for the community's transportation infrastructure and quantify the resulting energy savings and air quality benefits
- Promote adoption of these guidelines within the community and among Fresno regulatory agencies (City of Fresno and Fresno Redevelopment Agency)

Accomplishments:

- Staff is working with Caltrans and the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno staff to facilitate contract agreement on this Environmental Justice Grant. Work on the project cannot commence until this is accomplished.
- Staff continues to work with Caltrans to pursue Fund Transfer Agreement. This project has been "in the pipeline" for 9 months and we have yet to receive the papers necessary from Caltrans to move this forward.
- Received Fund Transfer Agreement from Caltrans and entered into contract with Housing Authority of the City of Fresno (sub-recipient) so that they can proceed with their project.
- Consulted with sub-recipient regarding their progress and their billing procedures with COG.
- Continue to work with sub-recipient to facilitate progress on their work program.

BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Announces the

**Solicitation for Concept Proposals
for
Partnership Seed Grants**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CONCEPT PROPOSALS:
5:00 p.m., January 16, 2007

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
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Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 322-5400

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SOLICITATION FOR CONCEPT PROPOSALS FOR PARTNERSHIP SEED GRANTS

A. INTRODUCTION

The Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency (Agency) on behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), 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 or 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.

B. PURPOSE

The Governor and Legislature approved a total of \$2,500,000 million for Seed Grants in the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Seed Grants are intended to jumpstart major initiatives, as set forth in the Partnership Strategic Action Proposal, that will result in significant immediate impact or will lay a solid foundation for long-term priority strategies and investments. It is expected that the Seed Grants will attract other partners and investors and will facilitate new ways for existing organizations to improve region-wide collaborations.

The Partnership invites creative and cost-effective proposals that have the most potential for transforming the San Joaquin Valley to achieve the outcomes articulated in the Strategic Action Proposal. Applicants are also encouraged to be innovative both in their approaches and in their arrangements among and between participants (individuals and organizations) included in the proposals.

C. BACKGROUND

Applicants should become very familiar with the work products of the Partnership and the content of the Strategic Action Proposal, titled *San Joaquin Valley—California's 21st Century Opportunity*. These are available online at the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BTH) website: www.bth.ca.gov. The following summarizes background information about the Partnership and sets forth the requirements of the responses to the Request for Concept Proposals (RCP).

Applicants are encouraged to be innovative in proposed approaches and arrangements among and between participants (individuals and organizations) in the proposals. The Partnership invites creative and cost-effective proposals that have the most potential for transforming the San Joaquin Valley to achieve the outcomes articulated in the Strategic Action Proposal.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger established the Partnership through Executive Order S-5-05, signed on June 24, 2005 in Fresno. The San Joaquin Valley region includes eight counties—Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties—with sixty-two cities and a total population of more than 3.4 million residents.

The Board of the Partnership is comprised of twenty-six members appointed by the Governor. These include eight Cabinet Secretaries, eight locally-elected officials, eight civic leaders, and two Deputy Chairs (one elected official and one civic leader). In addition, five liaisons to key policy bodies (Federal Interagency Task Force on the San Joaquin Valley, California Transportation Commission, California Air Resources Board, California Workforce Investment Board, and the Economic Strategy Panel) are also members of the Partnership. The Governor designated the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency as Chair of the Partnership and directed preparation and submission of a Strategic Action Proposal for the long-term well-being and economic prosperity in the San Joaquin Valley to be prepared and submitted to the Governor by October 31, 2006. The Partnership Board has conducted extension outreach to obtain public input and to involve stakeholders in the development of the Strategic Action Proposal which will be submitted to the Governor on time.

The Partnership Board members were appointed in September 2005. At the first meeting in September, the Board adopted a Work Plan (including Principles and Ground Rules) and established ten Work Groups (along with Scopes of Work based on Overview Reports) to focus on: Economic Development; Higher Education and Workforce Development; K-12 Education; Transportation; Land Use, Agriculture and Housing; Air Quality; Water Quality, Supply and Reliability; Energy; Health and Human Services; and Advanced Communications Services and Information Technology.

The Strategic Action Proposal (which contains detailed Work Group Reports) sets forth overall strategies and specific actions, with accompanying indicators to measure progress. It builds on the existing strengths of the San Joaquin Valley and addresses the current challenges to minimize weaknesses. It recognizes the Valley's heritage of agriculture as the foundation for economic development—as the roots to grow the future—and forges new frontiers for prosperity. It embraces and enhances the assets that define and unify the region—such as the San Joaquin River and Highway 99—as leading strategies to attract investment. It calls for a sustained public-private partnership over the next decade to mobilize essential government and civic leadership dedicated to achieving measurable results. It proposes that the initial organizational structure for implementation be established through a new Governor's Executive Order and that State legislation then be enacted to ensure commitment and continuity for the full decade.

The Governor and Legislature approved an appropriation of \$5 million in the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley for implementation of the Strategic Action Proposal. At the request of the Legislature, the Partnership Board developed and approved the following working budget for use of the \$5 million:

\$5 Million in Fiscal-Year 2006-2007 State Budget

1.7 Management Personnel and Consultants

- .1 Community Outreach
- .2 Communications (including multi-language materials)
- .3 Annual Progress Reports for Accountability
- .2 Regional Conferences for Periodic Reporting and Mobilization of Volunteers
- 2.5 Seed Grants to Implement Strategic Action Proposal

This funding and all expenditures related to it are subject to the completion and submission of the Strategic Action Proposal, which was submitted to the Governor at the end of October 2006. All of the \$5 million in the FY 2006-2007 State Budget must be encumbered by June 30, 2007.

The \$1.7 million specified above for Management Personnel and Consultants is being used to engage contracted professional support for the secretariat function and staffing services to coordinate the meetings and deliberations of the Partnership Board and to staff Work Groups (or their successor committees) in implementing the Strategic Action Proposal. The secretariat function management also will oversee, or directly provide services related to, community outreach, communications, annual progress reports, and annual regional conferences. Thus, there could be one or more contracts to carry out these functions in implementing the Strategic Action Proposal, depending on the responses to the RFP. In addition, the budget appropriation provided that the \$1.7 million also may be used to support up to two fixed-term positions at BTH to develop and manage the initial RFP invitation and contract process. It is the current intent of BTH to use one position which will cost approximately \$180,000 during the term of the contracts. The secretariat and staffing functions were the subject of a previous RFP process announced by BTH.

As shown above, the approved funding in the State Budget includes \$2,500,000 million for Seed Grants up to \$250,000 each to begin implementation of the Strategic Action Proposal. It is envisioned that potentially there will be multiple applicants for a wide variety of projects. The Partnership Board reserves the right to reject all proposals, award no grant contracts, and to negotiate among the proposal sponsors the most appropriate grant contracts for implementation of the Strategic Action Proposal. Should the Partnership Board determine that there are not enough meritorious proposals to award grant contracts for the full \$2.5 million in Seed Grants, the Partnership Board will develop and announce an additional process for accepting proposals.

Contract administration will be provided by BTH. However, the secretariat and staffing contractor(s) will be involved in evaluation of effectiveness of impact of the Seed Grants and performance of the contractors in the annual progress reports.

D. TIME SCHEDULE

In this solicitation, a short Concept Proposal will be due to the Agency by 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2006. In order to be considered for a grant award, this concept paper must be submitted by the aforementioned time. A notification of invitation for a full proposal will be sent to qualifying applicants on or around January 31, 2007. The Concept Proposals will be evaluated using the same criteria for the full proposals which is detailed under Section H. in this document. An invitation to submit a full proposal shall not obligate the Partnership to award a grant to the

applicant. Submission of a full proposal will be due Friday, March 2, 2007 by 5:00 p.m. Grant contracts for accepted proposals will be completed by April 30, 2007.

Three (3) proposal workshops will be held during the month of December in various locations throughout the eight county area. The locations and dates for these workshops are Bakersfield on December 1st, Fresno on December 8th and Modesto on December 15th. Notification of these workshops will be posted on the Business, Transportation and Housing Website at www.bth.ca.gov.

Implementation of the grant contract work plans and submission of all work products and deliverables must be completed no later than December 31, 2008.

E. FOCUS OF SEED GRANTS

Applicants may submit concept proposals only to implement a component(s) of the Strategic Action Proposal, which includes initiatives in the Section IV, Summary of Principal Recommendations Strategies; and/or specific recommended action(s) from Section V Work Group Recommendations set forth in the 10-year timeframe. Applicants also should review the complete Work Group Reports (available online at the BTH website www.bth.ca.gov) for the following ten focus topics: Economic Development; Higher Education and Workforce Development; K-12 Education; Transportation; Land Use, Agriculture and Housing; Air Quality; Water Quality, Supply and Reliability; Energy; Health and Human Services; and Advanced Communications Services and Information Technology.

Applicants must clearly identify the specific initiative(s) (one of six in the Section IV Summary Matrix), and Section V Work Group recommended goal(s), objective(s) and action(s) being addressed in the proposal. No proposals will be accepted for initiatives or actions not contained in the Strategic Action Proposal.

As stated above, all concept proposals will be accepted and evaluated based on the implementation strategy above. No concept proposal will be accepted that does not assist in the implementation of a component (s) of the Strategic Action Proposal. Those entities submitting concept proposals meeting that criterion will be invited to submit a full Request for Seed Grant and be considered for funding up to \$250,000 each. Applicants are encouraged to be as cost effective as possible in the amount requested. The Partnership Board will seek to optimize impact from the \$2.5 million for Seed Grants by considering how to achieve sufficient impact from each grant while investing in a variety of components of the Strategic Action Proposal.

F. SCOPE OF WORK, PRODUCTS AND DELIVERABLES, AND OUTCOMES

Applicants must briefly specify the scope of work, products and deliverables, and expected outcomes (with associated indicators of success to measure progress) in the concept proposal, including details regarding timetable for activities along with a proposed budget. The burden is on the applicant to provide sufficient detail for the Partnership to be able to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the proposals and to determine the value to the public.

The concept proposal must delineate, in detail, all of the following using the Concept Proposal Form provided in this packet:

- Full Legal Name and addresses of entity (s) submitting the proposal.
- Names and contact information for each partner in the proposal.
- Project Name (short title up to 50 letters).
- Project Partners (Names and Contact Information)
- Component (or components) of the Strategic Action Proposal to be supported.
- Project Summary (include products, deliverables and expected outcomes).
- Amount of funding requested and a brief description of how the funding will be used.
- Matching funds (In-kind or Cash) and Source.
- Certification and Signatures.

H. EVALUATION CRITERIA

As indicated, the evaluation criteria for the Concept Proposal will be that it assists with the implementation of one or more of the components of the Strategic Action Proposal. For those entities invited to submit a full proposal, those proposals will be evaluated with a heavy emphasis on the innovation and cost-effectiveness in implementing a component of the Strategic Action Proposal. The full proposals will be evaluated on thoroughness and quality of writing, as a key indication of the ability of the applicant to communicate clearly and accurately, using proper spelling and punctuation, parallel construction in text, logical headings and sections, and appropriate, professional format. Specific proposal evaluation criteria is as follows:

- Addresses a high priority initiative or recommendation in the Strategic Action Proposal. Up to twenty (20) points.
- Achieves immediate results or lays a solid foundation for a priority long-term initiative. Up to twenty (20) points.
- Establishes an innovative regional approach to working together that will achieve a greater impact with existing resources. Up to ten (10) points.
- Augments leadership from the Partnership or from existing organizations to foster systemic change and reform. Up to ten (10) points.
- Provides matching resources (cash and in-kind). Up to ten (10) points.
- Fosters greater public-private collaboration throughout the region. Up to ten (10) points.
- Involves all levels of government. Up to five (5) points.
- Engages citizenry and mobilizes volunteers. Up to five (5) points.
- Sets forth concepts in a clear, concise, and logical manner, exhibiting quality writing capabilities. Up to five (5) points.
- Complements other Seed Grants and initial activities of the Partnership. Up to five (5) points.

I. REVIEW AND EVALUATION PROCESS OF FULL PROPOSALS

A committee of the Partnership Board composed of the Chair, Deputy Chairs, and eight additional members (representing a cross-section of expertise and geographic diversity) has been

established to review and evaluate the proposals and present recommendations to the Partnership Board who will make the final decisions. Applicants shall refrain from inappropriate communications to, or lobbying of, Partnership Board Members. Reviewers reserve the right to contact Applicants in order to clarify information pertinent to the Proposals.

J. CONCEPT PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL PROCESS

Applicants must submit their Concept Proposals to:

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
980 9th Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

A signed original, fourteen unbound reproducible copies, and an electronic file of the Proposal must be **received** by the Agency by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2007**. An electronic file is also requested to be sent to jdias@bth.ca.gov. Concept Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.

Questions regarding this Solicitation for Concept Proposal must be submitted, in writing or by email, to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, 980 9th Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814 or jdias@bth.ca.gov. All responses will be posted online, as well as provided to the inquirer.

K. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information included as part of the Solicitation is a public record unless a determination is made that it is exempt from the Public Records Act. In the experience of the Agency, the only applicable exemption is for trade secrets. If you believe that any portion of the Proposal is confidential because it is a trade secret, or for any other reason, you must check "Yes" on the cover sheet for confidentiality, and you must mark each confidential page with the word "Confidential" at the top and bottom. Confidential pages should be kept separate from the remainder of the Proposal, and cross-referenced to that part of the Proposal to which it relates. All materials, including confidential materials shall be mailed to the Agency in the same package. Please read the Attachment II (regulations on confidential materials) in order to complete the statement accompanying the confidential materials which sets forth the reasons for the confidentiality.

**California Partnerships for the San Joaquin Valley Seed
Grant Program
Concept Proposal Form**

**Full Legal Name(s) and Address(es) of Entity Submitting the Proposal
(Applicant):**

Phone #:

Fax number:

E-mail:

Project Name (short title up to 50 letters):

**Partners Who Will Be Included In Working on the Project:
(Names and Contact Information)**

Component(s) of the Strategic Action Proposal to be Implemented:

Project Summary (Limit Project Summary to no more than 5 pages. Include products, deliverables and expected outcomes. Explain precisely how the Seed Grant will result in the region working together more effectively and/or with more efficient use of resources. Briefly explain how the proposal will meet the required criteria indicated on page 6.):

Funding Requested – Please Complete Attached Budget Form

I hereby certify that the information provided in the Proposal is correct and represents the intended use of all sources of funds identified in the Proposal, and that I will inform the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency immediately of any changes in the funding Proposal.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date:

Entity

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date:

Entity

Budget Form

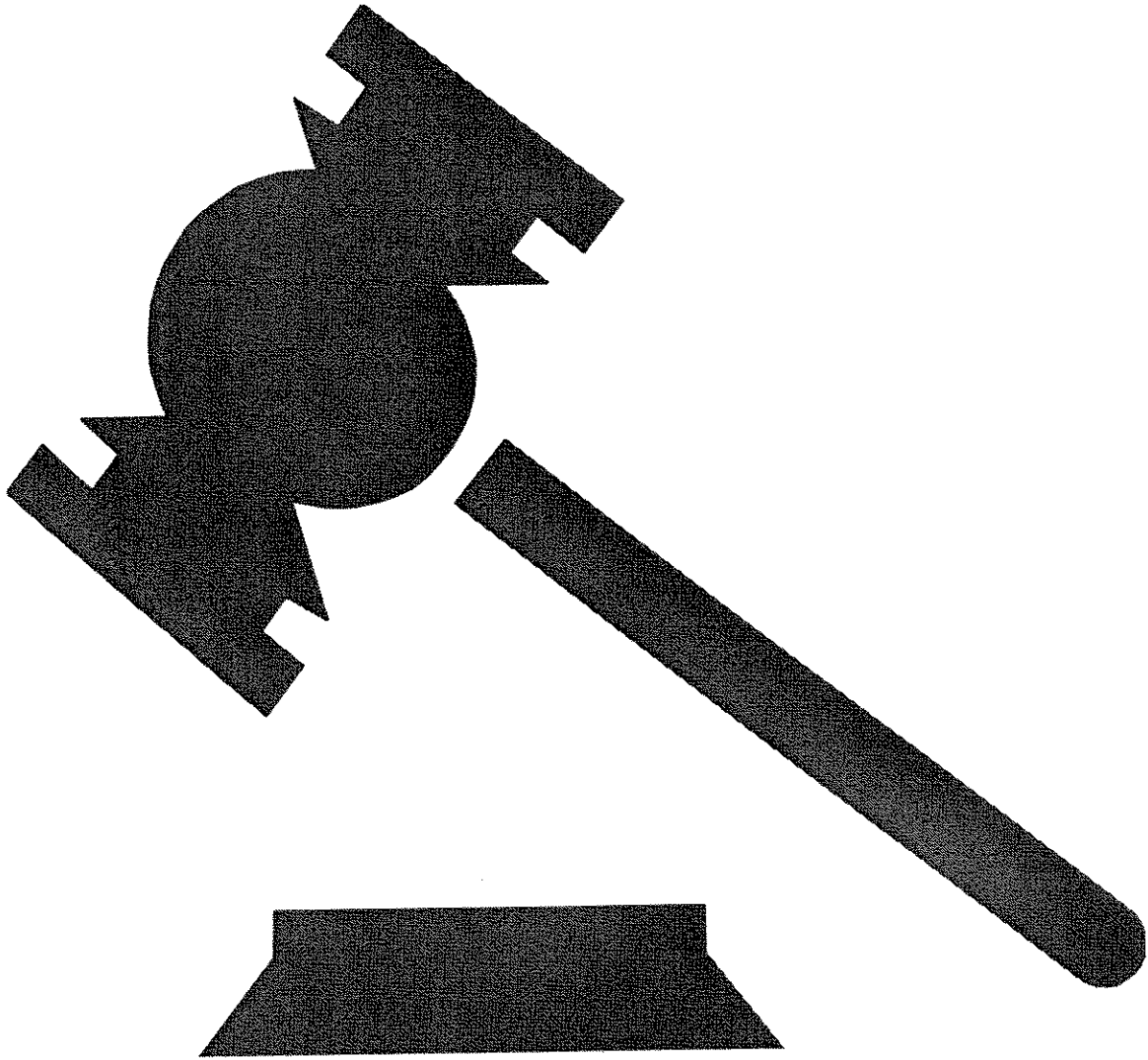
Partnership Seed Grants

SOURCES

Sources of Funds	Cash	In-Kind	Total
A. Business, Transportation and Housing Agency			
B. Other State Agency(ies)			
C. Federal			
D. Applicant			
E. Other(s)			
F.			
Total			

USES

Budget Categories**	Federal	Applicant	Business, Transportation and Housing Agency	Other State Agency(ies)	Other Sources	Total
Salaries and Wages						
Benefits						
Contractual Services						
Travel						
Operating Expenses						
Other (specify)						
Total Budget						



ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
AGENDA ITEM VI. B.

Survey

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan

The purpose of this survey is to gather information regarding local government infrastructure, housing market, and other local conditions that could influence the development of a methodology for distributing the existing and projected regional housing need to cities within Fresno County and to the County itself. None of the information received in response to this survey may be used as a basis for reducing the total housing need established for Fresno County. Furthermore, the share of the regional housing need distributed to a jurisdiction represents a planning objective, not a construction quota, to be addressed by the jurisdiction in its Housing Element.

The methodology used in the development of the RHNA Plan, as with previous RHNA Plans, will be very objective. However, the final distribution of regional housing need may result in part from negotiations among various agencies. Information developed from this survey will be most appropriately utilized during this negotiation period, should it be necessary. Other sources of information will also be utilized including, for example, the COG Traffic Model, which has information on jobs/housing ratios.

In a few instances, it may be difficult to know what the survey question is trying to get at (the questions were taken directly from statute). Please do not hesitate to contact Clark Thompson at 233-4148 or by email at clarkt@fresnocog.org to discuss. For the other questions, please utilize only sufficient, **readily-available** data in support of your answer. Also, please let Clark know if you would like the survey emailed to you.

1. Would you say your jurisdiction is different than, or pretty much the same as, other jurisdictions in Fresno County regarding existing and projected jobs and housing relationship? If different, indicate how.

2. Opportunities and constraints to development of additional housing:

- a. Is there a lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to state laws, regulations or regulatory actions, or supply and/or distribution decisions made by a sewer or water service provider other than the local jurisdiction that precludes your jurisdiction from providing necessary infrastructure for additional development during the planning period? If so, please explain.

- b. Is there available land suitable for urban development or for conversion to residential land use, including underutilized land use and opportunities for infill development and increased residential densities, within your jurisdiction and sphere of influence? If not, indicate why. [Note: In developing the RHNA Plan, COG may not limit its consideration of suitable housing sites or land suitable for urban development to existing zoning ordinances and land use restrictions of a locality, but shall consider the potential for increased residential development under alternative zoning ordinances and land use restrictions.]

 - c. Are there lands within your jurisdiction that are preserved or protected from urban development under existing federal or state programs, or both, designed to protect open space, farmland, environmental habitats, and natural resources on a long-term basis? If so, please identify.

 - d. **For Fresno County only.** Are there county policies to preserve prime agricultural land within the unincorporated area? If so, what are they?
3. **For Fresno COG only.** What is the distribution of household growth assumed for purposes of a comparable period of regional transportation plans and what are the opportunities to maximize the use of public transportation and existing transportation infrastructure?
4. Do you believe the market demand for housing in your jurisdiction, relative to the market demand for housing in other Fresno County jurisdictions, will change significantly between January 1, 2006 and July 1, 2013? If so, explain.

5. **For Fresno County only.** Do agreements exist between the county and the cities in the county to direct growth toward incorporated areas of the county? If so, please explain.

6. **For Housing Authorities of Fresno only.** Has there been a loss of units contained in assisted housing developments that changed to non-low-income use through mortgage prepayment, subsidy contract expirations, or termination of use restrictions.

7. Do you think that high housing costs are more of a burden in your jurisdiction than they are in other jurisdictions in Fresno County?

8. Do you think that the housing needs of farmworkers are a more serious issue in your jurisdiction than in the other jurisdictions in Fresno County.

9. Are there any other factors which in your view should be incorporated into the methodology that allocates regional housing needs to the individual jurisdictions?

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF HOUSING POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

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September 8, 2006

Ms. Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Ms. Goodwin:

RE: Regional Housing Needs Determination

This letter transmits Fresno County's Regional Housing Needs Determination upon the conclusion of the consultation process with Fresno Council of Governments (COG) as part of its important role in advancing the State's housing policies in the Fresno County region. Pursuant to State housing element law (Government Code Section 65584 – 65584.01), the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is required to provide the COG its determination of Fresno County's existing and projected housing needs.

The attached determination reflects the minimum housing need for Fresno County to enable the COG to prepare its new Regional Housing Needs Plan in accordance with Government Code Sections 65584.04-05 for use in updating the housing elements of each general plan within the County (see Attachment I). Housing elements are required to be updated by June 30, 2008 to accommodate each local government's share of the regional housing need pursuant to Government Code Section 65588(e)(3). Regarding local government's regional housing need allocation, credit may be taken for housing units permitted since the January 2006 baseline of the housing element planning period ending in 2013.

The Department conducted outreach on this regional housing needs assessment process, in consultation Mr. Clark Thompson and Ms. Kathy Chung, of your staff, since late spring of this year. This included a meeting on June 1, 2006 at your office to brief COG staff and representatives of member cities and Fresno County on applicable requirements, as amended effective in 2005. Department staff noted, for example, that the methodology to be developed by the COG involves new requirements relating to development of the allocation and factors to be considered.

This determination has resulted from consultation with COG staff and the Department of Finance's (DOF) Demographic Research Unit. Consultation was completed on September 5, 2006 with Mr. Thompson when agreement was reached concerning the methodology and assumptions for population growth and housing need applicable to Fresno County during the allocation period.

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The Regional Housing Needs Determination for Fresno County has been calculated from a baseline of January 2006 through the end of the housing element planning period ending June 2013. This determination projects the minimum housing need to be accommodated in the region over this period. In light of the rate of population growth in the region, jurisdictions should consider planning for housing need above the minimum determination.

The Regional Housing Needs Plan developed by the COG is required to be consistent with the following objectives, as set forth in more detail in statute (Section 65584(d)):

- (1) Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability;
- (2) Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, protection of environmental and agricultural resources, and encouragement of efficient development patterns;
- (3) Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing; and
- (4) Balancing the distribution of households by income category.

The Department is available to further discuss development and implementation of Fresno County's Regional Housing Needs Plan and assist the County and cities in addressing local housing needs. Please contact Glen Campora at (916) 327-2640.

Sincerely,



Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director

Enclosures

cc: Clark Thompson, Planning Coordinator, Fresno Council of Governments
Kathy Chung, Planning Coordinator, Fresno Council of Governments

Attachment 1

Regional Housing Need Determination

Fresno County

For the Period January 2006 Through June 30, 2013

<u>Income Category</u>	<u>Housing Unit Need</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Very Low	12,379	23.8
Low	8,473	16.2
Moderate	9,434	18.1
Above Moderate	<u>21,856</u>	<u>41.9</u>
Total	52,142	100%

Attachment 2

Explanation of Fresno County Regional Housing Need Determination For the Period January 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2013

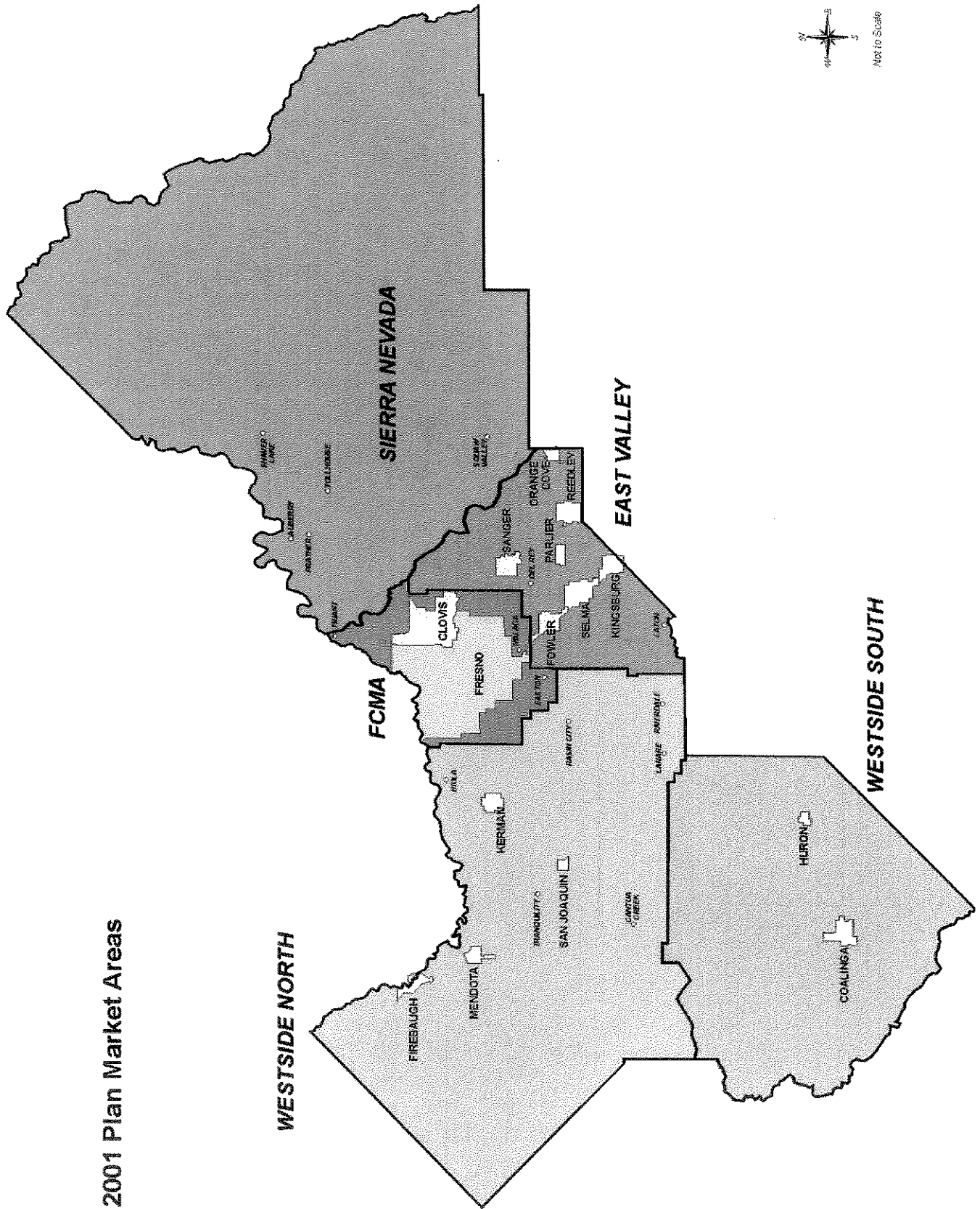
Methodology, Assumptions, and Data Sources Used to Project Housing Unit Need:

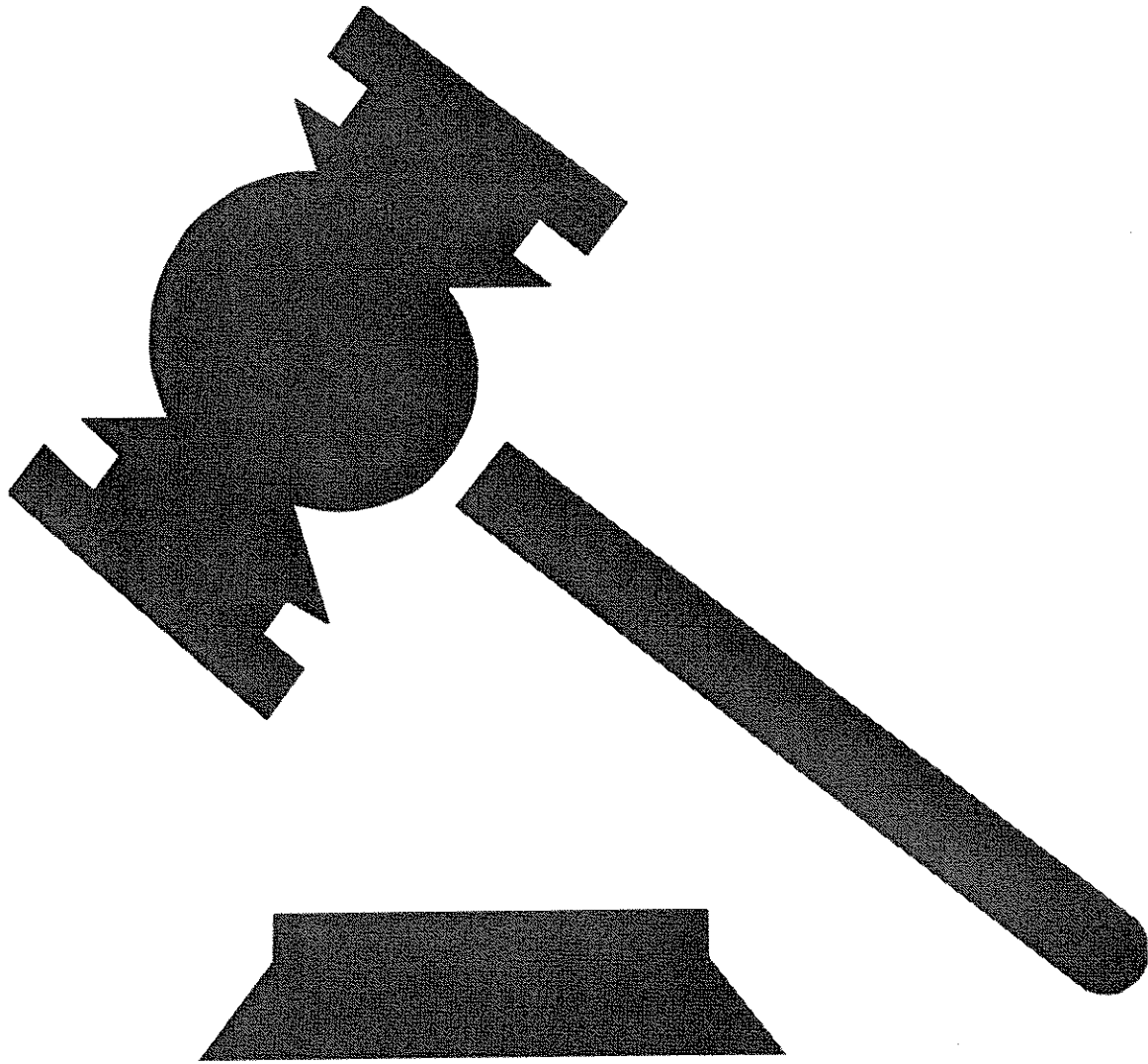
1. Household (HH) growth (50,078 "occupied housing units" 1/1/2006): estimate by California Department of Finance (DOF) in its E-5 report (Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 2001-2006, with 2000 Benchmark, May 2006). Population projections for 7/1/2013 are based on DOF's P-3 report (Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity, Gender and Age for California and Its Counties 2000-2050, May 2004). DOF 2013 projected HHs are derived using the cohort-component method by applying age- and ethnicity-specific HH formation ratios from Census 2000 to the projected population. Projected change in population (99,849) reflects the change between January 1, 2006 (899,517) through June 30, 2013 (999,366). Projected change in HH growth (50,078) also reflects the change between January 1, 2006 (278,195) through June 30, 2013 (328,273). Projected HH growth was derived from averaging Census 2000 HH formation ratios with trended HH formation ratios that Fresno COG used in projections and then multiplying the derived HH formation ratios against DOF's 2013 projected HH population change. This HH growth reflects lower household formation ratios compared to those of the 1990 Census which would yield projected HH growth of 72,575 and total housing unit need of 75,566.
2. Homeowner and Renter households (HHs): allocation based on Census 2000 proportion of owner-occupied HHs (56.5%) held constant through projection period. Renter HHs reflect the difference in subtracting homeowner HHs from projected HH growth.
3. Vacancy allowance: rates of 1.8% (owner) and 5.0% (renter) reflect adjustments from standard targets of 2.0% and 6.0%, respectively, for current conditions. Standard targets identified by Office of Planning and Research, Economic Practices Manual (1984:37).
4. Replacement allowance: empirical demolition rate per housing unit averages .06% per year for 2000 through 2005 based on DOF demolition permit data (990 total demolition permits in Fresno county, 2000-2005). This number was adjusted to .12% per year to account for missing permits and use conversions not involving demolition. This figure was multiplied by 7.5 (to derive percentage replacement over the entire planning period) to yield the .9% replacement allowance rate.
5. Income category allocation: each income category was calculated by multiplying total housing need by the proportion of HHs in each income category based on Fresno County median income (Census 2000) and income definitions (Health and Safety Code Sections 50079.5 and 50105, et.seq.).

Housing Unit Need Projection:

Household growth, Census 2000 headship rates (1)		50,078
Homeowner HHs (2)	56.5%	28,294
Homeowner HH vacancy allowance (3)	1.8%	509
Renter HHs	43.5%	21,784
Renter HHs vacancy allowance (3)	5.0%	1,089
Subtotal		51,676
Replacement allowance (4)	0.9%	466
Total		52,142

2001 Plan Market Areas





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Objective

To develop and demonstrate an approach, which can be used to establish public and private sector consensus on transportation issues associated with the State Route 99 corridor.

To build a much needed valleywide consensus on how to improve the State Route 99 corridor so it can best support economic vitality in the most economically depressed region in California.

To incorporate the concepts of the Directors Policy on Context Sensitive Solutions on the State Route 99 corridor. This project will also support Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary's specific request that stakeholder consensus be developed on whether or not to support designation of State Route 99 as an Interstate route and how to modernize Safety Roadside Rest Stops to meet the needs of 21st century travelers.

Discussion

The State Route 99 corridor in the San Joaquin Valley traverses seven counties and passes through over 25 cities and communities. This project will develop and demonstrate an approach, which can be used to establish public and private sector consensus on transportation issues associated with this very long and diverse corridor.

The project will focus on conducting comprehensive outreach, which will result in consensus on critical issues facing the 275-mile State Route 99 corridor in the San Joaquin Valley. Outreach and consensus building will focus around several key issues facing the San Joaquin Valley. Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak has specifically requested that the Great Valley Center take a leadership role in developing consensus on specified transportation issues in the San Joaquin Valley. The Great Valley Center will be the lead consultant on this project.

The first goal of this project is to demonstrate how consensus can be attained among citizens and public and private sector entities on controversial issues along the 275-mile State Route 99 corridor. The second goal is to establish key elements, to modernize Safety Roadside Rest Areas for 21st Century travelers as well as provide safety through reduced driver fatigue. The objective is to plan and implement an initial phase for the ITS World Conference to be held in California in November, 2005. The third goal is to provide valleywide consensus among stakeholders regarding whether or not the State administration should support Interstate designation for State Route 99 in the San Joaquin Valley. The fourth goal is to help Caltrans establish a corridor theme as an economic catalyst for the San Joaquin Valley using the Great Valley Center sponsored "Highway 99 Task Force".

Previous Work Completed

Caltrans has developed the draft Route 99 Corridor Enhancement Master Plan which is intended to unify aesthetic treatments with corridor roadway improvements and establish a corridor theme. There has been wide spread support for the Master Plan. This Work Element can build upon current community and elected officials support for the Master Plan by promoting the linkage of transportation, business enhancement and job creation.

Products

- Interstate designation Summary report.
- Report to BT&H Secretary.
- Facilitate joint agency meetings.
- Final report summarizing 21st Century Rest Stop elements such as interactive kiosks, internet access, real time congestion and accident info with alternate routing suggestions.

- Completion of four Hwy 99 Corridor Task Force outreach meetings.
- Meeting materials and web site updates.
- Conduct Route 99 Corridor concurrent session at the Annual Great Valley Conference.
- Final report with recommendations for the Route 99 Corridor Theme.

Tasks

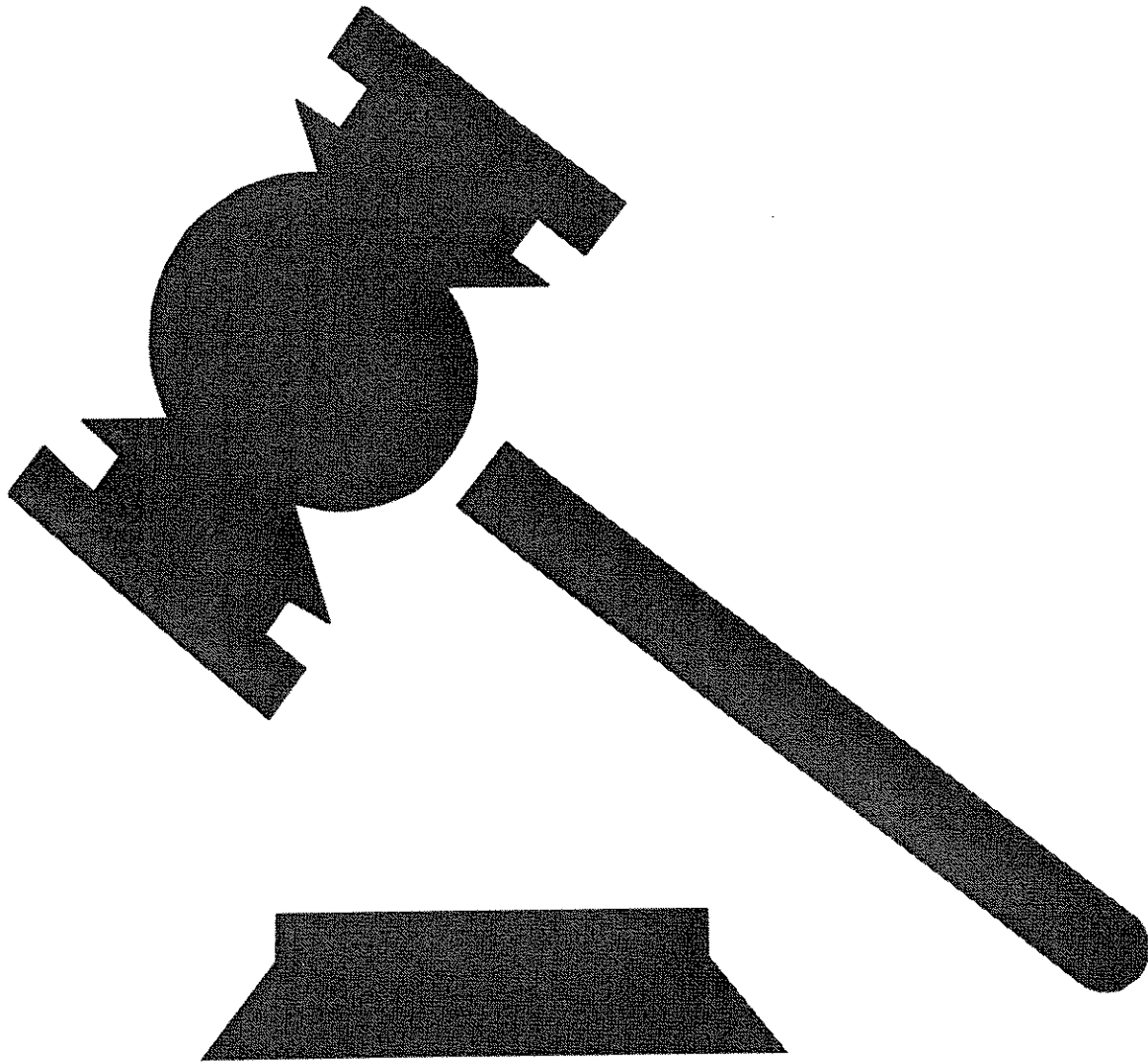
- 914.01 Facilitate Interstate 99 outreach.
- 914.02 Prepare Interstate designation report.
- 914.03 Host meetings to develop 21st Century Rest Stop.
- 914.04 Prepare 21st Century Rest Stop report/recommendations.
- 914.05 Conduct public outreach meetings.
- 914.06 Prepare outreach meeting materials.
- 914.07 Develop Route 99 Corridor concurrent session at the Annual Central Valley Conference in Sacramento.
- 914.08 Establish consensus for a Route 99 corridor theme.

914 State Route 99 Consensus Building																	914		
Task Description	C O G	C N T Y	F R E S	F A X	C L O V	O T H R	% of Work	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
914.01 Interstate 99 outreach.							20												
914.02 Interstate designation report.							15												
914.03 Develop 21 st Cent. Rest Stop.							5												
914.04 Prepare Rest Stop report							15												
914.05 Conduct pub. outreach mtgs.							5	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
914.06 Prepare outreach mtg mat.							10	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					
914.07 Rte 99 Pres @ GV Conf.							15												
914.08 Estab. cons for Rte 99 theme.							15	■	■	■	■	■	■	■					

914 State Route 99 Consensus Building

Revenues	\$\$\$\$
FTA MPO 5303	
FTA Section 5307	
FTA /TPA 5313(b)	
FHWA PL	
FHWA/STATE SB 45	
FHWA/STATE ITS	
STATE Planning & Research	18,000
STATE FSP	
COFCG LTF	
FCTA	
OTHER	4,500
Total	22,500

Expenditures	\$\$\$\$	-py-
Fresno COG		
County		
Fresno		
Clovis		
FCEOC		
Contracts	22,500	
Total	22,500	



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San Joaquin Valley
Blueprint
Planning Process

January 11, 2007

What's your vision for the future?

The San Joaquin Valley Blueprint is a chance to plan for the future of transportation and land use in the Fresno Area and the Valley.

Share Your Views

Fresno County will grow from 950,000 people today, to 1.6 million in 2050. What are your most important "quality of life" concerns?

- Should clean air and water be our focus?
- What about affordable housing or preserving farmland?
- How do we meet the transportation needs of all community members?

Your Vote Counts

At the Blueprint 2050 event we'll be using "clicker technology" to count your votes on what issues you think are most important. A facilitator will ask questions, while attendees use hand held clickers to signal their answers. The clickers will provide immediate feedback.

Today's Choices Will Affect Future Generations

Please join us for this opportunity to shape Fresno County's future. Choices today will have a tremendous impact on our children's and grandchildren's future. Be part of the Blueprint 2050 vision, and share this unique invitation with your friends, family and co-workers!

What: Blueprint 2050
Fresno Region's future vision for generations

When: Thursday, January 11, 2007
Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.
Event starts promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Where: University of California Center
550 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno CA
(Across from Fresno Fashion Fair Mall)

RSVP: smaxwell@fresnocog.org
(559) 233-4148
(Seating is limited)

Free to the public. Refreshments will be served.



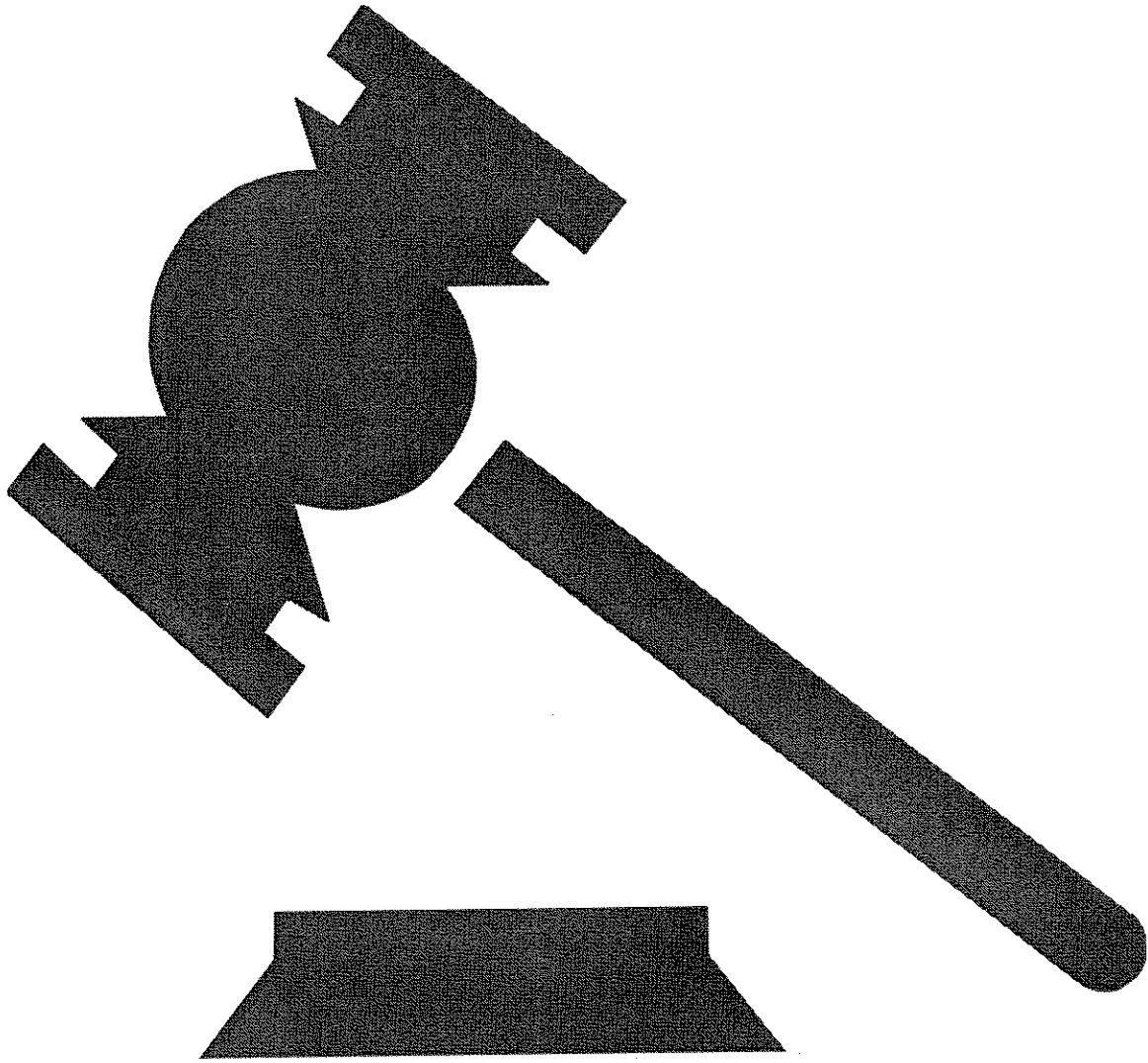
For more information on the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint visit the Fresno COG website at www.fresnocog.org

or
Phone Fresno COG staff at 559-233-4148
or

E-mail the Blueprint project manager for the Fresno region at: bjsteck@fresnocog.org

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

The Fresno COG offices and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact Fresno COG, (559) 233-4148, at least 3 days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the public meeting / public hearing. If Fresno COG is unable to accommodate an auxiliary aid or translation request for a public hearing, after receiving proper notice, the hearing will be continued on a specified date when accommodations are available.



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ONE VOICE 2007 PROJECT SCORE/RANKING

(1) The selection criterion "Transportation/Infrastructure" is excluded from the scoring because all the projects are Transportation and/or Infrastructure. (2) For the selection criterion "Project on 2006 Priority List," all the 2006 priority projects are given a score of 5=Strongly Agree and the remaining projects are given no score.

RANK		TOTAL SCORE	\$ REQUEST
1	State Route 180 Freeway Improvements	42.1292	\$5.00 M
2	Friant Corridor Road Widening	41.2500	\$3.50 M
3	State Route 180 - Temperance to Academy Ave.	40.7125	\$5.00 M
4	Golden State Corridor Ec. Dev. Infrastructure	39.8500	\$2.75 M
5	Future of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard	37.6287	Support
6	Highway 269 Bridge Project	37.4338	\$1.50 M
7	Westside Vocational Center	36.9154	\$3.00 M
8	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	36.5535	Support
9	Mendota Federal Correctional Institution	34.3897	Restore funding
10	New Central Library for Fresno County	32.4405	\$4.50 M
11	Veteran's Boulevard	32.1000	\$1.00 M
12	Recycled Water Master Plan System - Phase C	31.8354	\$2.30 M
13	Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.	30.4333	\$.45 M
14	Bethel Avenue/SR 99 Interchange realignment	29.4173	\$37.00 M
15	Southeast Corridor/Golden State Blvd. Grade Separation and Intersection Improvements	29.4042	\$29.00 M
16	Parlier Industrial Park Infrastructure	29.3372	\$2.50 M
17	Reedley Regional Sports Complex	29.1167	\$1.50 M
18	Kerman Industrial Infrastructure Extension Project	26.3869	\$.50 M

No money is requested for the projects highlighted in gray. The requests are for support of the project or the support for the restoration of project funding.

Fresno COG 2007 One Voice - Project Recommendations

Project/Bill/Account	Project Description	Project Location	Total Request	Applicant
Friant Corridor Road Widening <i>TTHUD (TCSP)</i>	Widen two- lane road to four-lane divided road with class II bicycle lanes.	Friant Rd. Copper/Millbrook Aves to Millerton Rd.	\$3,500,000	Fresno County Public Works.
Golden State Corridor Ec. Dev. Infrastructure <i>TTHUD (STP)</i>	Roadway rehabilitation, improvements and enhancements to facilitate economic development.	Golden State Boulevard through Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, and portions of Fresno Co.	\$2,750,000	Fresno County Public Works
State Route 180 - Temperance to Academy Ave. <i>TTHUD (STP)</i>	Completion of construction of the segment of SR 180 from Temperance to Academy	Southeast Fresno County	\$5,000,000	City of Sanger
Highway 269 Bridge Project <i>TTHUD (STP)</i>	Build a 500 foot bridge across the Arroyo Pasajero Creek	City of Huron	\$1,500,000	I-5 Business Development Corridor
Westside Vocational Center <i>TTHUD (ED)</i>	Build a 20,000 sq. ft flexible vocational facility to provide trade skills training to low income area of county.	City of Mendota	\$3,000,000	I-5 Business Development Corridor
Recycled Water Master Plan System – Phase C <i>Interior (EPA-STAG)</i>	Complete build-out of main water transmission lines. Developed in 5 phases – Total Cost - \$35 million	City of Clovis	\$2,300,000	City of Clovis
The following projects are considered more policy oriented:				
Future of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard <i>Defense (Authorization)</i>	To assign F-15 aircraft to the 144th Fighter Wing to replace the F-16 dated to expire in the year 2012.	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	\$0	City of Fresno
Fresno Yosemite International Airport <i>DHS (Authorization)</i>	Establish FYI as an international Port of Entry (POE) with the US Dept. of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection Agency (CBP)	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	\$0	City of Fresno - Dept. of Airports
Mendota Federal Correctional Institution <i>(Byrne-JAG)</i>	Completion of correctional institution	City of Mendota	Restoration of \$87,000,000	City of Mendota



County of Fresno

CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUPERVISOR PHIL LARSON – DISTRICT ONE

December 6, 2006

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Reconsideration of Veteran's Boulevard Diagonal for COG 2007 "One Voice" Project List

Dear Ms. Goodwin:

As approved by our Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006, Fresno County respectfully requests the Council of Fresno County Governments to reconsider including the Veteran's Boulevard Diagonal project on the 2007 "One Voice" project list.

The Veteran's Boulevard Diagonal project consists of a diagonal connection between Herndon Avenue and Grantland Road in northwest Fresno. The proposal is for the creation of a four lane arterial and overpass that traverses the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, Golden State Boulevard and State Route 99.

Currently there exists only a two lane road under State Route 99 that connects Grantland to Golden State Boulevard and to Herndon Avenue. This underpass was created at a time in which this portion of the County was predominately rural and served this area well for many years. There is significant traffic congestion at the under-crossing of State Route 99. This congestion has been compounded by the recent urbanization in the north-western quarter of the County and City of Fresno that is expanding along the Herndon corridor. The closest fully improved over-crossing is at Ashlan Avenue, which is three miles south of the proposed project.

The Veterans Boulevard Diagonal project is critical for proper traffic circulation from west of State Route 99 to east of State Route 99.

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors requests the COG TTC/PAC (Technical Transportation Committee/Policy Advisory Committee on December 8, 2006) and the COG Board (on December 14, 2006) gives serious reconsideration to adding the Veteran's Boulevard Diagonal project to the 2007 "One Voice" project list.

Sincerely

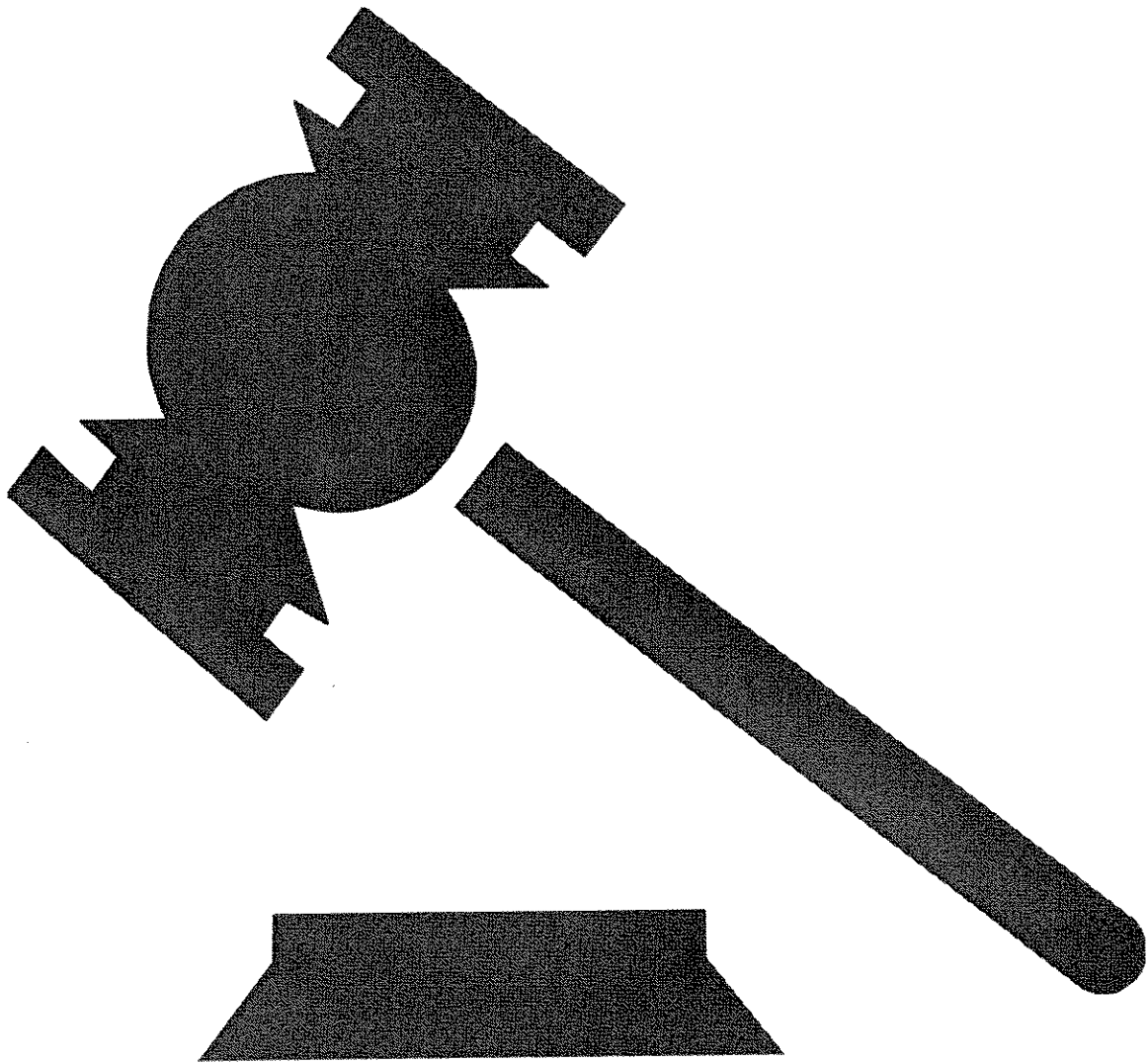
Phil Larson, Chairman

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BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-43

In the Matter of:)
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REIMBURSEMENT)
POLICY)
_____)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR ELECTED
AND APPOINTED LEGISLATIVE BODY
OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, appointed legislative body officials include board members, and other volunteer members of boards, committees and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments finds it is in the best interest of their member agencies that elected and appointed officials remain informed and trained in activities and developments affecting their cities and the agency; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments takes its stewardship over the use of its limited public resources seriously; and

WHEREAS, legislative and other regional, state and federal agency business and information is frequently shared over meals and sharing a meal with regional, state and federal officials is often the best opportunity for a more extensive, focused and uninterrupted communication about policy concerns; and

WHEREAS, public resources should only be used when there is a substantial benefit to member agencies; and

WHEREAS, such benefits include:

- a. The opportunity to discuss the community's concerns with the state and federal officials;
- b. Participating in regional, state, national and international organizations whose activities affect the member agencies;
- c. Attending education seminars designed to improve officials' skills and information levels;
- d. Promoting public service and morale by recognizing such service; and

WHEREAS, the attached Policy is designed to provide guidance to elected and appointed legislative body officials on the use and expenditure of public resources, as well as the standards against which those expenditures will be measured, all in compliance with the requirements of AB 1234 (Government Code § 53232.2, 53233.3).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG hereby approves the Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy (Attachment A) for elected and appointed officials which will take effect immediately upon adoption.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 14th day of December, 2006.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14th day of December, 2006.

Signed: _____
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

Attachment A

Public Resources and Ethics Training Policy

The purpose of this policy is to implement and comply with Assembly Bill 1234 requiring adoption of Reimbursement Policy and Ethics Training for Local Agency and City Officials, and Key employees. It also supplements the definition of actual and necessary expenses for the purposes of state laws relating to permissible uses of public resources.

The Council of Fresno County Governments, hereafter referred to as Fresno COG, takes its stewardship over the use of its limited public resources seriously. Public resources should only be used when there is substantial benefit to the sixteen members who form the voluntary association of local governments known as the Council of Fresno County Governments.

Such benefits include:

- The opportunity to discuss the community's concerns with state and federal officials.
- Participating in regional, state and national organizations whose activities affect the agency.
- Attending educational seminars designed to improve skills and information levels.
- Promote public service and morale by recognizing such service.

This policy provides guidance to elected and appointed board members on the use and expenditure of resources as well as the standards against which those expenditures will be measured.

Authorized Expenses:

Meetings, Conferences and Travel

- Conference registrations will be made at the early conference rate when available.
- Lodging expense for those meetings and conferences that benefit Fresno COG will be reimbursed or paid for when travel on official Fresno COG business reasonably requires an overnight stay.
- If lodging is in connection with a conference, lodging expenses must not exceed the group rate published by the conference sponsor for the meeting in question. If the group rate is not available, government rate must be requested when available.
- Automobile mileage is reimbursed at the Internal Revenue Service rate presently in effect. For 2006, the rate is 44.5 cents per mile. These rates are designed to compensate the driver for gasoline, insurance, maintenance and other expenses associated with operating the vehicle. This amount does not include tolls, which are reimbursable.

- Reimbursable meal expenses and associated gratuities will not exceed the Fresno COG adopted policy on meals while traveling.
- All travel arrangements must be made by the finance department of Fresno COG to ensure compliance with AB1234 legislation.

Examples of personal expenses that Fresno COG will not reimburse include, but are not limited to:

- The personal portion of any trip.
- Political or charitable contributions or events.
- Family expenses, including partner's expenses when accompanying official on agency related business, as well as children related expenses.
- Entertainment expenses, including theater, movies (either in-room or at the theater), sporting events or other cultural events.
- Non-mileage personal automobile expenses, including repairs, traffic citations, insurance or gasoline.
- Personal losses while on Fresno COG business.

All expense reimbursement requests must be submitted on an expense report form provided by Fresno COG. Expense reports must document that the expense in question met the requirements of this policy. Expense requests must be submitted within 30 days of an expense being incurred with receipts documenting each expense. Restaurant receipts, in addition to any credit card receipts, are also part of the necessary documentation.

Any questions regarding the propriety of a particular type of expense should be resolved by the approving authority before the expense is incurred.

Meetings and service subject to stipends:

Fresno COG board members attending the monthly board meeting held on the 4th Thursday of the month will receive a \$50 stipend for attendance.

Credit Card Use Policy:

Fresno COG does not issue credit cards to employees or board members but does have agency credit cards to be used to facilitate travel expense such as:

- Airline tickets for Fresno COG meeting and conference travel.
- Hotel reservations for meeting and conferences.
- Meals while traveling on Fresno COG business.

The credit card will be checked out from the finance department and receipts documenting expenses incurred on the Fresno COG credit card must be submitted to the

finance department along with the card at the end of the each trip. The Fresno COG credit cards may not be used for personal expenses.

Compliance with Laws:

Fresno COG board members and employees should keep in mind that some expenditures may be subject to reporting under the Political Reform Act and other laws. All agency expenditures are public records subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

Violation of This Policy:

Penalties for misuse of public resources or falsifying expense reports in violation of expense reporting policies may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Loss of reimbursement privileges.
- Demand for restitution.
- The agency's reporting the expenses as income to the board member to state and federal authorities.
- Civil penalties for misuse of public resources, pursuant to Section 8314
- Prosecution for misuse of public resources, pursuant to Section 424 of the Penal Code.

Ethics Training:

All Fresno COG Board Members shall receive two hours of training in general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to public service within one year of hiring/election/ or appointment to the board and at least once every two years thereafter, pursuant to Government Code Sections 53234 through 53235.2.

This policy shall also apply to all staff members that the COG Policy Board designates are subject.

All ethics training shall be provided by entities whose curricula has been approved by the California Attorney General and the Fair Political Commission and training participants shall obtain proof of participation after completing the ethics training.

Fresno COG shall maintain records indicating both the dates the participants completed the ethics training and the name of the entity that provided the training. These records shall be maintained for at least five years and are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Board members receiving training to meet compliance within their Cities and/or other Public Agencies can provide Fresno COG with a copy of their proof of participation which will be kept on file as proof of training.

Memorandum

To: Fresno Cog Board Members

From: Les Beshears, Finance Director

Subject: AB1234 Mandatory Ethics Training Requirements

Date: November 9, 2006

A new law effective January 1, 2006 requires specified local officials to receive two hours of ethics training. For those officials who were in service as of January 1, 2006 the deadline for receiving the first round of training is January 1, 2007. The requirement applies to local officials who either receive compensation for their service to the city or are reimbursed for their expenses.

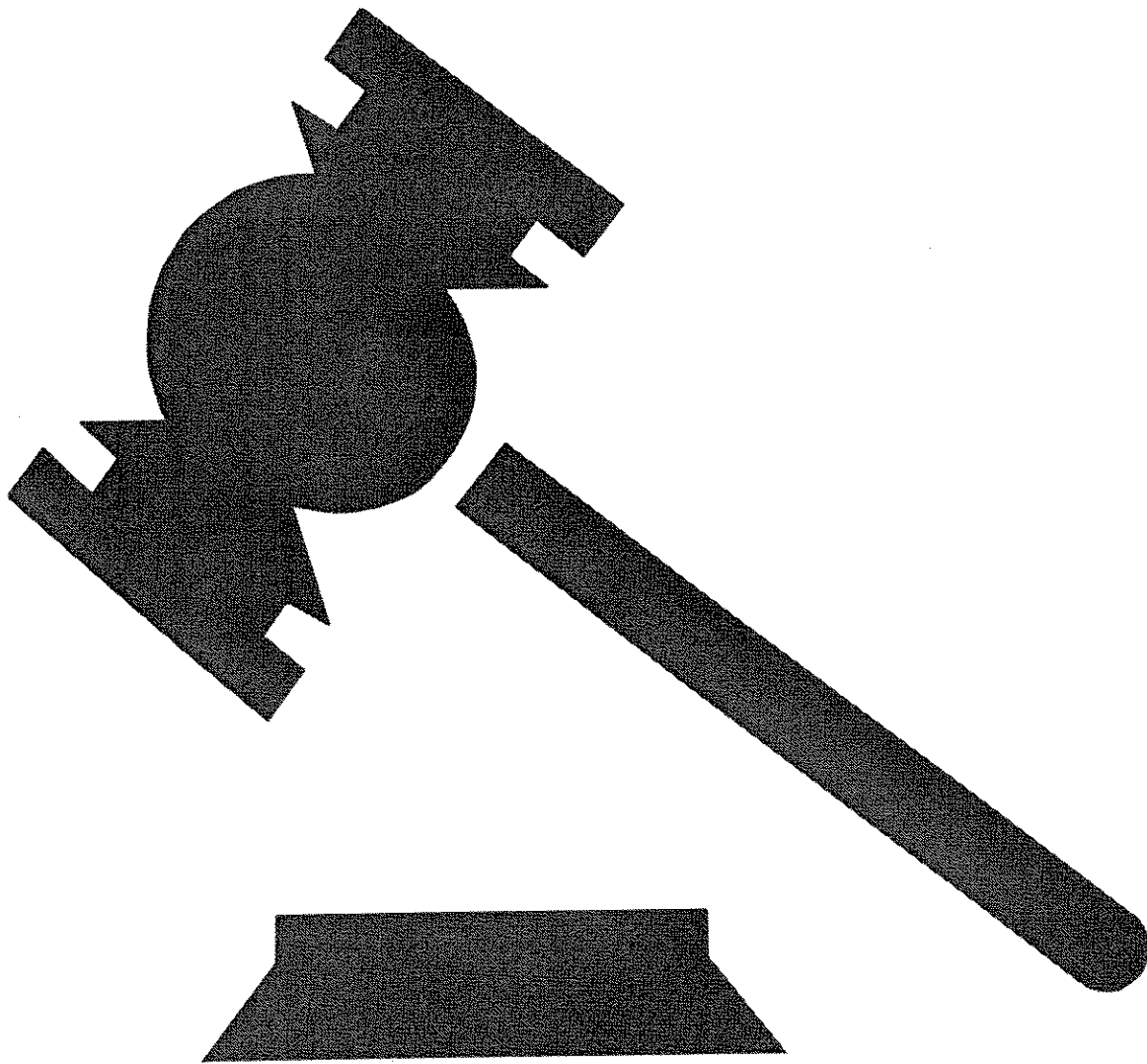
The training must cover both ethics laws and ethics principles. There are a number of options for complying with this requirement.

- Self-study materials are available at www.ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance. The materials require that you read two articles on public service ethics laws and principles, take a self assessment test and then submit it to the Institute for Local Government with a processing fee. The Institute will review your test, provide you the correct answers to the questions and a proof of participation certificate.
- Regional and statewide training opportunities include those offered by the League of California Cities whose options are described on their website listed above.
- Free On-line Ethics Training Course provided at www.caag.state.ca.us/ethics the website of the Attorney General, State of California, Department of Justice.

Once you receive your proof of participation in the required AB 1234 training, please make a copy of the certificate for your records and provide the original to the Fresno COG. If you have already taken training to satisfy compliance for your city and/or public agency, Fresno COG will accept that copy of your certification of training. These records will be retained as public records for at least five years.

As with all ethics laws, AB 1234 creates a minimum for ethics education, not a maximum. We encourage you to take advantage of additional training in ethics related topics and document those efforts as well.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact my office.



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AGENDA ITEM VI. G.

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-44

In the Matter of:)
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SUPPORTING)
APPOINTMENT TO)
California Air Resources Board)
_____)

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
THE APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR
JUDY CASE TO THE CALIFORNIA AIR
RESOURCES BOARD

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) supports the appointment of Supervisor Judy Case to the California Air Resources Board ("ARB") as the representative from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board ("SJVAPCD"); and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Case has served on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board from 1999 to 2004 and served as Chairman of the Board in 2004. Supervisor Case was reappointed as the Fresno County representative on the SJVAPCD in July 2006; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Case is a registered nurse with a strong background in air-quality issues. Supervisor Case's proven track record of balancing the need for improving air quality with economic stability in the valley brings an objective approach to the ARB; and

WHEREAS, during Supervisor Case's time on the SJVAPCD Governing Board, there have been tremendous strides made in cleaning the Valley's air, even during a time of explosive population growth, and as there are still many challenges ahead; and

WHEREAS, during Supervisor Case's term as Chairman of the District Board, the largest U.S. study of particulate matter and ozone formation was initiated by the SJVAPCD. This information is critical to continuing efforts to improve air quality in California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno COG respectfully supports and recommends the appointment of Supervisor Judy Case to the California Air Resources Board as the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District representative. Supervisor Case's healthcare background and passion for clean air make her the appropriate choice for this appointment.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 14th day of December, 2006.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

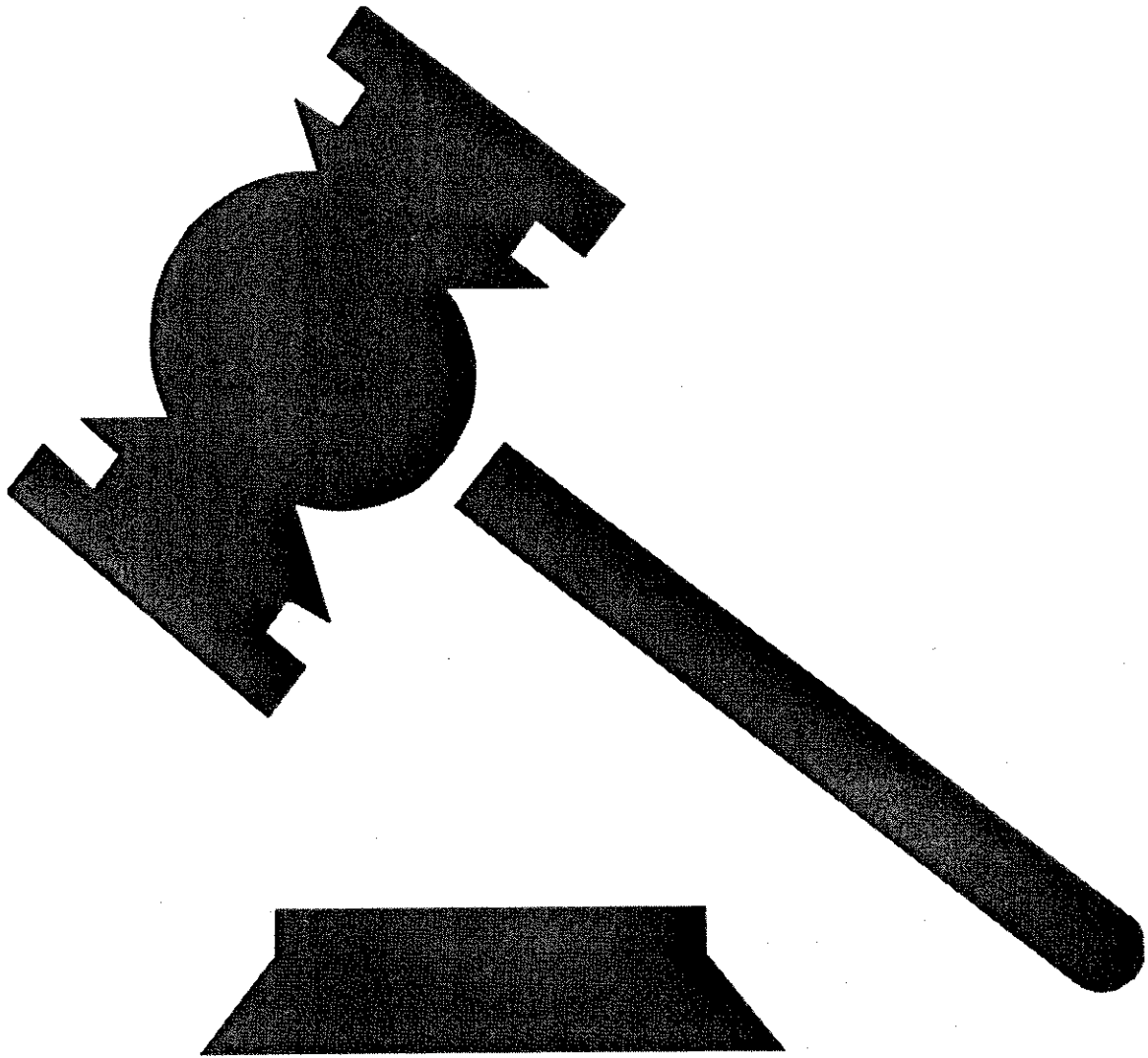
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

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Signed: _____
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director



TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 4, 2006

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Ms. Goodwin,

On June 24, 2005 the Governor signed Executive Order S-5-05 establishing the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. On November 28, 2006 the Governor signed Executive Order S-22-06 reestablishing the Partnership. The purpose of this memo is to clarify the membership process outlined in the order. As stated, the local government members shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of elected local officials submitted by each of the eight Councils of Government (COGs) from the following counties: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and without compensation.

I am requesting that each of the county COGs submit the list of elected local official nominees to include mayors, members of county boards of supervisors or city councils to: Governor's Office, Appointments Unit, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. Please submit the list no later than December 22, 2006. All nominees are required to complete the appointments application prepared by the Governor's office. It is available on the Governor's website at <http://www.governor.ca.gov>.

The appointees will be required to attend each meeting of the committee. For assistance with this process, please contact Julie Benevedes-Menzes in the Fresno Office of the Governor at 559-445-5295.

Sincerely,

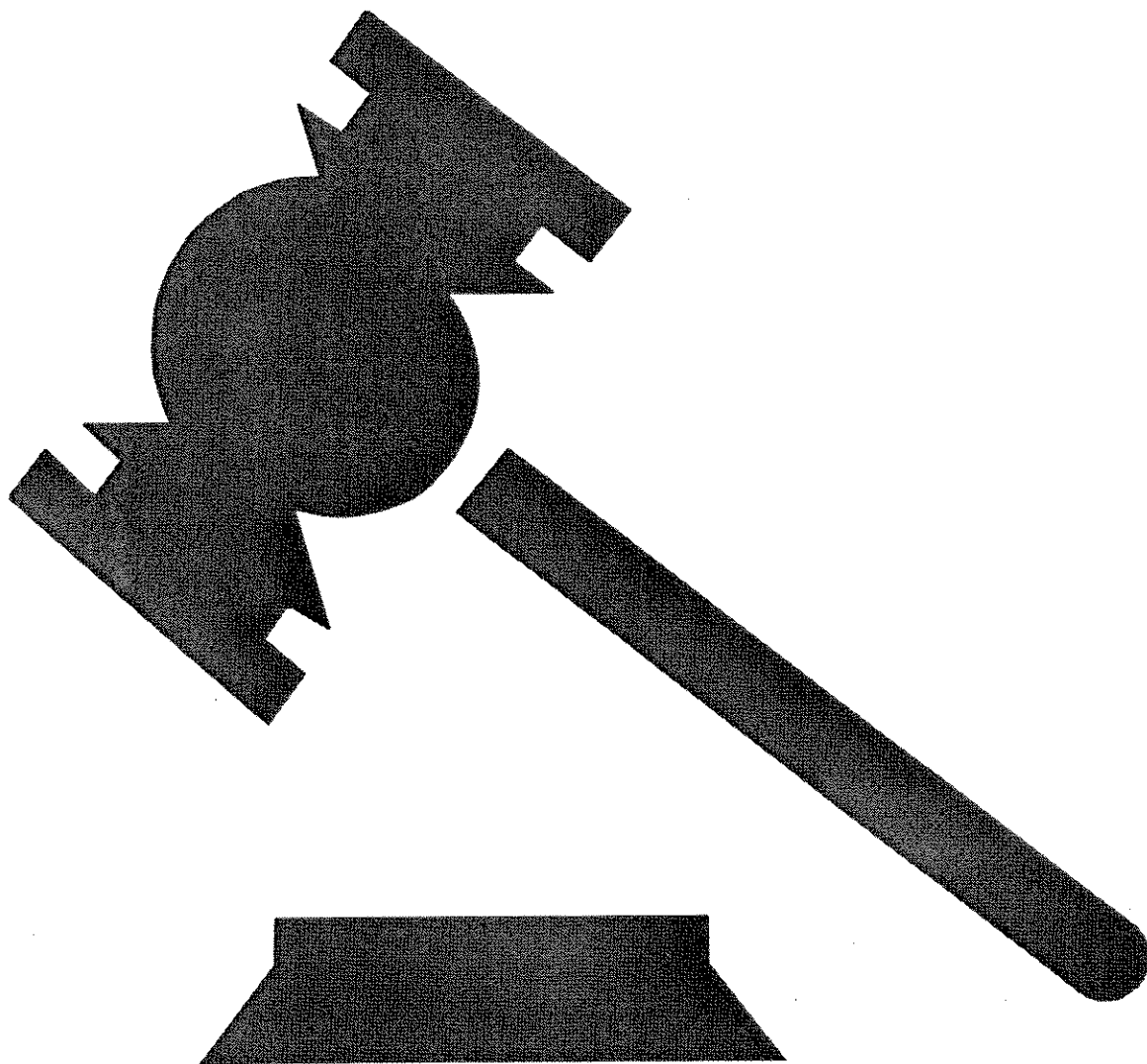
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy A. Simon".

Timothy Alan Simon
Appointments Secretary

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*ABANDONED VEHICLE
ABATEMENT PROGRAM*

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FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

November 9, 2006

Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle
Abatement Service Authority

Via

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments
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RE: Code Enforcement Tracking Database

The Firebaugh Police Department has purchased the Code Enforcement database software from Gary Bufkin, Computer Consultant specifically for the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program. The cost of the database is \$7,500.00, which will be shared by Code Enforcement, which is the Fire Chief who also does abatement of abandoned vehicles.

The City of Firebaugh is requesting that \$5,000.00 be reimbursed as an equipment purchase under the AVA Program. This database will allow us to better track vehicle abatements, necessary letters and notices that are generated by this database to owners, and generate reports for internal or external purchases. This amount is two-thirds (2/3) of the total amount and the other one-third (1/3) will be shared by Code Enforcement for tracking of other city code violations. The database can easily be integrated with other departments (building, etc) in the future.

The database is tremendously assisting the police department in conducting and ensuring accurate reporting and tracking. The police department is the department responsible for all reporting purposes to Fresno County COG – AVA Program.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (559) 659-3051.

Respectfully,

Elsa Lopez
Chief of Police
Firebaugh Police Department

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