

***TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE***

***CONSENT ITEMS
AGENDA ITEMS II. A-D***



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TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2007
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Renee Mathis, City of Clovis (Chair)
Janet Dailey, Fresno County
Ken Okereke, Caltrans
Jeffrey D. Webster, FCRTA
Gary Joseph, FCEOC
Scott Mozier, City of Fresno
Stan Nakagawa, Fresno County

Nicholas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Gary Gonzalez, City of Fresno
John Donaldson, LWVF
Bret Giannietta, BIA
Darrell Unruh, City of Fresno Planning
Debbie Hunsaker, Fresno Chamber

Others Attending:

Dennis Manning, FARRC
Moses Stites, Caltrans
Devon Jones, EDC
J. Patrick Sweeney, Central Transit Dev. Corp.
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Renee DeVere, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG

Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Jason Paukovits, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Dottie Wright, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order by Renee Mathis (Clovis) Chair.

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

There were no public presentations.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and may 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. Executive Minutes of January 10, 2007 | Approve |
| B. 2006-07 Transportation Funding Claim – City of Fresno,
Resolution 2007-03 | Approve |
| C. Tranny Awards – Call for Nominations | Information |
| D. Initiation of 2007 Unmet Transit Needs Process | Information |
| E. 511 Feasibility Assessment | Information |
| F. California High Speed Rail Update | Information |

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

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| G. 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Status Report | Information |
| H. Monthly Legislative Update | Information |
| I. Preliminary Transportation Development Act and Measure C Fund Estimates | Approve |

For a complete summary of these items please see the February 7, 2007 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Stan Nakagawa (Fresno County) and seconded by Nick Paladino (Fresno Cycling) to approve the Consent Items as requested. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Later in the meeting John Donaldson (LWVF) called attention to Item F. – California High Speed Rail Update, suggesting that we need to let the Governor know that we are opposed to his cut in funding in the State budget for the High Speed Rail Authority Board and its activities.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Resolution 2007-04, PUBLIC HEARING: 2-22-07

Renee Devere (COG) reported that this amendment is a request by Caltrans, the City of Fresno, and Fresno COG to modify the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), the region's capital improvement program. The amendment incorporates changes to the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP), 5310 (transit) Program, Transportation Enhancement Program (TE), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ). Program changes include:

- 1.) SHOPP Program:
 - Caltrans Project FRE071007: This modification adds funds into the Lump-sum SHOPP-Roadway Preservation Category and advances a pavement preservation project from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 08/09 to 06/07.
 - Caltrans Project FRE071010: This modification adds funds into the Lump-sum SHOPP-Collision Reduction Category for Panoche Creek Bridge, a new FFY 06/07 project.
- 2.) 5310 Program (transit):
 - Addition of Caltrans awarded 5310 projects into FFY 07/08. Fresno County Economics Opportunities Commission and WestCare California Projects FRE071601-071610 were selected funding recipients. Funds will be toward vehicle purchases.
- 3.) CMAQ Program:
 - City of Kingsburg project FRE070115: Technical correction to the placement of local funds in the State's database.
 - Fresno Area Express project FRE070122: Technical correction to insert local funds in the State's database.
- 4.) TE Program:
 - City of Fresno project FRE041810: Addition of Preliminary Engineering funds into FFY 06/07. These funds were allocated by the California Transportation Commission in a prior year.

The following projects have all been advanced using Fresno COG's Expedite Project Selection Procedures (EPSP). These projects are included for information purposes in Amendment 5.

- City of Fresno TE project FRE041814: Construction was advanced on their McKenzie Trail project.

- City of Fresno TE project FRE041810: Construction was advanced on their Santa Fe Depot project.
- City of Clovis CMAQ project FRE020106: Construction was advanced on their traffic signal synchronization.

A motion was made by Janet Dailey (Fresno County) and seconded by Nick Paladino (Fresno Cycling) to recommend approval of Formal Amendment No. 5 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program by the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-04. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Foothill Highway/Freeway/Alternative Modes, Resolution 2007-05

Tony Boren (COG) reported on this item. Elected officials from Fresno and Madera County, as well as Clovis, and staff from the City of Fresno, Fresno and Madera COGs as well as other city and county planning agency staff, recently met to talk about issues of commonality between Fresno and Madera County. The meeting was part of the Blueprint coordinating activities, and the idea of further collaborating across County lines was well received. In fact they desire to meet regularly and include other counties as well. One part of the discussion turned to the eventual need to at least discuss and study the need for a north-south corridor on the more eastern side of our Valley by 2050 as part of the Blueprint evaluation. They asked that this topic be raised at each of the COGs, so that a request to Caltrans could be made to resume an evaluation of that corridor. Included in your package is a draft resolution that could be referred to each COG member agency for consideration of the issue. The projected population of the Valley by 2050 (almost 8 million) is a pressing consideration for this evaluation and the information it may provide to our Blueprint and General Plan processes. [GOODWIN]

Nick Paladino (Fresno Cycling) requested clarification on the approval of the resolution. Mr. Boren explained this is a resolution approving that member agencies support the "study concept" not the consideration of SR 65 per se. John Wright further explained that it is a known fact that SR 99 cannot handle the projected capacity and SR 65 would be an alternate route.

With this clarification, a motion was made by Jeffrey Webster (FCRTA) and seconded by Debbie Hunsaker (Chamber) to recommend approving Resolution 2007-05 and referring it out to our members for their action. A vote was called for and the motion carried. A more detailed staff report (between the COGs and Caltrans) will be made available prior to the Resolution being sent to members for consideration.

C. Draft 2007-08 Overall Work Program and Budget

Tony Boren (COG) called attention to a summary memo and the draft 2007-08 Overall Work Program (OWP) which were handed out at the meeting. He reviewed the information and explained this distribution of this draft OWP begins the review and comment period with adoption expected in May. The Intermodal Planning Group, the federal and state agency review committee, is scheduled to meet on March 21, 2007 from 9:30 to 12 Noon to review the OWP. [BOREN]

A motion was made by John Wright (Clovis) and seconded by Stan Nakagawa (Fresno County) to initiate the 45-day review process. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update

Barbara Steck (COG) reported that COG staff and Blueprint outreach consultants have concluded several months of community outreach in an effort to learn what values the general public considers important regarding future growth. A list of those values was included in the packet as well as a summary of the workshop outcomes. While those attending the January 11th community workshop prioritized the values, those priorities cannot be generalized to the county at large. For this reason our Blueprint process will be addressing all of the values identified as we move forward. These values will be translated into a vision statement with related goals, objectives and measurable outcomes. As we noted from the start, we will request Policy Board approval for each of the three major phases of the project. [STECK]

The Blueprint Roundtable also recommended approval of the "status quo" growth scenario modeled by COG staff. The "status quo" scenario (sent out as an addendum to this agenda) depicts a generalized picture of what growth will look like the year 2050 if we continue today's development patterns.

A motion was made by Debbie Hunsaker (Chamber) and seconded by Scott Mozier (Fresno) to recommend approval to move forward with the values that have been identified through community outreach process and the "status quo" growth scenario modeled by COG staff. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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

Barbara Steck (COG) reported that the Fresno COG's 2007 "One Voice" delegation will be in Washington D.C. February 10th – 15th. The group will include 34 members this year who will be lobbying for nine regional priority projects. Sponsors have donated \$16,250 this year, which will go a long way toward covering our expenses for "One Voice". The group will return on February 15th and will give a report at the February 16th Policy Advisory Committee meeting. [STECK]

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

F. AB 27 -- The San Joaquin Valley Partnership (Parra)

Renee DeVere (COG) reported on this item. Existing law authorizes two or more public agencies, including any federal department, state or local agency, to enter into an agreement for the purpose of exercising any power common to the contracting parties for specified purposes, including, acquiring or constructing specified public facilities and improvements.

This bill would, from January 1, 2009, to January 1, 2020, create the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, composed of the heads of specified state agencies and departments, local government members and private sector members, subject to specified criteria, to coordinate and improve existing local, state, and federal efforts for the valley to increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley.

The bill would also require the partnership to request that the 8 economic development coordinators of the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare serve as an advisory committee to the partnership and make a specified report to the partnership and the Legislature by no later than June 1, 2009, and annually thereafter. The bill would also require the partnership to meet at least quarterly and to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of a strategic action plan developed by the partnership, and report annually on its activities and proposals to the Governor and the Legislature. The bill would require the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to create a Web page accessible on the Internet for the partnership, as specified.

History and Overview:

The latest version of Assembly Bill (AB) 27 is dated December 6, 2006. AB 27 originated out of AB 31 from the 2006 session. The extension of the bill was a result of discussion between Parra's staff and the Governor. The Governor agreed to extend the bill by two years and staff anticipates formalization of the bill to be a two year process. Development of AB 27 is on going and Parra staff has meetings planned and scheduled with the San Joaquin Valley Partnership and the Valley COGs in the coming months. Within AB 27 text there are many blanks; Parra staff will be using these blanks as the points of discussion and negotiation over the next two years. Specifics to be addressed are the composition of the Partnership and the appointment process. The overall purpose of the bill is to keep the San Joaquin Valley Partnership going. This would be accomplished by getting the Partnership into statute and allowing for the provision of future budget appropriations. The Partnership is viewed as a model that works, and AB27 is an effort to insure that it continues. [DEVERE]

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

G. 2007 Sacramento "One Voice" Update

Renee DeVere (COG) explained that COG, along with California Consulting is in the process of planning the Sacramento "One Voice" trip this quarter. We will be in Sacramento March 12-14 to promote projects of regional importance.

Scott Mozier (Fresno) questioned whether there is a grade separation category under Proposition 1B and whether that can be made part of the request. Ms. DeVere will work with Mr. Mozier to try to include this request. Dennis Manning (FARRC) also wished to emphasize the need to reconsider a higher level of funding for high speed rail.

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

H. Measure "C" Update

Tony Boren (COG) reported that Fresno COG has initiated meetings with member agency staff and Authority staff to identify specific needs, resources and work required to develop the implementation plan for the voter-approved Measure C Expenditure Plan. As we progress in our work we will provide status reports to all committees. Our mutual goals are to move quickly to develop the implementation plan, but some elements will necessarily take longer than others.

Attention was also called to a handout of the exit poll presentation and accompanying maps that were presented to former members of the Measure C Steering Committee on February 2.

Included in the package was the application form for the Citizen Oversight Committee, which must be formed within 6 months of the passage of Measure C. It is anticipated that the selection of the 13 member committee will occur on April 26, 2007. Notices regarding the availability of the application form are being sent out and formally published in newspapers countywide. [GOODWIN]

John Wright (Clovis) initiated a discussion regarding Transportation Impact Mitigation Fees. He feels the individual agencies need to discuss the issues and know what the fees are paying for. A plan regarding fees needs to look at all modes. Tony Boren (COG) responded that the Freeway Deficiency Study will have a relationship to this question and may be discussed at those meetings.

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

I. Report of January California Transportation Commission Actions

Tony Boren reported that the California Transportation Commission was scheduled to take up many bond topics at its Jan 31/Feb 1 meeting including: Corridor Mobility Improvement Account, the State Route 99 Bond, and the Traffic Congestion Relief Program. Deputy Director Tony Boren attended the meetings and will provide a verbal update of pertinent issues. [BOREN]

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

J. Caltrans Monthly Report

Ken Okereke (Caltrans) provided an update on Caltrans activities as follows:

- CMIA: Caltrans submitted a list of co-nominated projects that had a due date of 1/16/07. CTC is scheduled to release staff recommendations by 2/16/07, hold special public meeting on 2/20/07, and take action by 2/28/07 during their meeting at New Port Beach.
- On the Route 99 Bond front, the recommended project is the 6-lane widening from Ashland to Avenue 7.
- **Projects under construction:** Route 99 between Kingsburg and Selma is on schedule for completion by October 2007. Due to construction, posted speed is 55 mph. CHP is stepping up enforcement due to accident/safety concerns.
- Demonstration projects: There is an agreement with the Cities of Kingsburg and Selma to stencil and sandblast the concrete median along their respective Route 99 corridors with figurines to reflect local community identities.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Tony Boren reported that the following seed grant proposals were coming forward:

- Metro-Rural Loop Feasibility Study
- Farmland Conservation Model Program

At last month's meeting, PAC requested that the ability to review the concept proposals if they are selected by The Partnership to move forward.

B. Items from Members

There were no additional items from members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



TONY BOREN, Deputy Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

Council of Fresno County Governments
Second Quarter Progress Report for FY 2006-07
Ending December 31, 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:

- Continued participation 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.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors Association Model Coordinating Committee (MCC) and Programming Coordination Group (CPG) [DEVERE]

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. Held initial kick-off meeting for the Truck Model project.
- 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. [BITNER]

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 [BITNER]

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 cent local sales tax in conjunction with other federal, state and local highway funding.

Accomplishments:

- Fresno COG continues to work with FCTA staff on development of the final Measure “C” Expenditure Plan. COG staff anticipates taking the final Expenditure Plan to the COG Policy Board for approval in March 2007. [BOREN]

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:

- Obtained 78% voter approval for Measure “C” Reauthorization which went to voters on November 7, 2006.
- Reconvened Measure “C” Steering Committee to begin process of developing Strategic Plan for expenditure of Measure “C” revenues collected after July 1, 2007. [BOREN]

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. Held initial kick-off meeting to get the project underway. [BOREN/BITNER]

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.
- Surveyed local jurisdictions in conformance with statute to gather information regarding local government infrastructure, housing market and other local conditions that could influence the distribution of the regional housing need.
- The COG Policy Board at its meeting on December 14, 2006 approved the Housing Construction Need number of 52,142 units for Fresno County and initiated the 60-day public comment period of the proposed allocation methodology. [THOMPSON]

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 Councils 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.
- Met with Fresno Bee editorial board to inform them of SJV Blueprint planning process.
- Filmed two promotional spots at Comcast Cable Television.
- Conducted approximately 20 meetings with stakeholder groups, held "Road Show" at the Big Fresno Fair, held outreach efforts at shopping centers, community colleges, and with community groups resulting in the collection of over 1500 survey responses.
- Made presentations to all COG member agencies (15 cities and County of Fresno) providing update on Blueprint progress and encouraging participation in community workshop.
- Formed Steering Committee for Blueprint Roundtable to address pressing tasks
- Attended Blueprint Learning Network in Anaheim with 6 member team.
- Attended Lincoln Institute workshop at Cal Poly regarding Blueprint outreach activities.
- Worked with planning director to establish a Valleywide Blueprint Professional Review Panel that will interface with the BRAC and Valleywide Blueprint Coordinating Committee
- Attended the first meeting of the BRAC in Modesto.
- Coordinated with the SJV Partnership staff to define the interface of the Partnership, the Blueprint and the BRAC.
- Provided ongoing project management for Fresno Blueprint activities. [STECK]

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.
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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 (LVAI) 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.
- Recommended options to LVAI regarding sub consultants, one of whom they hired.
- The project commenced with the understanding that they must complete all activities on time as there would be no extensions.
- Project is moving forward as indicated in progress reports and invoices. [STECK]

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. [BITNER]

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:

- The Public and Staff celebrated the successful passage of the Measure C ½ cent sales tax initiative in November, after an eighteen month public process. The Measure will provide funding for rural service expansion over the next twenty years.
- The staffs of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies prepared and completed their respective sections of the *2005-2006 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report*. The Fresno COG's Social Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the draft report on December 5th. The Council recommendations were recorded for inclusion in the Final Draft document to be circulated, and accepted by the Fresno COG Policy Board during its meeting on December 14, 2006.
- The Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council will begin its annual "Unmet Transit Needs" process during the Third Quarter. Mass mailings have been sent to nearly 600 interested individuals and parties of record. Three community outreach meeting will be scheduled in February for the Eastern, Central, and Western areas of Fresno County to further facilitate public comments.
- Staff will begin its preparation of the updated *Short Range Transit Plan* for the Fresno County Rural Area during the Third Quarter. [WEBSTER]

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.

- Presented to the COG Committees and Policy Board during the October cycle of meetings an article titled “Why Your Community Needs Its Airport.”

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.
- Issued a call for projects during the October cycle of meetings for Bicycle Transportation Account funding. Applications were due to Caltrans District 6 Local Assistance by December 1, 2006.

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 a meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee in Hanford on November 9, 2006. Primary agenda items at this meeting included a presentation on the California Operation Lifesaver program and discussion of the potential for passenger rail service on the UP corridor between Merced and Bakersfield. 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 January 11, 2007 in Bakersfield.
- Conducted a meeting of the Fresno COG Rail Committee on November 8, 2006. The primary agenda item was a workshop on the development of a Strategic Business Plan for the (Amtrak) San Joaquin Rail Corridor. The intent of the Plan is to chart the course for the future development of the San Joaquin Corridor based on the goals and priorities established during the planning process.
- Presented an item to the COG Committees and Policy Board during the December cycle of meetings regarding vacancies on the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board. The Policy Board recommended the appointment of Leland Bergstrom, Mayor of Kingsburg, to serve on the Authority Board.
- 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.
[THOMPSON]

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.

- 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.
- Continued coordination with San Joaquin Valley TPAs for Valley-wide Chapter. [BOREN/DEVERE]

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. [PAUKOVITS]

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.
- Continued work with the Air District on implementation of the Indirect Source Review (ISR) Rule.
- Continued work on development of Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) process for the 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP).
- Developed conformity analysis procedures for the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).
- Co-hosted Diesel Retrofit Funding Forum with EPA. [PAUKOVITS]

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/maintain a financially constrained transportation improvement program.
- Correspondence with Agency staff and Caltrans regarding delivery/preparation of the Obligation Plan for FFY 2006/07.
- Development and posting of the Annual listing of projects.
- The 2007 FTIP was adopted by the COG Policy Board July 20, 2006 and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on October 2, 2006. COG staff continues intergovernmental coordination and public notification for all formal amendments to the FTIP.
 - Formal Amendment 1 to the FTIP was approved on November 30, 2006 by FHWA.
 - Formal Amendment 2 to the FTIP was approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board on December 14, 2006. [BOREN/DEVERE]

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 the 2007 “One Voice” scheduled February 10-15, 2007.
- Continue to work with eight Valley COGs on project management of SJV Blueprint.
- Engage in second round of meetings with all member agencies at their policy board meetings.
- Staff continues involvement/collaboration on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects of local, valley-wide, and State interest. [BOREN/DEVERE/STECK]

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.

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 staff public outreach presentations throughout October and the first part of November 2006 as requested
 - Updated content on the Measure C section of Fresno COG's new website
 - 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 and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint
- Continued the design and development of Fresno COG's new website
- Continued involvement in the Valley Blueprint process:
 - participated on the Valleywide Outreach committee
 - worked with consultants to implement an outreach plan
 - Made preparations for the Blueprint 2050 Workshop and preceding news conference
 - granted interviews with service news agencies
- Continued update of the Fresno COG Transportation Guide, consulting with transit and rideshare personnel, as well as users of the systems and the guide

- Developed the Winter 2006 COG Outlook newsletter. Sent it to print.
- Began 2007 One Voice tasks:
 - Designed and ordered tote bags, paperweights (thank you gifts) and awards [LAUCHNER]

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. Additional objectives include enhancing potential economic development and increasing public knowledge and involvement of COG activities as well as reduce costs..

Accomplishments:

- The website has been completed and is in use.
- The Fresno COG website maintains minutes and agendas for the Fresno COG Technical Advisory Committee, the Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board.
- Committee members have the choice of continuing to receive agenda by mail or they can sign up to receive links to the agendas online by email.
- Air quality and transportation modeling data is updated regularly on the website.
- Most reports and publications put out by the Fresno COG are readily and easily accessible online through the website.
- The discussion boards for the Fresno COG website have been completed and documentation and movies are in process.
- Fresno COG is in the process of partially automating the maintenance process associated with the Fresno County Regional Directory. Member agencies can send changes in by email and changes are made to the website very quickly. All pages in the website are formatted for printing so people can easily keep an offline regional directory up to date if they so desire.
- Online calendars and important dates are being constantly updated and kept current on the Fresno COG website.
- Search capabilities have been implemented on the website so people can search for documents by keyword.
- Requirements for a planned road closure website for Fresno County has been designed Construction of this new functionality will be starting any day now. [LAUCHNER/SOBRADO]

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 process. 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.

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.

Accomplishments:

- The Environmental Justice Report is slated to be released by the Consultant the first or second week of January. Once released, the EJ task force will be reconvened for their review and approval of the study. [SOBRADO]

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:

- Reviewed all of the new requirements pertaining to the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and the New Freedom Program.
- Identified a course of action that would implement the new requirements for several Public Transit-Human Services Transportation grants. [SOBRADO]

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. [BITNER]

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. [BITNER]

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 assisting 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.

Accomplishments/Information Services:

- Filled requests for transit referrals and information; 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.

Accomplishments/Administration:

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

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 70 individuals from governmental agencies, businesses, and the public, in their information needs.
- Monitored, prepared and distributed Census 2000, State of California Department of Finance, 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, One Voice, Environmental Justice, and the Regional Housing Needs Study. Update of base socio-economic model data.
- Prepared Affiliate State Census Data Center activity report as required, and State of California Department of Finance population surveys. [CHUNG]

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 2007/08 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. [BESHEARS/BOREN]

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 2007/08 Overall Work Program is scheduled to begin in January 2007. [BESHEARS/BOREN]

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. [BESHEARS]

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.
- Attend Blueprint learning Network meetings around the state with 6 member COG Blueprint team. [BOREN/DOWNS/STECK]

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 Second Quarter, Staff processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff completed its annual FCRTA Productivity Evaluation draft report in October for incorporation into the combined draft Report. The combined report was accepted by the COFCG Board at its December Meeting. The FCRTA Board also accepted the FCRTA section and the Rural CTSA section at its December Meeting.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- The FCRTA took delivery and placed into service three 2006 - 37 passenger CNG powered Blue Bird Buses that are accessible to the disabled. The City Council's of Coalinga and Orange Cove were very excited about the new inter-city service vehicles for Coalinga Transit and Orange Cove Transit
- During the Second Quarter, Certified Public Accountants audited our financial records for 2005-06. All was found to be in order.
- Staff continued monitoring the ridership on two new demonstration services, the Juvenile Justice Campus Transit and Biola Transit. Through the Second Quarter, actual riderships on both services were significantly lower than minimum standards. Staff will review the matter with the FCRTA Board of Directors early in the Third Quarter. [WEBSTER]

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. [BESHEARS]

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. [THOMPSON]

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 November 15, 2006. Agenda items included a workshop with CHP regarding their perspectives on the AVA Program, discussion regarding non-participating members, a discussion regarding eligible expenses, and other program issues.
- Calculated payment amounts to eligible local jurisdictions for AVA expenses. [THOMPSON]

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. [BESHEARS]

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. [STECK]

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
SCHEDULE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED & EXPENDED
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2006

	Percent	Budget	Year to	Local	PHWA	FTA MFO	Partner	EPA	Cal	FTA	PPM01	ESP
		Authorized	Date	Resources	PL	5303	Planning	X-969407	Blueprint	5307	6086(019)	6086(020)
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2006/07 OWP Allocated Funds:												
110 Regional Streets & Roads	56%	234,288	130,550	15,622	114,928							
111 Regional Transp. Modeling	32%	310,484	98,839	11,337	87,502							
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	33%	329,730	108,179	12,407	95,772							
113 Measure "C" Exp. Plan	2%	25,000	616	12,681								
114 Measure "C" Extension	64%	19,750	12,681	5,047								
117 Valley Wide Goods Movement	1%	360,000	18,218	5,047								
118 Regional Housing Element	52%	35,000	138,564	18,218								
119 Blue Print	39%	357,117	170,911	31,972		22,930			138,564	116,009		
120 Public Trans. - Urban	19%	904,582	14,692	3,406								
121 S.E. Asian Transit Ridership	26%	55,556	6,390	1,278								
123 Traffic Deficiencies	2%	300,000	10,316	1,183								
130 Public Trans. - Rural	36%	28,500	40,854	24,644		9,133						
150 Other Modal Elements	44%	92,100	80,461	9,228								
170 Regional Transp. Plan	28%	283,000	1,823	2,886								
172 Congestion Management Plan	36%	135,100	34,026	3,903								
180 Air Quality	25%	187,500	81,732	40,676								
220 Transportation Prog. Dev.	44%	123,868	40,676	11,718								
310 Intergov. Coordination	33%	194,500	84,620	1,586								
311 Public Info. and Partic.	44%	15,500	11,754	932								
312 COG View Internet	76%	85,000	10,162	3,446								
313 Environmental Justice	15%	651,083	17,088	17,088								
314 Jarc/New Freedom	2%	9,000	3,446	3,446								
320 Technical Assist. Members	38%	55,000	34,093	34,093								
330 Outside Technical Serv.	31%	63,250	28,199	3,234								
340 Rideshare Program	54%	69,400	53,055	53,055								
350 Regional Data Center	41%	173,436	4,216	684								
910 COFCG Admin.	31%	20,000	48,575	48,575								
911 OWP & Budget	21%	167,000	86,649	71,069								
912 Transportation Funds Adm.	29%	186,000	22,500	4,500								
913 Valley RTPA Coordination	47%	0	110,027	110,027								
914 HWY 99 Concensus	0%	227,241	1,316	1,316								
920 FCRTA Admin.	48%	2,500	121,563	26,944								
930 Trans. Auth. Admin.	53%	297,000	5,056	5,056								
940 Freeway Service Patrol	41%	9,500	74,483									
945 Abandon Vehicle Abatement	53%	248,000										
951 Non Pt. Source Water Quality	30%	250,000										
952 Yosemite Village Revitalize	0%	0										
Total Allocated Funds	27%	6,479,985	1,719,503	598,798	506,261	101,190	5,112		74,483	116,009	11,286	18,000

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**2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment #6**

Regional Surface Transportation Program

Route Postmile PIN Dist-EA Fund AQ Lead	Description	Phase	Program Schedule (Construction costs escalated per Caltrans percentage)								Change Description Project Comments Funding Summary (Current & Prior Years)		
			Prior Years	Four Year Element						Local	State	Federal	
				06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12				
	Total Escalated Cost												
	Status												
FRE040608	Intersection of Manning Ave and Mendocino Ave. Reconstruction of both eastbound and westbound intersection approaches.	PE RW Const	10,000	108,000							Cost/Scope/Sch. Change ***** Version 4 - 02/15/2007 ***** ***** Version 3 - 05/22/2006 ***** ***** Version 2 - 05/15/2006 ***** ***** Version 1 - 03/22/2005 *****		
CITY/STPL 1, 10	\$ 118,000	Total	10,000	108,000							Prior Current	1,200 12,400	8,800 95,600
Parlier, City of	FTIP Amend 6.00	20300000339									Cost/Scope/Sch. Change ***** Version 5 - 02/15/2007 ***** ***** Version 4 - 06/29/06 ***** Project data transferred from 2006 STIP. ***** Version 3 - 10/24/05 *****		
180 R65.6/R71.6 FRE021106 06-342510 ST-CASH 0.00	Near Centerville from Temperance Avenue to Academy Avenue. Construct 4-lane expressway on existing alignment (2C to 4E).	PE RW Const	3,012,000 22,059,000	2,000,000							Prior Current	25,071,000 2,000,000	
Caltrans	FTIP Amend 6.00	10300000176	Total	25,071,000	2,000,000								

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	2006: annual report.		
AB 117 Beall	Traffic offenses: additional assessment: traffic safety.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	3
AB 118 Nunez	Alternative fuels: funding.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	4
AB 156 Laird	Flood control.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	4
AB 157 Plescia	Elections: Presidential primary elections.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	5
AB 162 Wolk	Land use: water supply.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	5
AB 224 Wolk	Water supply planning.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	5
AB 256 Huff	State highway operation and protection program.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	6
AB 534 Smyth	Bicycle Transportation Account: funding.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	6
AB 633 Galgiani	Rail Safety and Traffic Mitigation Bond Act of 2007.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	6
AB 669 Parra	Transportation bonds: State Highway Route 269.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	7
AB 867 Davis	Transportation analysis zones.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	7
AB 901 Nunez	Transportation: Highway Safety,	1st Desk [REDACTED]	8

	Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006.		
AB 981 Ma	High-Speed Rail Authority.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	8
AB 1170 Krekorian	Transportation bonds.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	8
AB 1227 Gaines	Transportation funding: cities and counties.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	8
AB 1228 Solorio	Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	8
AB 1350 Nunez	Transportation bond funds.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	9
AB 1351 Levine	Transportation: infrastructure.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	9
AB 1358 Leno	Planning: circulation element: transportation.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	9
AB 1672 Nunez	Transportation: infrastructure.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	10
ACA 1 Dymally	Elections: redistricting.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	10
ACA 4 Villines	Reapportionment.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	11
ACR 12 Parra	Agriculture: frost damage.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	11
SB 9 Lowenthal	Trade corridor improvement: transportation project selection.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	11

SB 16 Florez	Railroads: rail crossings.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	11
SB 19 Lowenthal	Trade corridors: projects to reduce emissions: funding.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	12
SB 33 Simitian	Vehicles: wireless telephones and mobile service devices.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	12
SB 45 Perata	Transportation funds for capital projects and capital expenditures.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	13
SB 47 Perata	Transportation bonds.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	13
SB 59 Cogdill	Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	13
SB 71 Florez	Alternative fuels: biodiesel.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	13
SB 113 Calderon	Elections: presidential primary elections.	2nd Floor [REDACTED]	14
SB 114 Florez	Disaster relief.	1st Fiscal [REDACTED]	14
SB 184 Alquist	Transportation projects.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	14
SB 204 Dutton	Transportation funds.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	15
SB 240 Florez	San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	15

<u>SB 286</u> Dutton	Transportation bonds: implementation.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	16
<u>SB 307</u> Dutton	Goods movement.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	16
<u>SB 372</u> Steinberg	High-speed rail.	1st Policy [REDACTED]	16
<u>SB 803</u> Lowenthal	Transportation enhancement funds: community conservation corps.	1st Desk [REDACTED]	17



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Bill# Author	Topic - Summary	Status/ Hearing	Position	Subject
<u>AB 5</u> Wolk	Flood Protection: local: central valley: plans. Existing law prescribes various responsibilities of state agencies, counties, cities, districts, and landowners with respect to levees. Existing law regulates the inspection, improvement, and maintenance of project and nonproject delta levees, as those terms are defined. Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources and the Reclamation Board administer various flood control programs. This bill would require an unspecified entity to create the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan to address flood protection in the central valley. The bill would authorize local agencies to create a local plan of flood protection meeting the requirements of the bill, and would require priority for state funds to be given to local agencies that have adopted a local plan of flood protection. The bill would create the Local Flood Protection Plan Assistance Fund to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, assist local agencies by awarding grants to those agencies to conduct necessary activities in the development of a local flood protection plan. The bill would prohibit local governments in the central valley from approving new developments within high-risk flood prone areas, unless unspecified conditions are met to ensure appropriate levels of flood protection.	02/01/2007- Referred to Coms. on W., P. & W. and L. GOV.	Watch	Water
<u>AB 23</u> Ma	Department of Transportation: marked crosswalk: control signal. Existing law requires that whenever a marked pedestrian crosswalk is established in a roadway contiguous to a school building or its grounds, the crosswalk be painted or marked in yellow as shall be all the marked pedestrian crosswalks at an intersection in case one of the crosswalks is required to be marked in yellow. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to place and maintain an official control signal that emits a count down pedestrian display at a marked pedestrian crosswalk if that crosswalk crosses a state highway and is within 2,000 feet of a school building or the grounds of that school building or a senior center, as defined.	02/01/2007- Referred to Com. on TRANS.	Watch	Transportation

AB 27 Parra	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, including any federal department, state or local agency, to enter into an agreement for the purpose of exercising any power common to the contracting parties for specified purposes, including, acquiring or constructing specified public facilities and improvements. This bill would, from January 1, 2009, to January 1, 2020, create the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, composed of the heads of specified state agencies and departments, local government members and private sector members, subject to specified criteria, to coordinate and improve existing local, state, and federal efforts for the valley to increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley. This bill contains other related provisions.	02/01/2007- Referred to Com. on J., E.D. & E.	Watch	MPO
AB 29 Hancock	Infill development: incentive grants. Existing law, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are required to be used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. This bill would require certain of those funds, upon appropriation, to be made available to the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing for distribution to designated councils of governments, as defined, to fund competitive infill incentive grants for local public agencies that meet certain, listed criteria.	02/01/2007- Referred to Com. on L. GOV.	Watch	Economy
AB 33 Jeffries	Income tax credit: school transportation costs. The Personal Income Tax Law authorizes various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would allow a credit in an amount equal to 20% of the school transportation costs, as defined, paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year. This bill contains other related provisions.	02/01/2007- Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX. 03/12/07 1:30 p.m. - Room 126 ASM REVENUE AND TAXATION	Watch	Economy
AB 38 Nava	State agencies: Office of Homeland Security. Existing law establishes the Office of Homeland Security within the office of the Governor. This bill would transfer the Office of Homeland Security to become a division of the Office of Emergency Services and would make conforming changes.	02/01/2007- Referred to Com. on G.O.	Watch	Other
AB 57 Soto	Highways: Safe Routes to School construction program. Existing federal law contains appropriations for a number of programs related to projects for the improvement of highway safety and the reduction of traffic	02/01/2007- Referred to Com. on	Watch	Transportation

	congestion, including projects for bicycles and pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures in high-hazard locations. Existing state law authorizes certain state and local entities to secure and expend the federal funds for these purposes, but provides for the repeal of these provisions on January 1, 2008. This bill would delete the January 1, 2008, repeal date for these provisions, thereby extending the provisions indefinitely, and would make related changes. This bill contains other existing laws.	TRANS.		
AB 60 Nava	Vehicles: bicycles. Under existing law a driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle or a bicycle proceeding in the same direction is required to pass to the left at a safe distance without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken vehicle or bicycle, subject to certain limitations and exceptions. A violation of this provision is an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100 for a first conviction, and up to a \$250 fine for a 3rd and subsequent conviction occurring within one year of 2 or more prior infractions. This bill would recast this provision as to overtaking a bicycle by requiring the driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction to pass to the left at a safe distance, at a minimum clearance of 3 feet, without interfering with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle. The bill would make a violation of this provision an infraction punishable by a \$250 fine. The bill would make it a misdemeanor or felony if a person operates a motor vehicle in violation of the above requirement and that conduct proximately causes great bodily injury, as defined, or death to the bicycle operator. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/01/2007- Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and PUB. S.	Watch	Transportation
AB 109 Nunez	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: annual report. Existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution, and air pollution control districts and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Existing law, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, designates the state board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming in order to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020, as specified, and requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions, as specified. This bill would require the state board to report to the Legislature annually on the status and progress of implementing the act.	02/01/2007- Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.	Watch	Air
AB 117	Traffic offenses: additional assessment: traffic safety.	02/09/2007-	Watch	Economy

Beall	Existing law imposes a base fine, assessments, and other applicable fees and penalties on a person upon a conviction of an offense involving the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle on the highways. This bill would provide that, until January 1, 2010, a county may elect to levy an additional assessment in the amount of \$2 for every \$10 or fraction thereof, upon each base fine, not including other penalty assessments, fees, or additions, imposed and collected by the county for an offense involving the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle upon the highway in violation of the Vehicle Code or a local ordinance adopted pursuant to the Vehicle Code. The bill would require that the collected assessments be deposited in a Traffic Safety Committee Network Fund. The bill would require moneys in the fund, after deducting administrative costs, not to exceed 10% of the amount of the fund, be allocated in a manner so that 85% be used for local traffic safety programs approved by the county board of supervisors, as specified, and 15% be deposited in the county's Courthouse Construction Fund.	Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and PUB. S.		
AB 118 Nunez	Alternative fuels: funding. Existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Existing law generally designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution. Under existing law, the state board, in conjunction with other state agencies, is required to develop and adopt a state plan to increase the use of alternative fuels, as defined. This bill would declare legislative intent to provide ongoing funding for alternative fuel research, development, and deployment in order to advance the state's leadership in clean technologies, meet the state's clean air and greenhouse gas emission reduction standards, develop public-private partnerships, and ensure a reliable fuel supply.	01/10/2007- From printer. May be heard in committee February 9.	Watch	Air
AB 156 Laird	Flood control. The Department of Water Resources performs various flood control activities throughout the state. Existing law also authorizes the Reclamation Board to engage in various flood control activities along the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River, their tributaries, and related areas. Existing law requires the board to establish and enforce standards for the maintenance and operation of, and to undertake other responsibilities with regard to, flood control works under its jurisdiction. This bill would authorize the department to provide meals and other necessary support to any person engaged in emergency flood fight activities, as defined, on behalf of, or in cooperation with, the department. The bill would require the department, on or before December 31, 2008, to prepare, and the board to adopt, a schedule for mapping areas at risk of flooding in the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River drainage. The bill would authorize the board or the department to establish a program of mitigation banking for the activities of the board or the department and for the benefit of local districts in the discharge of specified flood control responsibilities. This bill contains other related provisions	02/26/2007- Referred to Com. on W., P. & W.	Watch	Water

	and other existing laws.				
AB 157 Plescia	Elections: Presidential primary elections. (1) Existing law specifies that the Presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in any year evenly divisible by the number 4. Existing law also specifies that the statewide direct primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each even-numbered year, and be consolidated with the Presidential primary election in any year in which the statewide direct primary is in a year evenly divisible by the number 4. This bill would instead require that the Presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February in any year evenly divisible by the number 4. The bill would also provide that the February presidential primary not be consolidated with the statewide direct primary election and would make other conforming changes in related statutes. By increasing the duties of local elections officials, the addition of the Presidential primary election in February would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/27/2007- Re-referred to Com. on E. & R.	Watch	Other	
AB 162 Wolk	Land use: water supply. The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county general plan to include specified mandatory elements, including a land use element that designates the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for various purposes and a conservation element that considers, among other things, the effect of development within the jurisdiction, as described in the land use element, on natural resources located on public lands, including military installations, and provides that the conservation element may also cover, among other things, flood control. The bill would require the land use element to identify and annually review those areas covered by the general plan that are subject to flooding as identified by floodplain mapping prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Water Resources and would require, upon the next revision of the housing element, on or after January 1, 2008, the conservation element of the general plan to identify rivers, creeks, streams, flood corridors, riparian habitat, and land that may accommodate floodwater for purposes of groundwater recharge and stormwater management. By imposing new duties on local public officials, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/26/2007- Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and W.,P. & W.	Watch	Water	
AB 224 Wolk	Water supply planning. Under existing law, the Department of Water Resources operates the State Water Project, which includes state water facilities, as defined. This bill would require the department, commencing in 2008, and every 2 years thereafter, to prepare and deliver to all State Water Project contractors, all city and county planning departments, and all regional and metropolitan planning departments within the project service area, a report that accurately sets forth, under a range of	02/26/2007- Referred to Coms. on W.,P. & W. and NAT. RES.	Watch	Water	

	hydrologic conditions, the then-existing overall delivery capability of the project facilities and the allocation of that capacity to each contractor. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
AB 256 Huff	State highway operation and protection program. Existing law requires the Department of Transportation, subject to approval by the California Transportation Commission, to prepare on an every-other-year basis a 4-year state highway operation and protection program, which identifies the expenditure of transportation funds for major capital improvements that are necessary to preserve and protect the state highway system. Other major capital improvements on the state highway system are subject to the project nomination and programming procedures for the state transportation improvement program. This bill, for any fiscal year in which the Budget Bill has not been chaptered on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, would appropriate to the department, from funds in the State Highway Account that are subject to Article XIX of the California Constitution, the amount identified in the state highway operation and protection program for traffic safety projects to be advertised in that fiscal year. The bill would also provide that this appropriation would be superseded by the appropriation for the program in the Budget Bill at the time the Budget Bill is chaptered. This bill contains other existing laws.	02/22/2007- Referred to Com. on TRANS.	Watch	Transportation
AB 534 Smyth	Bicycle Transportation Account: funding. Existing law specifies the amounts apportioned monthly from the Highway Users Tax Account in the Transportation Tax Fund to cities and counties and the amounts transferred monthly to the Bicycle Transportation Account in the State Transportation Fund. Existing law requires the sum of \$416,667 to be transferred monthly to the Bicycle Transportation Account from the Highway Users Tax Account. Existing law continuously appropriates the money in the Bicycle Transportation Account. This bill would instead require a monthly transfer of \$1,000,000 to the Bicycle Transportation Account from the Highway Users Tax Account, until the later of January 31, 2012, or the date on which all moneys in the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 have been expended, and would thereafter reduce the monthly transfer to \$416,667. Because this bill would increase the amount of revenue in the Bicycle Transportation Account, it would make an appropriation.	02/22/2007- From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.	Watch	Transportation
AB 633 Galgiani	Rail Safety and Traffic Mitigation Bond Act of 2007. Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to develop and maintain a priority list of railroad-highway grade crossings determined to be most urgently in need of separation or alteration. Existing law requires each annual proposed budget prepared by the Department of Transportation to include \$15,000,000 for grade separation projects. Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission to allocate available funding to projects pursuant to the priority list prepared by the Public Utilities Commission, and requires certain matching funds to	02/22/2007- From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.	Watch	Transportation

	be provided from nonstate funds and by the affected railroad. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation providing for a general obligation bond act in the amount of \$500,000,000 to be submitted to the voters for approval in order to provide funding for a program to eliminate the most dangerous railroad-highway grade crossings in the state, as identified by the Public Utilities Commission, with funds to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations in that regard.			
AB 669 Parra	Transportation bonds: State Highway Route 269. Proposition 1B, approved by the voters at the November 2006 general election, enacts the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, which authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion of general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes, including \$2 billion to be deposited in the Transportation Facilities Account, to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for projects in the state transportation improvement program, to augment funds otherwise available for this purpose from other sources. This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount from the Transportation Facilities Account to the Department of Transportation for the design and construction of a specified bridge in the County of Fresno on State Highway Route 269. The bill would require the project to be completed and open for traffic by an unspecified date, and would require the Department of Water Resources to convey real property to the Department of Transportation needed for the project. The bill would enact other related provisions.	02/22/2007- From printer. May be heard in committee March 24.	Proposed Support	Transportation
AB 867 Davis	Transportation analysis zones. Existing law provides for the designation of transportation planning agencies in regions throughout the state with various transportation planning and other related responsibilities. Existing federal law provides for the designation of metropolitan planning organizations with various planning responsibilities, including certain transportation planning duties. Transportation planning activities of these entities, and in certain cases other entities such as county transportation commissions or authorities, include development of a regional transportation plan and a regional transportation improvement program. This bill would require each metropolitan planning organization and each transportation planning agency, as applicable, serving an area with a population in excess of 300,000, in developing the regional transportation plan, to factor the mobility of low-income and minority residents into its computer analysis of regional transportation analysis zones (TAZs) used to estimate travel behavior and traffic generation as part of the transportation demand model, and to make a direct comparison between low-income and nonlow-income TAZs and between minority and nonminority TAZs. The bill would require the results of the comparison to be published and made available to the public, and to be added as an addendum to the regional transportation plan. Because the bill would impose new requirements on local agencies, it would hereby impose a state-	02/23/2007- From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.	Watch	MPO

	mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
<u>AB 901</u> Nunez	Transportation: Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, authorizes \$19.925 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes. The act requires that, among other things, a specified amount of the proceeds from those bonds be deposited in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account. This bill would make various findings regarding public transportation and would declare the intent of the Legislature to provide accountability measures in the allocation of those proceeds.	02/23/2007- From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.	Watch	Transportation
<u>AB 981</u> Ma	High-Speed Rail Authority. Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority with specified powers and duties relating to the development and implementation of an intercity high-speed rail system. Under existing law, the authority is composed of 9 members. Existing law requires the authority to elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson to preside in the chairperson's absence. This bill would require the authority to elect one or more vice chairpersons.	02/23/2007- From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.	Watch	Transportation
<u>AB 1170</u> Krekorian	Transportation bonds. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B at the November 7, 2006, general election, authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion in general obligation bonds for various transportation and related purposes. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact provisions governing project eligibility and the application process for certain of the Proposition 1B bond funds.	02/26/2007- Read first time.	Watch	Transportation
<u>AB 1227</u> Gaines	Transportation funding: cities and counties. Proposition 1B, approved by the voters at the November 2006 general election, enacts the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, which authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion of general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes, including \$2 billion to be available for allocation by the Controller, pursuant to formula, to cities and counties for certain road purposes. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation governing the allocation and use of these funds in order to ensure that cities within a bistate compact area that are subject to intense tourism impacts and routine snow removal activities receive due attention to their needs.	02/26/2007- Read first time.	Watch	Transportation
<u>AB 1228</u> Solario	Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century. Existing law provides for submission of the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century to the voters for approval at the November 4, 2008, statewide general election. Subject to voter approval, the act would provide	02/26/2007- Read first time.	Watch	Transportation

	for the issuance of \$9.95 billion of general obligation bonds, \$9 billion of which would be available in conjunction with any available federal funds for planning and construction of a high-speed train system pursuant to the business plan of the High-Speed Rail Authority, and \$950 million of which would be available for capital projects on other passenger rail lines to provide connectivity to the high-speed train system and for capacity enhancements and safety improvements to those lines. Existing law specifies that the initial segment of the high-speed train system to be constructed is San Francisco to Los Angeles, and also specifies certain maximum express service travel times to be achieved for this and future corridors. This bill would instead provide that Anaheim is to be the southern terminus of the initial segment of the high-speed train system. For the Anaheim-Irvine segment, the bill would provide that no general obligation bond funds shall be available for construction, but that those funds shall be available only for eligible planning, environmental, and engineering costs. The bill would make other related changes.			
AB 1350 Nunez	Transportation bond funds. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B in the November 2006 general election, establishes the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury. Specified moneys in the fund are required to be deposited in the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for capital projects that provide increased protection against a security and safety threat, and for capital expenditures to increase the capacity of transit operators to develop disaster response transportation systems. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that contains conditions and criteria for allocations from this account.	02/26/2007- Read first time.	Watch	Transportation
AB 1351 Levine	Transportation: infrastructure. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B in the November 2006 general election, establishes the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury. Specified moneys in the fund are required to be deposited in the State-Local Partnership Program Account to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for allocation by the California Transportation Commission. This bill would make various findings regarding transportation infrastructure and funding in California and would state the intent of the Legislature to give priority to self-help counties that have passed local sales tax measures in the State-Local Partnership Program.	02/26/2007- Read first time.	Watch	Transportation
AB 1358 Leno	Planning: circulation element: transportation. Existing law requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city with specified elements, including a circulation element consisting of the	02/26/2007- Read first time.	Watch	Transportation

	general location and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, any military airports and ports, and other local public utilities and facilities, all correlated with the land use element of the plan. This bill would require, commencing January 1, 2009, that the legislative body of a city or county, upon any revision of the circulation element of the general plan, modify the circulation element to specify how this element will provide for the routine accommodation of all users of the highway, defined to include motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, individuals with disabilities, seniors, and users of public transportation. For this purpose, routine accommodation is defined to mean that, in the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, or operation of highways and other transportation infrastructure, local agencies fully consider and accommodate all users of the highway as needed to provide for reasonably safe and convenient travel. By requiring new duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
AB 1672 Nunez	Transportation: infrastructure. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B in the November 2006 general election, establishes the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury. Existing law requires specified moneys in the fund to be deposited in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature, for certain purposes. Existing law requires \$2,000,000,000 to be transferred from this account to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund and requires moneys in this fund to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Bill, for allocation by the California Transportation Commission for infrastructure improvements along specified trade corridors. Existing law also requires \$1,000,000,000 from this account to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Air Resources Board for emission reductions, not otherwise required by law or regulation, from activities related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. This bill would make various findings regarding transportation infrastructure in California and would state the intent of the Legislature to advance certain goals and policies related to the purposes for these moneys in the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Fund of 2006. This bill contains other existing laws.	02/26/2007- Read first time.	Watch	Transportation
ACA 1 Dymally	Elections: redistricting. The California Constitution requires that each Member of the Senate, Assembly, Congress, and State Board of Equalization be elected from a single-member district. Existing provisions of the California Constitution require the Legislature, in the year following the year in which the federal census is taken at the beginning of each decade, to adjust the boundary lines of the state Senate, Assembly, congressional, and State Board of Equalization districts in accordance with	12/05/2006- From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Other

	specified standards. This measure would delete these existing requirements, and would instead require the appointment of the Independent Redistricting Commission, composed of 5 members, that would be charged with establishing, by February 28 of each year ending in the number one, congressional, Assembly, Senate, and State Board of Equalization districts of equal population in compliance with the United States Constitution, pursuant to a mapping process for each district in accordance with specified goals. The measure would require the commission to approve a redistricting plan that includes the final maps for all districts. The measure would require the Legislature to adjust the boundaries of the districts of any of these offices for which the commission fails to approve a final map within one year after the deadline for the commission's appointment. This bill contains other related provisions.			
ACA 4 Villines	Reapportionment. The California Constitution requires the Legislature, in the year following the year in which the national census is taken at the beginning of each decade, to adjust the boundary lines of the senatorial, Assembly, congressional, and Board of Equalization districts in conformance with specified standards. This measure would repeal these provisions and instead require the Independent Citizens' Commission on Redistricting, to be comprised of an unspecified membership, on or before February 1 of the year following the year in which the national census is taken, to adjust the boundary lines of the Senate, Assembly, congressional, and State Board of Equalization districts in conformance with certain standards, prioritized in a certain order consistent with specified federal law.	12/05/2006- From printer. May be heard in committee January 4.	Watch	Other
ACR 12 Parra	Agriculture: frost damage. This measure would request the Public Utilities Commission to cooperate with the state's public utilities in immediately approving advice filings to establish appropriate payment deferral programs for citrus and other affected growers whose crops were destroyed as a result of the cold storms and consequent frost damage that occurred in January 2007. The measure would also request the commission to authorize recovery for the actual administrative costs, with the exception of interest foregone on deferred amounts, and recovery of uncollected deferred amounts incurred by the state's public utilities as a result of this program.	02/21/2007- Re-referred to Com. on U. & C.	Watch	Other
SB 9 Lowenthal	Trade corridor improvement: transportation project selection. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of \$19,925,000,000 of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes, including high-priority transportation corridor improvements. This bill would set forth the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes a process for the selection of transportation projects to be funded from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/18/2007- To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Economy
SB 16	Railroads: rail crossings.	01/18/2007-	Watch	Transportation

Florez	Existing law establishes the consumer protection and safety division of the Public Utilities Commission. The consumer protection and safety division is responsible for inspection, surveillance, and investigation of the rights-of-way, facilities, equipment, and operations of railroads and public mass transit guideways, and for enforcing state and federal laws, regulations, orders, and directives relating to transportation of persons or commodities, or both, of any nature or description, by rail. Existing law grants the commission exclusive power to determine and prescribe the manner and terms of installation, operation, maintenance, use, and protection of each crossing of a public or publicly used road, highway, or street by a railroad. This bill would require the commission to order that a public-rail grade crossing be equipped with automatic gates, if the commission determines in the course of investigating a public-rail grade crossing collision, that it is more likely than not that the collision would not have occurred if the crossing had been equipped with automatic gates, or if the commission determines that the injury to person or property resulting from the collision would have been substantially reduced if the crossing had been equipped with automatic gates.	To Coms. on E., U. & C.; T. & H.; and APPR.		
SB 19 Lowenthal	Trade corridors: projects to reduce emissions: funding. Existing law requires that of the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, a specified amount of those deposited in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account in the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006, be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature and subject to the conditions and criteria contained in a statute enacted by the Legislature, to the State Air Resources Board for certain emission reductions from activities related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes conditions and criteria, as specified, for projects funded under these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions.	01/18/2007- To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Transportation
SB 33 Simitian	Vehicles: wireless telephones and mobile service devices. Under existing law, on and after July 1, 2008, it will be an infraction to drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, unless that telephone is designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking operation, and is used in that manner while driving, except as otherwise provided. A violation point is not given for a violation. This bill, on and after July 1, 2008, would prohibit a person possessing a valid instruction permit, student license, or provisional license from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone. Secondly, the bill would prohibit such a person from driving a motor vehicle while using a handset equipped with a hands-free device or while using a mobile service device, as defined. The bill would provide that the prohibitions do not apply to such a person using a wireless telephone or a mobile service device for emergency purposes. By creating a new infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/14/2007- From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Referred to committee. 03/27/07 Anticipated Hearing SEN	Watch	Other

<u>SB 45</u> Perata	Transportation funds for capital projects and capital expenditures. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B in the November 2006 general election, establishes the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury. Specified moneys in the fund are required to be deposited in the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for capital projects that provide increased protection against a security and safety threat, and for capital expenditures to increase the capacity of transit operators to develop disaster response transportation systems. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish the application process for allocations from the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account.	T. & H. 01/18/2007- To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Economy
<u>SB 47</u> Perata	Transportation bonds. Proposition 1B, approved by the voters at the November, 2006, general election enacts the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, which authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion of general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes, including \$1 billion for the State-Local Partnership Program, to be allocated by the California Transportation Commission to eligible transportation projects nominated by transportation agencies, subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Existing law requires a dollar for dollar match of local funds for projects funded with these bond funds. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact provisions governing project eligibility, matching fund requirements, and the application process relative to allocation of bond proceeds to the State-Local Partnership Program.	01/18/2007- To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Transportation
<u>SB 59</u> Cogdill	Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008. Under existing law, various bond acts have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water projects, facilities, and programs. This bill would enact the Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize, for purposes of financing a water supply program, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$3,950,000,000. The bill would require the Secretary of State to submit the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2008, statewide general election.	01/25/2007- To Com. on N.R. & W.	Support	Water
<u>SB 71</u> Florez	Alternative fuels: biodiesel. Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in partnership with the State Air Resources Board, to develop and adopt a state plan to increase the use of alternative fuels, as defined. This bill would require all vehicles owned or leased by the State of California, by a city, county, or city and county, or by a mass transit district, that use diesel fuel to instead use B20 biodiesel fuel or a higher blend of biodiesel, as specified. The bill	01/25/2007- To Coms. on T. & H. and E.Q. 03/27/07 Anticipated	Watch	Air

	would require the State Air Resources Board to establish a program to implement and monitor these requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	Hearing SEN T. & H.		
<u>SB 113</u> Calderon	Elections: presidential primary elections. Existing law specifies that the presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in any year evenly divisible by the number 4. Existing law also specifies that the statewide direct primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each even-numbered year, and be consolidated with the presidential primary election in any year in which the statewide direct primary election is in a year evenly divisible by the number 4. This bill would require that the presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday in February in any year evenly divisible by the number 4. By increasing the duties on county elections officials due to the presidential primary election in February, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/28/2007- Read second time. To third reading. 03/01/07 4 ASM THIRD READING FILE	Watch	Other
<u>SB 114</u> Florez	Disaster relief. Existing law authorizes a county board of supervisors to provide by ordinance for the reassessment of property that is damaged or destroyed, without fault on the part of the assessee, by a major misfortune or calamity, upon the application of the assessee or upon the action of the county assessor with the board's approval. With respect to certain counties that have adopted reassessment ordinances and have been declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency as a result of certain events, existing law provides for state allocations of the estimated amounts of the reductions in property tax revenues resulting in certain fiscal years from reassessments under those ordinances. Existing law also continuously appropriates, without regard to fiscal years, moneys in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties for purposes of funding these state allocations. This bill would provide for similar state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from a reassessment for damages incurred within the Counties of El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura, and Yuba that were declared by the Governor to be in a state of emergency due to severe freezing conditions that commenced January 11, 2007. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/28/2007- Do pass as amended, and re-refer to the Committee on Appropriations	Watch	Other
<u>SB 184</u> Alquist	Transportation projects. Existing law authorizes a regional or local entity that is the sponsor of, or is eligible to receive funding for, a project contained in the state transportation improvement program to expend its own funds for any component of a project within its jurisdiction that is included in an adopted state transportation improvement program, and for which the commission has not made an allocation. Existing law requires these expenditures to be reimbursed by the state, under specified	02/15/2007- To Com. on T. & H. 03/27/07 Anticipated Hearing SEN	Watch	Transportation

	conditions. Existing law limits these provisions to projects advanced for expenditures by an eligible local or regional entity within the 12 months preceding the date the project would otherwise be allocated funding by the commission. This bill would instead limit these provisions to projects advanced for expenditure by an eligible local or regional entity that are programmed in the current fiscal year of the state transportation improvement program, and would make other related changes to authorize future reimbursement allocations.	T. & H.		
<u>SB 204</u> Dutton	Transportation funds. Article XIX of the California Constitution requires the revenues from taxes imposed by the state on motor vehicle fuels to be used for public streets and highways and exclusive public mass transit guideway purposes. Existing law requires the purchase price from the sale of excess real property originally acquired by the state for highway purposes to be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of any fund, available to the Department of Transportation for highway purposes, designated by the California Transportation Commission. This bill would instead require these moneys to be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Highway Account and to be available to the department for highway purposes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/22/2007 - To Com. on T. & H.	Watch	Transportation
<u>SB 240</u> Florez	San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Existing law establishes the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District formed by the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare, and consisting of the Counties of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare, and that portion of the County of Kern that is within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, as a single integrated agency with all staff under one centralized management structure that is able to implement programs on a basinwide basis. Existing law requires the district to be governed by a district board composed of a total of 11 voting members. Of those members, existing law requires 8 members to be appointed by each of the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare. The remaining 3 members are appointed by cities within the territory of the district, based on region and population. This bill would increase the membership of the district board to 18 members. In addition to the existing 8 county members, the bill would require the appointment of 5 city council members by the cities within the territory of the district, based solely on population. The bill would require 3 other city council members to be appointed to the district board by a majority vote of the City Councils of Fresno, Bakersfield, and Stockton, one member to be appointed by each city council. The bill would require 2 public members to be appointed to the district board by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as prescribed. The bill would require each appointment by a board of supervisors or city council to be considered and acted on at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled hearing of the board of supervisors or city council. The bill would require all members to be residents of the district. Because of the	02/15/2007 - From print. May be acted upon on or after March 17.	Watch	Air

	additional duties this bill would require of the district, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
<u>SB 286</u> Dutton	Transportation bonds: implementation. Proposition 1B, approved by the voters at the November 2006, general election, enacts the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, which authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion of general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes, including \$2 billion to be allocated by the Controller to cities and counties, by formula, for local street and road purposes, subject to appropriation by the Legislature. This bill would require the bond funds for local street and road purposes to be allocated by the Controller in 2 cycles that cover 4 years, with the 1st cycle of payments to be made to eligible local agencies not later than January 1, 2008, and the 2nd cycle of payments to be made not later than January 1, 2010, as specified. The bill would also require the Controller to use the population figures from the Department of Finance as of January 1, 2007, in making allocations to cities. The bill would make other related changes.	02/22/2007- To Com. on T. & H.	Watch	Economy
<u>SB 302</u> Dutton	Goods movement. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion of general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes, including \$2 billion to be deposited in the Trade Corridors Infrastructure Fund in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for allocation by the California Transportation Commission to highway system and freight rail system improvements along federally designated trade corridors of national significance. In determining projects eligible for funding, the commission is required to consult the Goods Movement Action Plan prepared by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to incorporate the Southern California National Freight Gateway Strategy into the Goods Movement Action Plan.	02/28/2007- To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Transportation
<u>SB 372</u> Steinberg	High-speed rail. Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority with various duties and responsibilities relative to the planning and construction of a high-speed train system between Northern and Southern California. Existing law, pursuant to Chapter 44 of the Statutes of 2006, places a \$9.95 billion general obligation bond measure on the November 4, 2008, general election ballot for the purposes of funding construction of a high-speed train system and for other related purposes. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to commission a study on the economic development potential and the career technical education opportunities that would result from the implementation of the high-speed train project.	02/28/2007- To Com. on RLS.	Watch	Transportation

SB 803 Lowenthal	Transportation enhancement funds: community conservation corps. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to allocate \$10,000,000 annually to the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Fund for certain categories of transportation enhancement projects. Existing federal law, as part of the comprehensive surface transportation program, allocates transportation funds to each state for transportation enhancement projects. This bill, with respect to federal funds made available to the state for transportation enhancement projects, would require transportation planning agencies, county transportation commissions or authorities, and congestion management agencies to adopt criteria that give priority in the selection of these projects to the sponsors of eligible projects that partner with, or commit to employ the services of, a community conservation corps, as defined, or the California Conservation Corps to construct or undertake the project. The bill would provide that a community conservation corps or the California Conservation Corps is eligible to apply for project funds. The bill would authorize these agencies and the Department of Transportation to enter into cooperative agreements, grant agreements, or procurement contracts with community conservation corps pursuant to certain simplified contract requirements. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission, when developing guidelines for the state transportation improvement program and the state highway operations and protection program, to include guidance to encourage the allocation of funds for transportation enhancement projects to community conservation corps and the California Conservation Corps, either as applicants or as partners with applicants. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.	02/26/2007 - Read first time.	Watch	Transportation
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