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**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Date: Friday, March 16, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

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A.	Executive Minutes of February 16, 2007	Yes	Approve
B.	FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Progress Report	Yes	Accept
C.	Administrative Amendment No. 6 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program	Yes	Information
D.	Monthly Legislative Update	Yes	Information
E.	Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc. at Board Meeting on 3-29-07	No	Information
F.	Regional Clearinghouse	Yes	Information
	1. USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant— Public safety equipment for police – CITY OF HURON		
	2. Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program CITY OF FRESNO		
	3. USDA Rural Utility Program Wastewater Treatment Expansion Program – CARUTHERS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT		
	4. USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT		
G.	Abandoned Vehicle Abatement-FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Status Report	Yes Yes	Accept Accept
H.	2005-06 COG Financial Audit	Yes	Accept
I.	FCRTA Item: 2005-06 FCRTA Financial Audit	Yes	Accept

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III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2007 Sacramento "One Voice" Update	Yes	Info/Discussion
B. Measure "C" Update	No	Info/Discussion
C. Report of February California Transportation Commission Actions	Yes	Info/Discussion
1. Caltrans State Route 99 Bond Project List		
2. Corridor Mobility Improvement Account		
D. Blueprint Update	Yes	Info/Discussion
E. Partnership Seed Grant - Finalists		
1. Metro-Rural Loop Feasibility Study	Yes	Approve
2. Farmland Conservation Model Program	Yes	Info/Discussion
F. Obligation Authority 2006-07	Handout	Info/Discussion
G. COG Workshop Goals	Yes	Approve
H. Caltrans Monthly Report	No	Info/Discussion
1. SAFETEA-LU Update – California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2025	Yes	Info/Discussion

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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A.	Executive Minutes of February 16, 2007		
B.	FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Progress Report Summary: The report, included in your agenda packet, is a listing of funds expended and work completed by work element during the second quarter 2006-07. [BESHEARS] Action: Staff and TTC recommend acceptance of the FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Progress Report.		
C.	Administrative Amendment No. 6 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Summary: Administrative Amendment No. 6: This amendment was approved on February 20, 2007 by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments as authorized by the Policy Board. Modifications to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program are as follows: Change to the <i>Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program</i> .		

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- City of Parlier Project FRE040608 located at the intersection of Manning Ave. and Mendocino Ave.: The construction funding on this project has been increased by \$18,000 total dollars.
Change to the *STIP Regional Choice Program*.
- Caltrans Project FRE021108 located on the Temperance Ave. to Academy Ave. segment of State Route 180. The right of way funding on this project has been increased by \$500,000.
[DEVERE]

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

D. Monthly Legislative Update

Summary: A summary of current state and federal legislative activity is in your agenda packet for Committee review and information. The summary reflects legislation that is currently active and detailing various aspects of transportation.

Please contact staff person, Renée DeVere, if you have any questions regarding the listed bills or if you require a more in-depth analysis of any particular bill. [DEVERE]

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

E. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc. at Board Meeting on 3-29-07

Summary: California Consulting staff will provide an update to the Policy Board on 3-29-07.
[SAMUELIAN]

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

F. Regional Clearinghouse

Project	Applicant
1. USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant – Public safety equipment for police	City of Huron
2. Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program	City of Fresno
3. USDA Rural Utility Program Wastewater Treatment Expansion Program	Caruthers Community Services District
4. USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant	Westside Elementary School District

Summary: Your agenda package includes this month's Clearinghouse Calendar containing "Project Notification and Review Reports" for grant proposal.

City of Huron is applying for USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant for public safety equipment for the Huron Police Department in the amount of \$50,000 (Federal) and \$41,000 in matching funds for a grant total in the amount of \$91,000..

City of Fresno is applying for a FAA Airport Improvement Program for Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program Acoustically Treatment Residences in the amount of \$2,000,000 (Federal) and \$105,263 in matching funds for a grant total amount of \$2,105,263.

Caruthers Community Services District is applying for a USDA Rural Utility Service grant for a wastewater treatment expansion project for \$2,180,000 with no matching grant for a total of \$2,180,000.

Westside Elementary School District is applying for USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant to purchase laptop computers for 4th through 8th grade students for \$17,190 (Federal) and \$14,065 in matching funds for a grant total of \$31,255. [SOBRADO]

Action: Per Board procedure, unless an item is pulled from the Consent Calendar, tacit authorization is given for staff to forward any comment(s) received, or any Committee/Board comment(s) generated as a result of this informational item, to the appropriate agency. It is understood that if in the event this item should be pulled from the consent calendar, discussion and comment by the Committee members and the public will be taken.

G. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement-FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Status Report

Summary: As stated in the 2003 Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority Plan, the Fresno COG, as administrator of the AVA Program, shall submit a quarterly status report to the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority. The Service Authority has directed the quarterly status report first be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. Status reports are submitted quarterly to ensure proper distribution of funding to the member agencies. This status report contains the following information:

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

The enclosure for this item indicates the distribution of funding to the member agencies. For the second quarter of FY 2006-07, a total of \$180,683.60 in current AVA revenues was available for distribution to member agencies and to the Fresno COG for program administration. During the quarter, member agencies expended \$137,638.04 conducting AVA activities and the Fresno COG claimed \$2,375.00 for program administration. A total of 939 vehicles were abated this quarter. [THOMPSON]

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Status Report.

H. 2005-06 COG Financial Audit

Summary: Dedekian, Small, & Markarian have completed the 2005/06 COG Financial Audit. The report identifies no findings of non compliance and includes all reports required by state and federal funding agencies.

The Statement of Revenues, and changes in Fund Balance show revenues of \$3,847,632, expenditures of \$3,696,233 for a net increase of \$151,399. Fund balances at end of year are \$1,631,647 of which \$1,108,153 is reserved for contractual encumbrances, \$91,079 designated for self insurance, and \$432,415 is unreserved. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the 2005/06 COFCG Financial Audit.

I. FCRTA Item: 2005-06 FCRTA Financial Audit

Summary: Dedekian, Small, & Markarian have completed the 2005/06 Audit. The report identifies no findings of non compliance and includes all reports required by state and federal funding agencies.

The Statement of Revenues, and changes in Fund Balance show operating revenues of \$439,357 operating expenditures of 3,779,879, grant revenues and interest earnings of \$2,979,739, and capital contributions of \$615,194 for a net increase of \$254,411. Fund balances at end of year are \$2,017,780 of which \$1,527,934 is invested in capital assets and \$489,846 is unreserved. Note #7 to the financial statements shows FCRTA's fare box ratio was 12.83%, which is above the minimum 10% required by State statute. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the 2005/06 FCRTA Financial Audit.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2007 Sacramento "One Voice" Update

Summary: Fresno COG's 2007 "One Voice" delegation will be in Sacramento March 12th – 14th. Our group will be lobbying for the five regional priority projects that are enclosed in your package. Staff will provide a report on the trip at the Committee meetings this month. [DEVERE]

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

B. Measure "C" Update

Summary: Staff will provide an update on Measure "C" progress at the Committee meetings this month. [GOODWIN/BOREN]

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

C. Report on February California Transportation Commission (CTC) Actions

Summary: At its February 22nd meeting, the COG Policy Board heard two urgency items addressing recent CTC decisions related to the two items listed below.

- **Caltrans State Route 99 Bond Project List**
- **Corridor Mobility Improvement Account**

The COG Board agreed to send letters to the Commission in support of these projects. Copies of the COG Board's letters are enclosed in your packet. CTC will take action at its February 28th meeting in Irvine. Staff will provide an update on the CTC's actions at the committee meetings this month. [BOREN]

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

D. Blueprint Update

Summary: At its last committee meeting, the Blueprint Roundtable discussed several planning issues related to the project and will be continuing the discussion on drafting a formal Vision statement. The group also approved an outreach strategy that is intended to reach additional

county residents as we move forward with the planning process and in anticipation of the more technical modeling activities that will commence this summer. Staff will provide you with an update on outreach activities and solicit your feedback. [LAUCHNER]

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

E. Partnership Seed Grant – Finalists

Summary: Last month we reported on several concepts that had been submitted to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley requesting seed grants. Two of those concepts have been invited to submit a full proposal for funding. We would like to provide you with details on the proposals. [Steck]

1. Metro-Rural Loop Feasibility Study – This study responds to the necessary and urgent work of preserving the wide multi-modal transportation corridors needed to serve the millions who will reside and work in 17 cities over the next 100 years. It also has relevance to the scenario planning aspects of our Blueprint planning process. This multi-modal, multi-city and multi-county transportation corridor system proposes as its goal the direct and efficient linking of development in 14 incorporated cities in the Fresno and Madera Counties. Its further goal is to develop significant, sustainable, effective and attractive Smart Growth oriented regional metropolitan areas for the future of California. [BERGTHOLD]

Action: Staff, the Blueprint Roundtable and TTC recommend approval of the Metro-Rural Loop Feasibility Study.

2. Farmland Conservation Model Program - The goal of the Farmland Conservation Model Program is to develop a plan, strategy, and program to conserve prime agricultural lands in the Central Valley. The Program will build upon initial activities to identify farmlands of strategic importance, and to develop a program to protect farmlands that is consistent with long term planning goals that maintain agriculture as a key economic and cultural force in the region. The COG Policy Board took an action to support the Farmland Conservation Model Program grant application at its February 22, 2007 meeting. [SOBRADO]

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

F. Obligational Authority FY2006-07

Summary: Under Assembly Bill AB 1012, enacted in October 1999, agencies are required to obligate federal funds within three years of receiving their apportionments. To obligate, is to acquire the necessary authorization for spending federal funds (e76). Regional agencies are required to submit a plan to Caltrans to obligate any apportionment balances older than two years and to ensure that none of the apportionment balances reach three years of age. To accomplish this, Metropolitan Planning Organizations must submit an Obligation Plan to Caltrans for the determination of obligational authority needs for the remainder of the federal fiscal year. Fresno COG staff has prepared this plan in coordination with our member agencies.

We began the federal fiscal year with a \$28 million apportionment balance. \$15.5 million in new apportionment was added to this amount in 2007. To insure that we do not lose any funds from previous years (funds between 2 and 3 years old) we must obligate a minimum of \$9 million. However, we can obligate up to \$15.5+ million, the apportionment level for this year. To insure that we reach our obligational target, staff has developed the enclosed Obligation Plan. This plan outlines for Caltrans what projects will be submitted to them during the remainder of the 2006/07 federal fiscal year. All projects to be delivered in 2006/07 must be submitted to Caltrans by July 2, 2007. [DEVERE]

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

G. COG Workshop Goals

Summary: Last year the COG Policy Board engaged in a community workshop to review and discuss COG's mission and goals. Subsequent meetings were held to discuss the Vision, Mission and Goals that had been identified. An excerpt from the workshop is included in your packet for your formal endorsement of the COG Vision, Mission and Goals. [GOODWIN]

Action: Staff recommends that the COG Policy Board adopt the Vision, Mission and Goals that have been identified as a result of its Board workshop and subsequent discussions.

H. Caltrans Monthly Report

1. SAFETEA-LU Update—California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2025

Summary: Caltrans staff will provide an update on Caltrans activities including an update on the SAFETEA-LU, California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2025. [CALTRANS]

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

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