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TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2007
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

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Item	Description	Enclosure	Action*
I.	PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS		
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II.	CONSENT ITEMS		
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A.	Executive Minutes of May 9, 2007	Yes	Approve
B.	Transit Planning Documents		
1.	Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, 2007-08, FCRTA Resolution 2007-05, COG Resolution 2007-18, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-07	Yes	Approve
2.	Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) 2007-08 Operations Program & Budget, Resolution 2007-19, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-07	Yes	Approve
3.	Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area 2007-12, Resolution 2007-20, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-07	Yes	Approve
4.	Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2007-12, FCRTA Resolution 2007-02, COG Resolution 2007-21, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-07	Yes	Approve
C.	Transportation Funding Claims		
1.	Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, 2006-07, FCRTA Res. 2007-04, COG Resolution 2007-22	Yes	Approve
2.	Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA, 2006-07, FCRTA Resolution 2007-06, COG Resolution 2007-23	Yes	Approve
3.	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA, 2006-07, COG Resolution 2007-24	Yes	Approve

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

D. FCRTA Items		
1. 2006-07 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Budget, FCRTA Resolution 2007-03	Yes	Approve
2. 2007-08 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant Application, FCRTA Resolution 2007-07	Yes	Approve
3. Termination of Transit Demonstration Services: Biola Transit and Juvenile Justice Campus Transit on June 30, 2007	Yes	Information
E. FCRTA/COG Administrative Agreement, FCRTA Resolution 2007-08, COG Resolution 2007-26	Yes	Approve
F. Monthly Legislative Update	Yes	Information
G. TTC Committee Membership	Yes	Information
H. Presentation at COG Policy Board meeting on June 28, 2007 by Dr. Ed Moreno regarding "Emerging Infectious Diseases"	No	Information
I. 2006-07 Third Quarter Progress Report	Yes	Accept
J. Obligational Authority Delivery	Yes	Information
III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS		
A. Unmet Transit Needs, Staff Report & Recommendations Resolution 2007-25, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-06	Yes	Approve
B. Measure "C" Update		
1. Staff Update	No	Info/Discussion
2. Local Agency Handbook	No	Info/Discussion
C. Caltrans Monthly Report	No	Info/Discussion
D. Request by City of Reedley for Support from COG for Elevated Water Storage Tower Project	Yes	Info/Action
E. Blueprint Update	No	Info/Discussion
F. Presentation by LAFCO Staff on Sphere of Influence and Municipal Service Review Update	No	Info/Discussion
IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR		
	No	Election
V. OTHER BUSINESS		
A. Items from Staff		
B. Items from Members		

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A. Executive Minutes of May 9, 2007

B. Transit Planning Documents

- 1. Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, 2007-08, FCRTA Resolution 2007-05, COG Resolution 2007-18, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-07**

Summary: Included in last month's agenda packet was the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget, 2007-08 for the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA. The document is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies will be providing service over the next fiscal year. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the document on May 8th. [JOSEPH]

Action: Staff and SSTAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2007-05 and COG Resolution 2007-18.

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

2. **Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) 2007-08 Operations Program & Budget, Resolution 2007-19, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-07**

Summary: Included in last month's agenda packet was the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget, 2007-08 for the Clovis Urban Area. The document is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency will provide service over the next fiscal year. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the document on May 8th. [HALTERMAN]

Action: Staff and SSTAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of Resolution 2007-19.

3. **Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area 2007-12, Resolution 2007-20, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-07**

Summary: The Short-Range Transit Plan for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area (SRTP) is the annual update to the operating plan and capital programs for Fresno Area Express (FAX) and Clovis Transit. The purpose of this Plan is to promote a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous planning process for transit service in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA). This Plan represents a short-range evaluation of transit needs and proposes specific recommendations for implementing the long-range objectives of Fresno County's Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will guide the provision of transit services in the FCMA over the next five years (2007-2012).

The Draft SRTP 45 day review process was initiated on May 9, 2007 by the TTC and ratified by the Governing Board on May 31, 2007. The Document was included last month and there are only changes to two pages which are included in your agenda packet as replacement pages 69 (editorial changes) and 88 (Clovis Transit Roundup productivity trends). [LONG]

Action: Staff recommends approval of the 2007-12 SRTP by adoption of Resolution 2007-20.

4. **Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2007-12, FCRTA Resolution 2007-02 and COG Resolution 2007-21, PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-07**

Summary: Included in last month's agenda packet was a copy of the draft Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2007-12. The document addresses public transportation for the cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and the County of Fresno. The Plan provides a five-year, action-oriented program designed to implement the Public Transportation Element of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will also provide a basis for local governments to demonstrate that public transportation needs within their jurisdiction have been, and may continue to be, reasonably met. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the document on May 8th [WEBSTER]

Action: The General Manager and SSTAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2007-02 and COG Resolution 2007-21.

C. Transportation Funding Claims

1. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, 2007-08, FCRTA Resolution 2007-04, COG Resolution 2007-22

Summary: The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) claim has been reviewed by staff, is consistent with the proposed budget, and is recommended for approval. The claim totals \$4,488,316 to support FCRTA's Operation Budget of \$5,740,907 and Capital Budget of \$6,190,653. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2007-04 and COG Resolution 2007-22.

2. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA, 2007-08, FCRTA Resolution 2007-06, COG Resolution 2007-23

Summary: The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission 2007-08 Rural CTSA Transportation Development Act Claim of \$478,457 has been reviewed by staff and found to be consistent with the Overall Work Program and Budget and in accordance with claiming instructions as required by State law. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2007-06 and COG Resolution 2007-23.

3. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA, 2007-08, COG Resolution 2007-24

Summary: The Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission 2007-08 Urban CTSA Transportation Development Act Claim of \$1,197,978 has been reviewed by staff and found to be consistent with the Overall Work Program and Budget and in accordance with claiming instructions as required by state law. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of COG Resolution 2007-24.

D. FCRTA Items

1. 2007-08 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Budget, FCRTA Resolution 2007-03

Summary: Provided in last month's agenda package was a copy of the Draft 2007-08 Budget. The numbers in the Draft Budget are subject to refinement following: service contract negotiations, an opportunity for public presentations to each FCRTA member agency; and a public presentation before the Board of Directors. [WEBSTER]

Action: The FCRTA General Manager and SSTAC recommend approval of the 2007-08 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Budget by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2007-03.

2. 2007-08 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant Application, FCRTA Resolution 2007-07

Summary: Staff is preparing the 2007-08 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Capital and Operating Assistance Grant Application for submittal to COG and Caltrans.

Our 2007-08 FCRTA Budget is scheduled for adoption on June 28, 2007. It expressly reflects the Fresno County Regional Apportionment (\$960,046) and Carryover (\$157,134) of FTA Section 5311 funds to be \$1,117,180. Also, FCRTA's Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant under the same program for \$133,300. These amounts were formally reflected

in the Fresno COG's adopted (May 31, 2007) 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). [WEBSTER]

Action: The General Manager recommends approval of the Application by adopting Resolution 2007-07.

3. Termination of Transit Demonstration Services: Biola Transit and Juvenile Justice Campus Transit on June 30, 2007 [WEBSTER]

Summary: Attached is a Memorandum dated May 31, 2007, which summarizes the circumstances. [WEBSTER]

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

E. FCRTA/COG Administrative Agreement, FCRTA Resolution 2007-08, COG Resolution 2007-26

Summary: A recent audit by the State Department of Transportation recommend that The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Council of Fresno County Governments update their agreement for administrative services. The current arrangement was last updated in 1984. The relationship subsequent to that agreement has worked well however there have been changes in the process that need to be formalized. The enclosed agreement details the current arrangement and will satisfy the State Department of Transportation's finding. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends approval of the Agreement for Administrative and Fiscal Services Between The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency) and the Council of Fresno County Governments by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2007-08 and COG Resolution 2007-26.

F. Monthly Legislative Update

Summary: A summary of current state and federal legislative activity is in your agenda packet for committee review and information.

Please contact staff person Renee 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 item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

G. TTC Committee Membership

Summary: At last month's meeting, Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director, reported to the Committee regarding TTC membership. A matrix was provided and discussions during the meeting, suggested changes to the matrix and a request to bring a revised version back this month as well as provide an update each year. [GOODWIN]

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

H. Presentation at COG Policy Board meeting on June 28, 2007 by Dr. Ed Moreno regarding "Emerging Infectious Diseases"

Summary: Dr. Ed Moreno, has requested an opportunity to make a presentation before the Policy Board at their June 28, 2007 meeting regarding "Emerging Infectious Diseases". [GOODWIN]

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

I. 2006-07 Third Quarter Progress Report

Summary: Included in your agenda packet, is the third quarter progress report which is a listing of funds expended and work completed by work element during the third quarter of 2006-07. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the FY 2006-07 Third Quarter Progress Report.

J. Obligational Authority Delivery

Summary: On a quarterly basis Caltrans provides the MPOs with the latest information on overall project delivery on a county by county basis. This allows for a comparison of delivery between counties and an overview of statewide delivery. **The enclosed report released on May 18th however only reflects delivery as of April 30th. It is a "snapshot" of how we were doing relative to other regions at that point in time.** As of April 30, 2007 local agencies have used approximately \$190 million of the projected \$752 million Obligation Authority (OA) available in current federal fiscal year (FFY).

New this year, projects need to be submitted to the Districts by July 2nd to assure obligation by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by the end of the current FFY.

Application to the Fresno Region:

As of April 30, 2007 the Fresno region had a balance of \$8,576,291 of OA not yet "encumbered" according to attached Caltrans Local Assistance Delivery Table (see enclosure). The projected target on this table is \$11,344,880 meaning the Fresno region has delivered 24.4% of available funds. The Obligation Plan for Fresno submitted to Caltrans in April demonstrates the Fresno region will be delivering above and beyond this projected target as obligational authority differs significantly from apportionment balances (real life funds) which are used in day to day programming activities.

The State of California, as of April 30th has only delivered 25% of available statewide obligational authority. Caltrans is requesting that Fresno COG advance ready to deliver projects; specifically, the \$6.6 million of programmed school bus projects in Fresno. Caltrans has identified these particular projects because of the ease of converting advanced construction dollars to readily available funds. Based on current Caltrans policy, the advancement of these projects would put Fresno COG at a disadvantage next year as projected *base delivery* would be reduced. Fresno COG has recommended that Caltrans review this policy. If it is determined that Fresno COG can advance these projects and not impact Fresno COGs 2008 projected *base delivery*, Fresno COG would be willing to consider advancing the funds for the school bus procurement projects.

An extended explanation of obligational authority and the school buses can be found in the enclosed memorandum. [DEVERE/BESHEARS]

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

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

**A. Unmet Transit Needs, Staff Report & Recommendations, Resolution 2007-25,
PUBLIC HEARING: 6-28-06**

Summary: The Fresno COG Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in Fiscal Year 2007-08 prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads. The Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins the process of soliciting comments from the public by sending

nearly 500 letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County. The request for comments letters were prepared in English and Spanish, and were mailed in February 2007. In addition to the request for written comments, SSTAC held three information-gathering meetings in February 2007.

The first meeting was held in the City of Firebaugh at the Firebaugh Community Center on February 20, 2007. The only persons in attendance were members of SSTAC, and no comments were received.

The second meeting was held in City of Fowler at the Fowler City Council Chambers on February 21, 2007. There were seven individuals in attendance including SSTAC members. The only comment received came from Ms. Sandie Monis, Fowler Senior Citizen Coordinator, who expressed a need for an additional vehicle to service the City of Fowler. Ms. Monis explained that the Fowler transit lacked sufficient capacity to provide needed service to many Fowler residents. FCRTA staff indicated that the funding provided through Measure C will allow Fowler Transit to add an additional vehicle and driver during FY2007-2008.

The third meeting was held in City of Clovis at the Clovis Senior Center February 22, 2007. The only persons in attendance were members of SSTAC. No comments were received during the meeting.

In addition to the comment received at the information gathering meetings, SSTAC received two written comments. The first written comment came from Fresno City Council Member Brian Calhoun. In his email Council Member Calhoun requested transit service to be added to Northwest Fresno to facilitate travel from that area to Bullard High School. He specifically identified service on West Bullard Avenue to as far west as Polk. Council Member Calhoun also identified the needs of low-income and disabled residents in the areas around Herndon Avenue and Weber Avenue, and Herndon Avenue and Spruce Avenue.

The second letter came from the Traffic Operations Lieutenant at Fresno State University (FSU). The letter asks for increased hours of service on weekdays and weekends, and for discounted monthly passes for FSU students. The letter also asked for expanded service in the northeast and northwest sections of Fresno, as well as better transit service to FSU from outlying communities. In addition, the letter requests a reroute of FAX Route 9 (Shaw Avenue) wrap around the campus, campus circulator routes, and support for an on-campus transit center.

At their April 17, 2007, meeting, and following a careful review of all of the Unmet Transit Needs comments received, SSTAC found that there were no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County. [DOWNS]

Action: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2007-25 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

B. Measure "C"

1. Staff 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.

2. Local Agency Handbook

Summary: The Draft Local Agency Handbook for Measure C will be handed out at the meeting. A meeting of local officials is scheduled prior to the PAC meeting to finalize the handbook.

Action: Staff will be recommending approval at the PAC and Board meetings this month.

C. Caltrans Monthly Report

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

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

D. Request by City of Reedley for Support from COG for Elevated Water Storage Tower Project

Summary: The City of Reedley has requested that the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board provide a Letter of Support for Reedley's Elevated Water Storage Towers project. The purpose of the project is to provide a consistent, safe, reliable and protected domestic water supply storage system for the City of Reedley. The project is to be funded through both Revenue Bonds and by an Economic Development Administration Grant. The Letter of Support would be part of the EDA Grant Application and would demonstrate the region's support of Reedley's attempts to improve their domestic water supply. Included in your agenda packet is a detailed staff report from Reedley's Public Works Department on the project. [BOREN]

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

E. Blueprint Update

Summary: The Blueprint Roundtable, Planners' Workshop and COG staff are working together to identify the goals, objectives, policies and measurable outcomes that reflect the values and vision expressed by the public during Phase I of our outreach activities. Modeling staff is working to develop focused subject alternatives to begin the urban/rural form discussion. We will be back to you with proposals on both of these activities as we refine our products. [STECK]

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

F. Presentation by LAFCO Staff on Sphere of Influence and Municipal Service Review Update

Summary: LAFCO staff will be present at the meeting to provide the Committee with information regarding Sphere of Influence and Municipal Service Reviews. [BALLANTYNE]

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

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

V. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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