

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AGENDA

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Enclosure</i>	<i>Action</i>
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Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

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B. Presentation By Dr. Edward L. Moreno, regarding "Emerging Infectious Diseases".

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Transit Planning Documents

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| 1. PUBLIC HEARING: Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, 2007-08, Resolution 2007-18 | Yes | Approve |
| 2. PUBLIC HEARING: Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) 2007-08 Operations Program & Budget, Resolution 2007-19 | Yes | Approve |
| 3. PUBLIC HEARING: Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area, 2007-12, Resolution 2007-20 | Yes | Approve |
| 4. PUBLIC HEARING: Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2007-12, Resolution 2007-21 | Yes | Approve |

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Unmet Transit Needs, Staff Report & Recommendations Resolution 2007-25	Yes	Approve
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OTHER TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

C. Measure "C" Update

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| 1. Staff Update | No | Info/Discussion |
| 2. 2007-2027 Measure C Expenditure Implementation Plan Part 1 - Local Agency Pass-Through Fund Handbook | Yes | Concur with
45-day Review |

D. Request for Letter of Interest/Support for CyberTran	Yes	Approve
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Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

E. Caltrans Monthly Report

No

Info/Discussion

III. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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A. Transportation Funding Claims

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| 1. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, 2007-08, Resolution 2007-22, | Yes | Approve |
| 2. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA, 2007-08, Resolution 2007-23 | Yes | Approve |
| 3. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA, 2007-08, Resolution 2007-24 | Yes | Approve |

B. Obligational Authority Delivery

Yes Information

C. Letter of Support for Application to High Speed Rail Authority Board by Supervisor Bob Waterston

Yes Approve

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

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

No

Reaffirm

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

Approve Calendar Items

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| A. Executive Minutes of May 31, 2007 | Yes | Approve |
| B. FCRTA/COG Administrative Agreement, Resolution 2007-26 , | Yes | Approve |
| C. Contract Extensions | No | Approve |
| D. Monthly Legislative Update | Yes | Information |
| E. 2006-07 Third Quarter Progress Report | Yes | Accept |
| F. Land Buffer Task Force Communities Survey | No | Information |
| G. Declaration of Surplus Inventory | Yes | Approve |
| H. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan | Yes | Info/Discussion |
| I. Regional Clearinghouse | Yes | Information |

	Project	Applicant
1.	Administration of Families and Children / DHHS: Head Start – Preschool and Early Head Start 2007 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| A. 2007-08 Overall Work Program Amendment #1 | No | Approve |
| B. Professional Services Contracts | | |
| 1. Strategy Research Institute | No | Approve |
| 2. VRPA Technologies | No | Approve |
| C. Request by City of Reedley for Support from COG for Elevated Water Storage Tower Project | Yes | Info/Action |
| D. Legislative Positions | Yes | Info/Action |
| E. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC | No | Info/Discussion |

F. Blueprint Update

No Info/Discussion

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6): conference regarding unrepresented COG staff employees; COG Executive Director, Barbara Goodwin to act as Labor Negotiator on behalf of COG Policy Board.

IX. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNREPRESENTED COG STAFF EMPLOYEES

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

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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ANNOTATED AGENDA

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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, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of Resolution 2007-18.

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

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, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of Resolution 2007-19.

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

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

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, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the 2007-12 SRTP by adoption of Resolution 2007-20.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2007-12, Resolution 2007-21

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 pursuant to the Transportation Development Act. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the document on May 8th [WEBSTER]

Action: The General Manager, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of Resolution 2007-21.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Unmet Transit Needs, Staff Report & Recommendations, Resolution 2007-25

Summary: The Fresno COG Policy Board, pursuant to Transportation Development Act requirements, 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, again pursuant to Transportation Development Act requirements. 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 the 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 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, pursuant to Transportation Development Act requirements, that there were no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County. [DOWNS]

Action: Staff, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend approval of Resolution 2007-25 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

C. Measure "C" Update

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 Board.

2. 2007-2027 Measure C Expenditure Implementation Plan Part 1 – Local Agency Pass-Through Fund Handbook

Summary: The Draft Local Agency Handbook for Measure C is included in your agenda packet. A meeting of local officials was held prior to the PAC meeting to finalize the few remaining issues in the handbook.

TTC agreed to initiate the 45-day review at their June 6, 2007 meeting subject to any further comments and revisions at the June 15th meeting and PAC concurred with the initiation of the 45-day review process. [GOODWIN/BOREN]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend concurrence with the 45-day review process for adoption in July.

D. Request for Letter of Interest/Support for CyberTran-Fresno Project

Summary: COG staff has received a request from Patrick Sweeney, CEO of Central Transit & Development Corporation asking that the Council of Governments provide a Non-Binding Letter of Conceptual Support (package enclosure) for a proposed Personal Rapid Transit System (CyberTran) that would provide service to a 12 mile segment of metropolitan Fresno and southeast Madera County

using Cybertran Technology. The proposed project would be located in the existing State Route 41 median from downtown Fresno to Valley Children's Hospital (Avenue 9) in Madera County. The City of Fresno has already provided a similar letter of conceptual support (enclosed).

Mr. Sweeney is currently in negotiations with a lending institution that has shown interest in loaning \$250,000,000 in private capital towards the project and believes that the conceptual letters of support will assist in those negotiations. At Mr. Sweeney's request and due to the time sensitive nature of the negotiations, this item was added to the June, 15, 2007 PAC agenda as an urgency item.

Discussion of the issue at PAC centered on the lack of details being provided by Mr. Sweeny including the lack of a Business Plan for the project, lack of a feasibility analysis of the project, lack of conceptual & technical drawings, lack of technical details for the CyberTran technology, and the issue of Caltrans willingness to utilize the median for this technology due to its potential impacts on the ability of Caltrans to add future travel lanes in the SR 41 median. After much discussion, PAC voted to recommend a non-binding letter of support for exploring the concept and feasibility of the CyberTran project, subject to receiving the Business Plan and additional information which would allow a comprehensive analysis to determine proposed CyberTran system impacts and determine whether the proposal advances, augments, or complements our regional transportation system goals (contained within the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan). [BOREN]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend Policy Board support for the Letter of Conceptual Support with the conditions as identified.

E. 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 Board.

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A. Transportation Funding Claims

1. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, 2007-08, 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, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of Resolution 2007-22.

2. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA, 2007-08, 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, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of Resolution 2007-23.

3. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA, 2007-08, 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, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of Resolution 2007-24.

B. Obligational Authority Delivery

Summary: On a quarterly basis Caltrans provides the MPOs with their 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. **However, the enclosed report released on May 18th 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 had used approximately \$190 million of the projected \$752 million Obligation Authority (OA) available in the 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 Caltrans' Local Assistance Delivery Table (see enclosure). The projected target on this table is \$11,344,880 meaning the Fresno region had 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, had 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 COG's 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 bus issue can be found in the enclosed memorandum. [DEVERE/BESHEARS]

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

C. Letter of Support for Application to High Speed Rail Authority Board by Supervisor Bob Waterston

Summary: On May 22, 2007, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution in support of California High-Speed Rail (enclosed). As part of the discussion, it was noted that Supervisor

Waterston had submitted an application to the California High-Speed Rail Authority for membership on its board. The Board requested that the County also solicit COG support for Supervisor Waterston's application. [GORMAN]

Action: Approve letter of support for Supervisor Waterston's application to be signed by the COG Board Chairman.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

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

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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A. Executive Minutes of May 31, 2007

B. FCRTA/COG Administrative Agreement, Resolution 2007-26

Summary: A recent audit by the State Department of Transportation recommends 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, TTC and PAC recommend 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 Resolution 2007-26.

C. Contract Extensions

Summary: The following contracts, adopted previously by the Board, expire on June 30, 2007. These projects are programmed to be carried forward in the 2007/08 Overall Budget. This is an administrative recommendation. There are no scope or funding changes associated with this action. [BESHEARS]

- San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – VPRA Technologies
- Modeling Support – Planning Resources
- Transit Master Plan – Kimley Horn

Action: Staff recommends authorization to carry over contracts per the adopted 2007/08 Overall Work Program and Budget.

D. 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 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 item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

E. 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, TTC and PAC recommend acceptance of the FY 2006-07 Third Quarter Progress Report.

F. Land Buffer Task Force Communities Survey

Summary: In the Spring of 2006, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors asked Fresno COG staff to convene a task force of stakeholders to examine the feasibility of implementing land buffers between growing communities within Fresno County. Land buffers were proposed as a tool to assist rapidly growing communities preserve their own unique cultural and historical identities.

In an effort to gauge interest in land buffers by communities in Fresno County, the Land Buffer Task Force will be sending out a survey to be completed by city managers. This survey will be used in part to determine first and foremost, if there is a need for land buffers, how land buffers might be applied between communities, and so forth. The information provided by city managers will in turn be used to determine the course of action to be taken by the Land Buffer Task Force. Each city's cooperation with the upcoming Land Buffer Task Force survey is greatly appreciated. [SOBRADO]

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

G. Declaration of Surplus Inventory

Summary: The Council of Fresno County Governments has several pieces of used office furniture and computer equipment and would like to declare these surplus items for sale. As per Fresno COG policy, surplus items would be sold first to our members and if not purchased by member agencies, surplus property that is still useable would be made available to the general public with a public notice stating availability of the surplus property. The surplus inventory has a set minimum price and would be sold for the highest bid beyond the minimum price.

If approved by the COG Policy Board at the June 28, 2008 meeting, sealed bids will be accepted at the COG office on or before July 13, 2007 at 5:00pm. A complete list of the inventory will be available for review and anyone interested in seeing the inventory can call Mary Lopez at 233-4148 to set up an appointment after the June 28th meeting. [BESHEARS]

Action: Authorize staff to dispose of surplus property per Fresno COG's surplus property policy.

H. Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

Summary: In order to provide our member agencies adequate time to review the Revised Draft Fresno County 2007 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan, the Local Revision Period has been extended to 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 22, 2007. Staff has consulted with the State Department of Housing and Community Development and they concur with the extension. Kingsburg submitted the enclosed letter requesting a revision to its allocation. [THOMPSON]

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

I. Regional Clearinghouse

	Project	Applicant
1.	Administration of Families and Children / DHHS: Head Start – Preschool and Early Head Start 2007 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

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

Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission is applying for an Administration of Families and Children and Families / DHHS Grant for Head Start – Preschool and Early Head Start 2007 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the amount of \$420,447 (Federal), and \$105,112 in matching applicant funds for a total of \$525,559. [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.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2007-08 Overall Work Program Amendment #1

Summary: 2007/08 OWP Amendment #1 increases the budget \$610,760, of which \$553,410 is federal grant money and \$57,350 is local matching funds.

Work Element 115 Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee – The recently enacted Measure "C" Extension requires the Council of Governments to develop a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) that shall apply to Regional Transportation Program, Tier 1 and Tier 2 and other such regional projects as may be identified in the RTMF study. The RTMF shall be enacted by all cities in Fresno County and the County Board of Supervisors no later than January 1, 2009, so work must begin on this project as soon as possible to allow time for agency review and adoption. It is expected to cost \$500,000 to hire a consultant to develop the fee of which \$442,650 will be FHWA Planning funds and \$57,350 local transportation planning funds.

Work Element 961 Non Point Source Water Quality Management – Last year we had an EPA grant passing through funding to the Farm Bureau to do a Water Quality study that was scheduled for completion prior to June. The Farm Bureau has requested that we carry over \$110,760 to complete this project. There is no cost to Fresno COG for this project. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend adoption of the Adopt 2007/08 OWP Amendment #1, increasing the budget \$610,760.

B. Professional Services Contracts

1. Strategy Research Institute

Summary: Included in our 2007-08 budget (Work Element 310, Intergovernmental Coordination) were funds, if still deemed necessary, to extend the contract for Strategy Research Institute for the purpose of continued coordination with stakeholders as we develop the 2007-2027 Measure C Expenditure Implementation Plan. We are still in the process of developing the implementation plan, and staff recommends we extend our contract with Strategy Research Institute for this purpose.

Staff is, however, negotiating the price of the extension – a report on the negotiations will be brought forward at the Board meeting. [BESHEARS/GOODWIN/BOREN]

Staff presented the current status of negotiations at PAC. Discussion at PAC centered around whether there is still a need for Dr. Manross' services. It was suggested it would be helpful to have him available initially when the Citizens Oversight Committee meets for the first time, and if additional controversy develops during finalization of the implementation plan. There was consensus that staff continue to negotiate with Dr. Manross.

Action: Staff and PAC recommend authorizing the Executive Director to continue negotiations to extend the contract for Strategy Research Institute.

2. VRPA Technologies

Summary: With successful passage of the Measure C extension this past November, the next step in implementing the extension has been development of an Implementation Plan providing for each funding category and subcategory a clarification and higher level of detail for the voter-approved Measure C Plan. This Implementation Plan will identify individual projects, establish project schedules and further define funding program requirements for eligibility. Fresno COG is the agency responsible for drafting this Implementation Plan with assistance from Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA). Work on the plan has begun. The Implementation Plan will be written through a committee process coordinated by Fresno COG. Separate committees have been formed for each funding category. Committee membership is made up from member agency staff, interested community stakeholders and volunteers from the original Measure C Steering Committee. Staff support to each committee will be needed throughout the process.

The Extension is a much more complex program than the current Measure, containing many funding categories with differing requirements for project eligibility. It became apparent during the early stages of Implementation Plan discussions that additional guidance for both FCTA staff in administering the new Measure and member agencies participating in Measure C Extension programs is needed to ensure the tax is used in the manner envisioned by the Steering Committee and approved by the voters.

These activities were begun in the 2006-07 fiscal year, under an agreement reached with the FCTA and the Fresno COG, to fund these planning activities until fiscal year end, and at such time as new Measure C planning funds would be available to the Fresno COG. To aid in these tasks an FCTA contract was authorized with VRPA Technologies (VRPA).

VRPA is a local transportation planning consulting firm with extensive experience performing transportation and environmental studies throughout California. VRPA has also had a longtime association with both Fresno COG and FCTA. More importantly, over the past 2 years VRPA has been heavily involved in Steering Committee efforts to create the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan, which formed the basis for the successful Measure C Extension ballot measure. VRPA also wrote the EIR for the Extension. This involvement with preliminary Expenditure Plan work has resulted in their detailed understanding of the intentions of the Steering Committee that created the initial Expenditure Plan. Providing staff support to the committees defining the details of the Strategic Implementation Plan, and compiling the committee discussions into a Procedures/Guidelines handbook, would simply be an extension of their efforts of the last 2 years. Their understanding of the history of the successful Measure puts them in a position to be able to provide the staff support and compile a relevant handbook at a much lower cost, with far less FCTA or COG staff orientation and oversight, than someone new to the process.

As this fiscal year ends, there is a need for this ongoing planning work to now transition to the Fresno COG. Fresno COG's normal process is to issue Requests for Proposals for this type of work, but we are jointly far enough along in the planning process that to do so at this point would be seriously disruptive to the process and potentially delay the timely distribution of funds. Therefore, staff is recommending the transition with a sole source contract (using local dollars) in order to

continue the work already underway with VRPA Technologies, and deliver a timely Implementation Plan.

Fresno COG staff requested a scope of work and price from VRPA Technologies to accomplish two primary goals: 1) Complete an Implementation Plan, and 2) assist Fresno COG with appropriate research, advice and participation during development of the Measure C required Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program. The actual Mitigation Fee Program will be put out to bid for a consulting firm—VRPA will not compete for this work.

The cost to Fresno COG for these activities are not to exceed \$75,131, to be paid from Measure C planning funds. [BESHEARS/GOODWIN]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend that the Board approve a contract not to exceed \$75,131 between the Fresno COG and VRPA Technologies for the purposes outlined above.

C. 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. Staff, TTC and PAC recommend providing the letter of support.

D. Legislative Positions

Summary: In an effort to be responsive to pending legislation Fresno COG will be actively reviewing and making recommendations on priority legislation to the PAC and Policy Board. As pieces of legislation are brought to our attention by action request or by research, staff will make available the necessary background information to allow for formal position recommendation by both the PAC and Policy Board.

Staff has analyzed the following bills to determine the benefits and impacts that the following pieces of legislation will have on Fresno COG and its member agencies. A verbal update will be made at the Board meeting. General background information on these bills can be found in your agenda package.

Galgiani	AB 633 Grade separation projects.
Lowenthal	SB 286 Transportation bonds: implementation.
Ducheny	SB 303 Local government: land use planning
Steinberg	SB 375 Transportation planning: travel demand models: preferred growth scenarios: environmental review.

Arambula	AB 575 The Highway Safety Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006: emission reductions. This bill is now dead. Arambula staff recommends endorsement of AB 1209 which includes similar language and will be co-authored by Arambula.
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Staff will provide an update on the Proposition 1B air quality mitigation funds. A proposed funding list is enclosed in your agenda packet. The Air Quality Work Group of the Partnership has developed the list in consultation with the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. The recommendation of the list is to put Proposition 1B funding towards accelerating the turnover of the Valley's truck fleet. [DEVERE]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend the Board take a position of support on SB 286, AB 633, AB 1209, a position of opposition on SB 303, and a position of opposition unless amended for SB 375.

Staff and PAC recommend endorsing the Air Quality Work Group's proposed general listing of project on which to spend Proposition 1B Goods Movement funding as it relates to the turnover of the Valley's truck fleet.

E. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities – Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC

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

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

F. 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 Board.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6): conference regarding unrepresented COG staff employees; COG Executive Director, Barbara Goodwin to act as Labor Negotiator on behalf of COG Policy Board.

IX. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNREPRESENTED COG STAFF EMPLOYEES

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

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