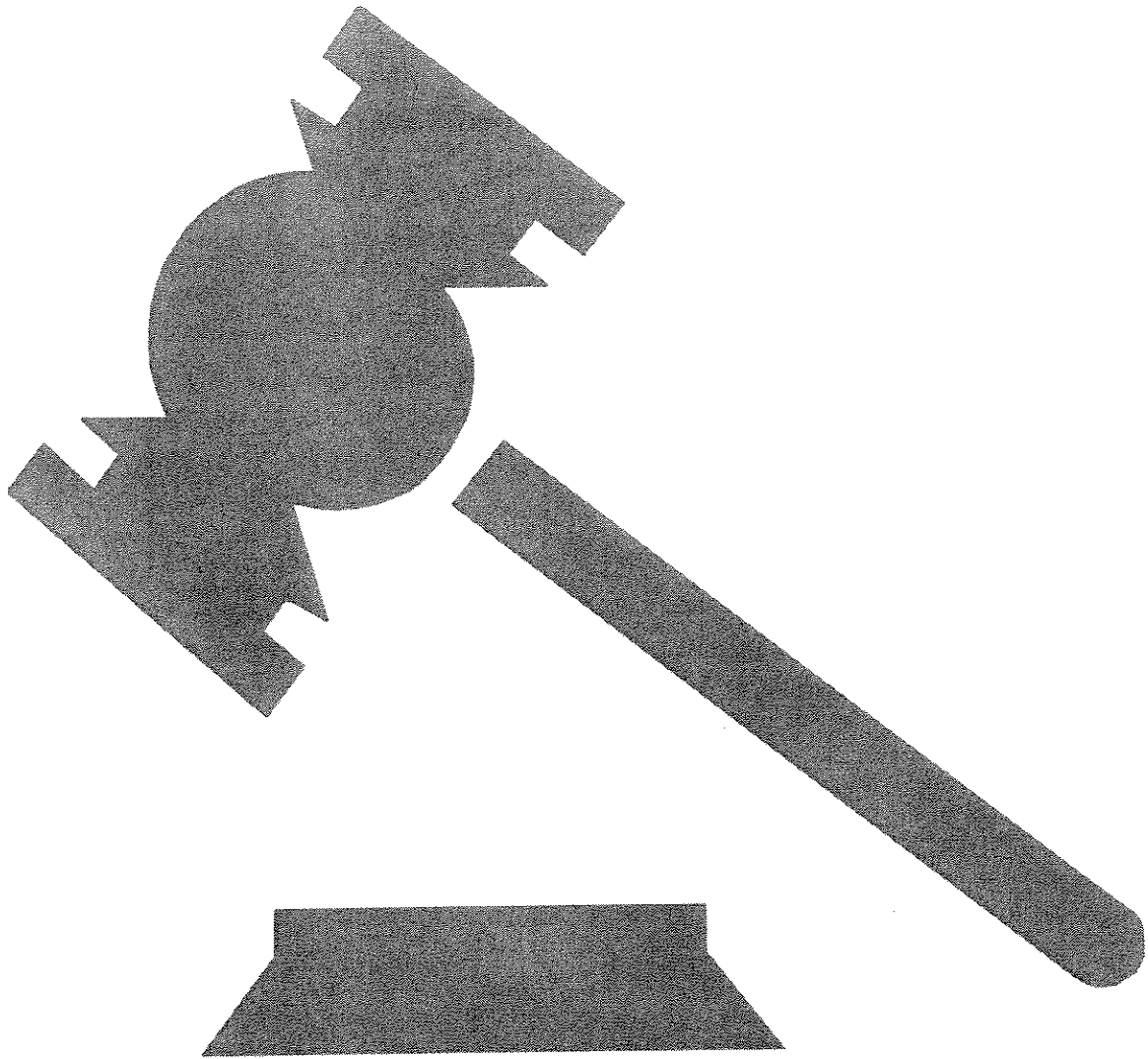




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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: Thursday, July 19, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present: Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, City of Kerman, Chair
Councilmember Jose Flores, City of Clovis
Mayor Craig Knight, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
Councilmember Blong Xiong, City of Fresno
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Leland Bergstrom, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lujan, City of Selma

Sharri Bender-Ehlert, Caltrans
Kevin Briggs, Legal Counsel
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

Quorum: At the start of the meeting there were 11 members present representing 72.6% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Parlier, San Joaquin and Selma)

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Board on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

There were no public presentations.

Urgency Item

There was a request to add an urgency item to the agenda. An urgency item:

- 1) Requires Determination that the item is urgent and cannot be dealt with at a later meeting. (2/3 vote - item came to attention after posting of agenda and within 72 hours of meeting)
- 2) Requires a 2/3 vote to add the item to the agenda for action.

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

ITEM 1

VI. E. ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR FRESNO COG OFFICES

Urgency Status: Provide additional security as soon as possible in light of office burglary.

A motion was made by Mayor Knight (Firebaugh) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to both declare the item an urgency item and add it to the agenda as item VI.E. A vote was called for and the motion carried. (2/3 vote required and received.)

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Board 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 Board concerning the item before action is taken.

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| A. 2007-08 Transportation Funding Claims | Approve |
| 1. City of Coalinga, Resolution 2007-30 | |
| 2. City of Firebaugh, Resolution 2007-31 | |
| 3. City of Kingsburg, Resolution 2007-28 | |
| 4. City of Reedley, Resolution 2007-32 | |
| 4. City of San Joaquin, Resolution 2007-29 | |
| B. Administrative Amendment No. 8 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program | Approve |
| C. Air District Eight-Hour Ozone Plan – Letter to the Governor | Information |
| D. Williamson Act Letters | Information |

For a summary of these items, please see the July 19, 2007 Annotated Agenda.

After expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) to approve the Transportation Consent items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Measure "C"

1. 1987-2007 Measure "C" Expenditure Plan, Sixth Edition

Les Beshears (COG) reported that the sixth update to the 1987-2007 Measure "C" Expenditure plan projects the Measure has accumulated \$738.7 million in locally generated sales tax during its twenty year life. \$184.7 million of the sales tax has or will be returned to local agencies for Local Transportation Purposes. Another \$24.95 million has or will be used to administer the agency and environmentally clear and administer the projects in the highway building program. The remaining \$529.15 million has or will be accrued to the Urban and Rural Capital Projects fund, allowing the region to leverage an additional \$587.97 million in state and federal grants and \$65.33 million in interest and other local revenues to deliver \$1,182.45 billion in highway projects to the urban and rural areas of Fresno County.

Focusing on the Urban and Rural Capital Projects fund, there are two Urban projects and four Rural projects remaining in the plan.

For the Urban program, SR 180 (Brawley to Hughes) began construction in April 2007 and is expected to be completed in December 2008 at a cost of \$70.16 million. Staff will be

approaching the California Transportation Commission in July to receive a \$60.56 million STIP allocation for SR 180 (Clovis to Temperance), which along with an additional \$11.5 million in Measure money, will allow the project to begin construction in the fall of 2007 for completion in 2009 at a cost of \$100.77 million.

In the Rural program, the Academy project segment from SR 180 to SR 168, is expected to be complete in 2007/08 at a cost of \$18.15 million and the segment from Mountain View to SR 180 is anticipated to be complete in 2008/09 at a cost of \$42.15 million. \$25.50 million STIP funding for SR 180 (Temperance to Academy) will not be available until 2008/09 and \$33.83 million in Measure money is reserved to complete this project at an estimated cost of \$89 million. A Federal Demonstration Earmark enabled a \$20.97 million project, SR 180 I-5 Connection, to be brought forward from the candidate list and added to the rural plan. The project includes a \$1-4 million improvement in Mendota, a \$2 million improvement in Firebaugh, and reserves \$14-17 million for the I-5 Connection pending the completion of a \$1.5 million study by Caltrans to identify the corridor. STIP funding for SR 180 out past Academy to Frankwood will not be available within the planning window of the original Measure, therefore, those segments are deferred to the Measure "C" Extension Program. The design and environmental clearing of the SR 180 West Passing Lanes will likewise not be complete within the planning window of the original Measure and are also deferred to the Measure "C" Extension Program.

There was a brief discussion of projects in Mendota. Sharri Bender-Ehlert (Caltrans) will check into the status of those projects and report back to Mayor Silva.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to initiate the 45 day review process for the Sixth Edition of the 1987-2007 Measure "C" Expenditure Plan. Adoption is scheduled for September and then it will be transmitted to the Fresno County Transportation Authority for their action. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

2. 2007-2027 Measure "C" Update Activities

Tony Boren (COG) provided an update on Measure "C" progress at the Committee meetings this month. Mr. Boren reported that the Citizen's Oversight Committee had their first meeting on July 11th. He gave a brief overview of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2007. These meetings will be evening meetings held at Fresno COG.

This was an Information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: 2007-2027 Measure C Expenditure Implementation Plan, Part 1 Local Agency Pass-Through Fund Handbook

Barbara Goodwin (COG) reported that the Final Draft Local Agency Handbook for Measure C was included in the agenda packet. All comments received to date were included in the document.

Ms. Goodwin went on to explain that with regards to the Policy Board adoption of the Handbook, the 45-day review was initiated by the TTC at their June 6, 2007 meeting. Because the COG revised its meeting schedule in July out of courtesy for our members (the Board meeting is on 7-19-07 due to the annual League of Cities Meeting during the week of their regular Board meeting) the review period falls one day short of the 45 days. The 45 day review process was established expressly for member agency review and comment. In order to allow our member agencies the full 45 day review and comment

period identified in our Joint Powers Agreement, staff will take member agency comments on the draft document up until July 20, 2007, with the formal adoption date being on that date. Members were encouraged to submit their comments prior to the 19th so that they could be addressed. If members comment subsequent to the public hearing, and the comment is significant, the adoption date could be delayed as a result, adding at least a month to the entire process and affecting when Measure funds will be available to members.

All public comments were due by the July 19th Public Hearing. Utilizing this approach allowed COG to meet the deadline for the adoption of the Handbook while still preserving the member agency 45 day review and comment period called for in the JPA.

Chairman Rodriguez opened the hearing for public testimony. There being none, he closed the hearing. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Councilmember Flores (Clovis) to adopt the 2007-2027 Measure C Expenditure Implementation Plan, Part 1 - Local Agency Pass-Through Fund Handbook pending any additional comments. The Handbook will be sent to the Fresno County Transportation Authority for their action. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

4. Measure "C" Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program Consultant Selection Process

Tony Boren (COG) explained one of the components of the Measure "C" Regional Transportation Program adopted by Fresno County voters in November 2006 involves development and adoption of a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program by all COG member agencies by January 1, 2009. In order to expedite this process, the process for recruiting a consulting firm to conduct the study is underway and Request for Qualification materials have been received from the following firms:

1. P. B. Americas, Inc.
2. Omni-Means Engineers & Planners
3. Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants
4. Associated Transportation Engineers

Based on a review of the Qualification packet materials submitted, each of the four firms is qualified to conduct the Regional Mitigation Fee Program study and therefore will be asked to submit formal proposals to conduct the study. Usually after a selection committee reviews the proposals and conducts the interviews, they select a preferred consultant and forward their recommendation on to the TTC, PAC and Policy Board. However the timelines associated with this project are very tight. COG staff requested the TTC/PAC support a recommendation to allow the selection committee's recommendation go directly to the Policy Board (July 19, 2007). The selection committee is composed of the following TTC/PAC members:

Ron Manfredi (Kerman)	Don Pauley (Kingsburg)
Scott Mozier (Fresno)	John Wright (Clovis)
Stan Nakagawa (County)	Steve Curti (Caltrans)
Barbara Goodwin (COG)	Tony Boren (COG)
Ron Peterson (FCTA)	

Mr. Boren reported that the selection committee conducted interviews with three of the four firms (Associated Transportation did not submit a proposal) on July 18th and asked the Policy Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the firm (P. B. Americas, Inc.) recommended by the selection committee. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Silva (Mendota) to authorize this request. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. High Speed Rail Update

Clark Thompson (COG) reported the Fiscal Year 2007-08 State budget has not been adopted so it is unknown how much funding will be available to continue the work of the High-Speed Rail Authority. The most recent information from COG's lobbying firm, California-Consulting, is that the Joint Assembly and Senate Budget Conference Committee approved on July 2 a \$55 million budget augmentation for the Authority. However, Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed only \$1.2 million in funding for the Authority. The Authority had requested \$103 million, enough to allow it to continue detailed environmental and engineering design work and begin purchasing land.

A \$9.95 billion bond, already twice postponed, is scheduled for the November 2008 election. While the Governor has expressed his support for high-speed rail, he wants the bond postponed yet again until the Authority secures funding commitments from private investors and the federal government to fund the rest of the estimated \$40 billion construction cost.

While the future of high-speed rail in California is unclear, the work of the Authority nevertheless continues. The Authority's staff recently provided a preview to the Authority Board of the environmental studies on the Altamont Pass and Pacheco Pass competing approaches to the Bay Area from the Central Valley. Several public hearings will be held during the public review period of the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley EIR/EIS, including one in Merced in either late August or early September. Mr. Thompson stated that a meeting will be held on August 9th. Information will be forwarded to the Board and also the City Managers.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that of more direct impact to Fresno County, the Authority has issued a Progress Report on Visalia-Tulare-Hanford Station Feasibility Study which identifies potential sites and alignments for a high-speed train station in that area. The Authority will use this information to determine if any of the alternatives should be taken forward into the project-level EIR/EIS process for study along with the current preferred alternative.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) noted that Mayor Bergstrom's (Kingsburg) comments to the Authority Board are very important to the County.

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

C. Caltrans Monthly Report

Sharri Bender-Ehlert (Caltrans) provided an update on Caltrans activities. Ms. Ehlert reported that she met earlier in the day with Secretary Bonner, Dept of Business, Transportation and Housing and gave a brief recap of that meeting. Ms. Ehlert also commented on construction projects in the County. There was a brief discussion of the Trade Corridor. Tony Boren (COG) stated that a meeting will be held on July 31 with regional representatives regarding the Regional Goods Movement Action Plan. The committee will determine what projects to promote in this Action Plan. All projects require a 50% match. It was pointed out that it was important to have some money allocated to the Valley, if not Fresno County, rather than all the money going to another part of the State.

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

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

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

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

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. Executive Minutes of June 28, 2007 | Approve |
| B. Monthly Legislative Update | Information |
| C. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update | Information |
| D. Regional Clearinghouse | Information |

	Project	Applicant
1.	USDA Rural Development Grant – Rural Housing Preservation Grants	Self-Help Enterprises
2.	USDA Rural Development Grant – Rural Housing Preservation Grants	Fresno County
3.	FY 2007/08 Federal Planning Funds. FHWA PL Funds	State of California
4.	FY 2007/08 U.S.C., Chapter 53, Section 5303 and 5305 Programs	State of California
5.	FY 2007/08 State Planning and Research Studies	State of California

For a summary of these items, please see the July 19, 2007 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve , California Consulting, LLC

Steve Samuelian, California Consulting provided an update on Sacramento lobbying activities. The report is attached as Attachment B to these minutes.

Mr. Samuelian pointed out that a meeting was held in Fresno on July 13, 2007 with Cindy Tuck. Ms. Tuck was recently promoted to Undersecretary of Cal-EPA.

Mr. Samuelian went on to thank Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director for her leadership at Fresno COG. He stated that this is recognized in Sacramento.

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

B. Triennial Performance Audits

Derek Wong, Pacific Mutual Consultants gave a short power point presentation explaining the findings from the Triennial Performance audits they completed on the Council of Fresno

County Governments and the four Transit Operators in Fresno County per Section 99246 of the PUC.

Council of Fresno County Governments – The performance audit found the agency conducts its management of the TDA program in a competent, professional manner while operating in a complex intergovernmental environment, has satisfactorily complied with all state legislative mandates for Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and increased its visibility with the community, stakeholders and partner agencies through its efforts with the One Voice advocacy program and the passage of the "Measure C" extension.

Three recommendations are given:

1. Consider modifying the annual TDA claim form to include a standard assurances list for the transit operators
2. Consider developing a simplified comprehensive guide of transportation funding sources for inclusion in the orientation package for new Board members
3. Develop step-by-step desk procedures that document "how to" administer or implement various COG programs. (This is already under development with a "Policies and Procedures" Manual)

Fresno Area Express – The audit found that FAX has complied with all TDA compliance requirements and gives three recommendations:

1. Report Paratransit contract employees in the State Controller Report.
2. Perform "final" review of State Controller's Report for consistency with the Transit Productivity Evaluation Report.
3. Continue to develop marketing tools to recruit bus mechanics.

Clovis Transit – The audit found that Clovis Transit had met all TDA compliance requirements with the exception of a late submittal of the State Controllers Report in FY 2005, and gives three recommendations:

1. Perform "final" review of State Controllers Report for consistency and accuracy.
2. Develop and document a standardized complaint handling process.
3. Expand the mobility training program as resources allow.

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency – The audit found that FCRTA has complied with all TDA compliance requirements and gives two recommendations:

1. Consider steps of succession planning.
2. Review the effectiveness of marketing expenditures.

Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission – The audit found the FCEOC has complied with all applicable TDA compliance requirements and gives one recommendation:

1. Continue to work closely with Fresno COG and Partner Agencies on the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to accept the Triennial Performance audits provided by Pacific Mutual Consultants. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Blueprint Update, Resolution 2007-27

Barbara Steck (COG) asked Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to give a brief report on the Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) meeting that was held earlier in the day at the UC Center in Fresno. A copy of the draft vision statement was distributed to the Board and Councilmember Aguayo urged the Board to get involved in the Blueprint process. Chairman Rodriguez asked that copies of the draft vision statement be forwarded to the cities to be distributed to the city council members.

Ms. Steck reported that two activities are currently taking place in Phase 2 of the Blueprint. Local agency planners are working to develop goals, objectives and policies that will reflect the values and vision that evolved from Phase 1 of the outreach process. Concurrently, we are preparing to model several development options that will provide a basis for defining the alternative growth scenarios that we will analyze in the process of selecting "preferred growth scenario".

In addition to these activities, two San Joaquin Valley Partnership seed grants have been awarded within Fresno County - one to Fresno COG to study Ag land preservation and one to the City of Fresno to study the feasibility of the "Metro Rural Loop" concept. Both of these studies will be considered, along with other input, during the development of alternative growth scenarios for the Blueprint planning process. In order to clarify all of these relationships, staff prepared a resolution for the Policy Board to consider that supports the analysis of several alternative growth scenarios as part of the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program. Ultimately, the Preferred Growth Scenario that is selected will facilitate the vision for improved quality of life within Fresno County and the San Joaquin Valley. It will address future growth through the integration of transportation, housing, land use, environmental resources, other infrastructure and services.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Bergstrom (Kingsburg) to approve Resolution 2007-27 that supports the analysis of several alternative growth scenarios as part of the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. Establish Formal Position on Pending Legislation and Overview of Proposition 84

Jennifer Dansby (COG) reported that 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.

Currently staff is in the process of analyzing the following bill to determine the benefits and impacts this piece of legislation will have on Fresno COG and its member agencies:

AB 1742 (Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials) State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund: administrative costs.

Ms. Dansby gave a brief update on AB 1742.

Ms. Dansby also provided a verbal update on Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water Bond Act, which passed in 2006. Basically, the state will sell \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, state and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, and conservation efforts. The bond money will be made available to various state agencies and for loans and grants, primarily to local agencies and nonprofit organizations.

The June legislative progress report submitted by Steve Samuelian of California Consulting was included in the agenda package.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Bergstrom (Kingsburg) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to send a letter of support for AB 1742. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Urgency Item

E. Additional Security Measures for Fresno COG offices

Barbara Goodwin (COG) reported on this item. Information was handed out to the Board. Ms. Goodwin asked for the Board to authorize installation of additional security for the office with a budget not to exceed \$6,500.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Knight (Firebaugh) and seconded by Mayor Bergstrom (Kingsburg) to approve the authorization. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

VII. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT

Clark Thompson (COG) reported on this item. 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 indicated the distribution of funding to the member agencies. For the third quarter of FY 2006-07, a total of \$163,224.35 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 \$162,020.12 conducting AVA activities and the Fresno COG claimed \$2,375.00 for program administration. A total of 1,091 vehicles were abated this quarter.

There was a brief discussion about the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program urging the cities that are not involved now to contact Clark Thompson, COG staff. Councilmember Flores (Clovis) mentioned a group at his church that is dedicated to finding abandoned vehicles. Mr. Thompson will contact Councilmember Flores regarding their program.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) to accept the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2006-07 Third Quarter Status Report. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Barbara Goodwin (COG) informed the Board that there will be no Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee or Policy Board meetings during the month of August.

B. Items from Members

Councilmember Flores reported that a Tree Dedication in memory of Jeanine Armstrong will take place at Clovis City Hall at 4:00 pm on Friday, July 20th. Chairman Rodriguez asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mrs. Armstrong. A memorial will be held on August 15th. Staff will send the information to all the Board members.

The Board adjourned to closed session to discuss personnel matters.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Executive Director
- B. Possible Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Negotiator (Board Member, to be chosen by COG Policy Board);
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

X. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Chairman Rodriguez reported the actions as discussed in closed session and by unanimous vote, the Board approved the Amendment to the Executive Director's Employment Contract: parity adjustment to salary equal to the mean value paid to Executive Director's at other relevant COG's and a 3.42% cost of living adjustment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Silva (Mendota) to adjourn the meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments
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Attachment A
Observers and Non-Members
COG Board Meeting
July 19, 2007

Derek Wong, PMC
Gary Joseph, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Corporation
Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Jason Paukovits, Fresno COG
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Jennifer Dansby, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG

Attachment B
California Consulting LLC July Report

Fresno COG July Report

FROM CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, LLC

- Our office scheduled a meeting with the Deputy Secretary of Cal-EPA Cindy Tuck at the COG office on Friday July 13. The meeting was well attended and a detailed report is attached.
- We have continued to ask Valley legislators to contact Cal-EPA and the Governor's Office and request that the Valley receive its fair share of the \$1 billion available from Prop. 1B for Air Quality Mitigation. As of my June report, the following Legislators had sent letters at our request: Congressman Radanovich, Senators Ashburn and Cogdill, and Assemblymembers Arambula, Galgiani, Parra, Maze, Villines, and Aghazarian. Responding to our requests, letters of support were received this month from Senator Jeff Denham and Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi. As well, we have been informed by Congressman Costa's staff that he has sent a letter. See attached letters.
- Our office has faxed the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District/California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley proposal regarding the Prop. 1B \$1 billion to all Valley legislative offices and key Legislative leadership. We will contact the Offices over the course of the next few weeks and follow up.
- Steve had several conversations with Senate and Assembly Local Government Committee Consultants regarding SB 732 and AB 1253 which both propose to give money to cities for general plan updates. A detailed report was previously distributed. Steve met last week with the Assembly and Senate Local Government Committee Consultants in Sacramento regarding this issue. We will continue to monitor.
- Our office continues to work closely with Senator Florez's Office on the High Speed Rail issue. The Joint Budget Conference Committee settled on \$55 million for the High Speed Rail. Sen. Florez has done an excellent job on this issue. See attached report.
- We have spoken to the Committee Consultant about SB 286 which would expedite delivery of the local roads money for cities and counties. See attached SB 286 update report.
- Steve has been in consistent communication with Senator Cogdill's Chief of Staff regarding the surface level water storage issue/Temperance Dam. A letter was drafted and sent to all 5

members of the Big 5 on behalf of Fresno COG supporting these efforts. The letter will now be formatted to a "letter to the editor" and sent to various newspaper outlets to further publicize COG's support of this issue. Our office continues to work on the water storage issue. Sen. Cogdill and other Valley legislators have exhibited incredible leadership on this issue. The Governor has been a steadfast supporter as well.

- Steve has continued his personal meetings in Sacramento with Legislators and Staff from the Offices of Senator Cogdill, Senator Florez, and Assemblymembers Arambula, Galgiani, Parra, and Villines. Yesterday, Steve met with Assemblyman Arambula's Office, Senator Cogdill's Office, and Senator Florez's Office in Sacramento.
- Steve has continued his personal meetings in Sacramento with the Governor's State Director of Local Government Affairs. Steve met yesterday with Ms. Quintana.
- Steve discussed the Bond issues extensively with the Governor's Deputy Legislative Secretary for Transportation Curt Augustine. At our invitation, Mr. Augustine has agreed to visit the Valley for a lunch (similar to the lunch with Mr. Dunmoyer in Selma). We are coordinating a date for this event. The event will be held in Reedley and will be after the conclusion of the Legislative Session.
- We continue to work with Assemblymember Arambula's Office now that his AB 575 was left on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File. AB 1209 by Karnette is the bill Mr. Arambula is co-authoring. Mr. Arambula had done an outstanding job on this issue. AB 995 has emerged as a key piece of legislation on setting the framework for the distribution of the \$1 billion for Air Quality from Prop. 1B.
- We are continuing to work with Assemblywoman Galgiani's office on her AB 633 for grade separation study. A report was sent via e-mail to the City of Fresno, per their request. The bill passed 79-0 in the Assembly.
- We have been in contact with Sen. Lowenthal's Office regarding his container fee bill and we are pushing for adoption of our proposed amendments that the Fresno COG Board adopted.
- Steve has had several meetings with Assemblywoman Parra and with her staff regarding various Valley issues including water, and the San Joaquin Valley Partnership (she has AB 27). Ms. Parra has done a

great job working hard to preserve the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

- California Consulting has had several conversations this month with Jennifer at COG regarding bills for the COG board to support and oppose. We are glad to be working with Jennifer in her new capacity.

Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 16:27:24 -0700 (PDT)
From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Cal-EPA Roundtable

Fresno COG and California Consulting, LLC hosted a special visit on July 13, 2007 from Cal-EPA Deputy Secretary Cindy Tuck. The purpose of the visit was to follow up on Valley wide lobbying efforts to obtain a substantial part of the \$1 billion in Air Quality Mitigation money in Prop. 1B. Ms. Tuck who is appointed by the Governor, spent over an hour with a group of approximately 45 leaders from around the Valley, including Mayors, and local elected officials and staff from Valley cities, community organizations, representatives from the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, San Joaquin Valley COG's, representatives from the Offices of Congressman Costa, Senator Cogdill, Assemblymembers Arambula and Parra, and Supervisor Judy Case.

The agenda included remarks as follows:

Welcoming: Mayor Leland Bergstrom, City of Kinsburg

Briefing on Lobbying Activities: Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC

Opening Remarks: Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director, Fresno COG

Rick McVaigh, Deputy Director, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Peter Weber, SJV Partnership and RJI

At this time, Ms. Tuck spoke about her duties and the Cal-EPA role regarding the Prop. 1B funds. Ms. Tuck commented about the united Valley efforts to secure part of the \$1 billion for Air Quality Mitigation from Prop. 1B funds and commented on the many letters she has received from Valley legislators and other interested parties. She engaged in a lengthy dialogue and held discussions with several attendees detailing how the Goods Movement definition from the Goods Movement Action plan should be used. Some have tried to insist language should read "international goods movement" which would be a harmful definition to Valley efforts. All goods movement and goods movement in general is a preferred definition. Discussion also took place regarding AB 995 the Assembly vehicle for setting the guidelines for distribution of the Air Quality money. Peter Weber expressed the Valley's desire that three points be in those guidelines (1) All goods movement definition not international goods movement; (2) Proximity and health impacts both be counted as heavily weighted guidelines or just health impacts be weighted. We would oppose only using proximity as a criteria. (3) Preference be given for areas where Air Quality has reached the highest level of attainment designation.

Ms. Tuck explained that the path for distribution of the \$1 billion has yet to be finalized but anywhere from \$111 million to \$250 million could be distributed in the upcoming fiscal year and the rest in ensuing years. Two options for distribution of the money could be (depending on the final bill language): (1) Money given to regions and distributed through ARB or (2) Money targeting specific polluters, i.e., "Truck specific money only" or "Port specific money only."

Special attention was paid to the City of Arvin, as several attendees pointed out that Arvin, right here in the Central Valley, has severe air quality issues that need to be addressed immediately. Ms. Tuck said she was aware of Arvin's issue and a discussion ensued about helping relieve Arvin's air quality issues.

The attendance was excellent and we thank everyone for attending and showing their support for the Valley's quest to gain a substantial portion of the \$1 billion in Prop. 1B money.

This united effort with the Valley Legislators, Fresno COG, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, RJI, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and others is really paying off in Sacramento.

We should again acknowledge and thank the following legislators for answering our request by sending a letter to Cal-EPA and the Governor's Office asking that the Valley receive fair treatment regarding the Prop. 1B air quality funds: Congressman Costa, Congressman Radanovich, Senators Ashburn, Cogdill, and Denham, Assemblymembers Aghazarian, Arambula, Parra, Villines, Galgiani, Maze, and Nakanishi. Our Valley legislative delegation and their staffs are outstanding and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their leadership on this important issue.

Thank you to Fresno COG for the use of their conference room and for Co-Hosting this event with our company.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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July 6, 2007

The Honorable Linda Adams
Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street, 25th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Adams,

I am writing to request that the San Joaquin Valley be given full and appropriate consideration in the allocation of Proposition 1B funds as approved last November.

The San Joaquin Valley serves as the principal North-South Corridor for goods movement in the Western United States and is the point of origination for much of the nation's food supply and, indeed, for many other areas of the world. This vital role in the distribution of goods creates a significant air quality burden on the valley. In 2005, 78% of the Valley's Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) were generated by mobile sources. Highway 99 carries three times more truck traffic than the State average. Much of that truck traffic passes through the Valley without stopping, making no contribution to the Valley economy, but leaving behind pollutants that the Valley must clean up.

The air quality burden is carried by all Valley residents. This burden comes in the form of a number of health problems, including asthma and acute bronchitis. Funding from Proposition 1B can help the Valley face emission density issues, air quality related health problems, the projected growth in population and the continued movement of goods through the area.

I look forward to working with you, the Air Resources Board, the Governor and my colleagues in the legislature to ensure the San Joaquin Valley continues to fulfill its vital role in goods movement while fostering economic viability and improving the health of Valley residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Nakanishi".

Alan Nakanishi
Assemblyman, 10th Assembly District

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July 17, 2007

The Honorable Linda Adams
Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency
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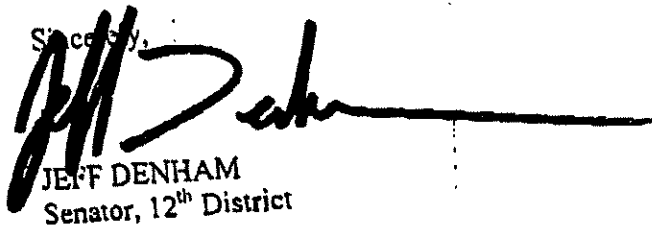
Dear Secretary Adams,

I am writing to express support for full and appropriate funding for the San Joaquin Valley under the air quality mitigation provisions and established by Proposition 1B. The Central Valley is the primary corridor for north-south travel. The Valley's role in the transportation of people goods, and services, while beneficial to the state, has brought increased levels of air pollution and health problems.

The air quality burden is carried by all Valley residents. This burden comes in the form of a number of health issues, including asthma and acute bronchitis. The allocation for \$1 billion in air quality mitigation funds from the Transportation Bond would address the pressing needs of the Valley and its residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am confident, that by working together, the San Joaquin Valley can continue to fulfill its role as the primary corridor without negatively affecting its residents.

Sincerely,


JEFF DENHAM
Senator, 12th District

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Allocation of Proposition 1. B Air Quality Mitigation Funds to the San Joaquin Valley Consistent with the Use of Objective Criteria.

Proposal

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, joined by the California partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, urges the California legislature and the Governor to use objective criteria for the allocation of Proposition 1.B Air quality Mitigation funds.

Background

- Proposition 1.B includes \$1 billion for mitigation of air quality impacts from goods movement in the major transportation corridors in the State. Air quality impacts can be determined based on truck vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in each corridor and their effect on NOx, ROG and particulate emissions. Priority should be given to those air basins that have the highest non-attainment designations and exceedance of standards because of geographic, climactic and other conditions that contribute to generation and entrapment of good movement emissions.
- The San Joaquin Valley experiences the worst ozone and particulate air pollution in the nation, causing severe health, social and economic impacts. Largely because of its bowl-shaped geography, very hot summer temperatures and temperature inversions, the San Joaquin Valley Air basin is far less tolerant of pollutant emissions than other air basins in California, as illustrated by the fact that the Valley has comparable 8-hour ozone exceedances to the South Coast despite having only one tenth the emissions density, and more than 7 times the exceedances of the Bay Area despite having only one sixth the emissions density. This low tolerance level for pollutant emissions is being severely taxed by the Valley's role in goods movement.
- The critical path to attainment in the Valley is through reduction of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx). Because 80% of the Valley's NOx is from mobile sources, and more than half of that is from Heavy Heavy-Duty Diesel Trucks (HHDDT), the most impactful way to significantly reduce toxic emissions in the Valley is to accelerate the turnover of the Valley's truck fleet. Because 71% of all Valley residents live within 5 miles of Highway 99 or Interstate 5, the two major North South goods movement corridors in the State, resident exposure is severe.
- As shown in the attached table, the Valley carries more truck traffic than any other major goods movement corridor in the State, and the resulting impact on air quality is enormous, causing the Valley to have the highest ranking for NOx, reactive organic gases, particulate matter and 8-hour ozone exceedances.

Recommendation

We support language in the governor's revised budget that would allow air quality mitigation funds to be used to upgrade and replace high-emitting trucks used to transport goods and farm produce throughout the state, and we propose that the California Air Resources Board be tasked with allocating funds according to the criteria indicated above.

Proposed Use of Funds

The principal use of the Proposition 1 B Air Quality Mitigation Funds by the San Joaquin Valley would be for retrofit, repower and replacement of the truck fleet resident in the Valley, including a

proposed “*Triangular Truck Trade*” concept which promises significantly better cost-effectiveness than the current state Moyer program. The “triangle” consists of a three step process in which owners of “middle-aged” high mileage trucks are incentivized to replace them with new trucks and to donate their vehicles to owners of the oldest trucks, who in turn will permanently scrap their old trucks. Much of the Valley fleet is comparable to the drayage fleet at the ports, used primarily to move goods from farms to packing houses and processing plants, and in many instances on to the ports.

Impact of Heavy Heavy-Duty Diesel Trucks on Major Goods Movement Corridors

	<u>Attainment Designation</u>	<u>HHDDT Vehicle Miles Traveled in 2010*</u> (1000 miles/day)	<u>NOx Emissions from HHDDT in 2010</u> (Tons/Day)**	<u>ROG Emissions from HHDDT in 2010</u> (Tons/ Day)**	<u>PM Emissions from HHDDT in 2010</u> (Tons/Day)**	<u>8-hour Ozone Exceedances in 2006***</u>
San Joaquin Valley	Extreme	8636	212.65	15.73	8.89	86
South Coast	Extreme	6733	140.05	11.79	7.09	85
San Francisco	Marginal	2542	50.36	3.57	2.03	12
San Diego	Basic	1302	25.7	1.94	1.16	14
<i>San Joaquin Valley % of the 4 Corridors</i>	<i>40.0%</i>	<i>44.9%</i>	<i>49.6%</i>	<i>47.6%</i>	<i>46.4%</i>	<i>43.7%</i>

*Source: Air Resources Board, EMFAC Modeling Change Technical Memo, September 2006

**Emissions Inventory from ARB Ozone SIP version 1.06

***ARB ADAM website

Note: For purposes of calculating a percentage for “attainment designation”, designations were ranked from 1=Basic to 6=Extreme, with the San Joaquin Valley at 40% (6/15ths)

For more information contact Seyed Sadredin, (559) 230-6032, seyed.sadredin@valleyair.org or Peter Weber, CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, (559) 431-7170, peterweber@sbcglobal.net

Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 16:51:53 -0700 (PDT)
From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: High Speed Rail--Great News!

I was informed late today that the Joint Assembly and Senate Budget Conference Committee approved (late this afternoon) a \$55 million budget augmentation for the High Speed rail project.

As you know from my previous reports, Sen. Florez has led this effort and done an outstanding job garnering support for the project. He pushed through \$40 million in the Senate Budget Sub-Committee and \$60 million in the Assembly Budget Sub-Committee.

It was up to the Joint Budget Conference Committee to reconcile the two versions and either add to, lower, or eliminate the funding. They settled on \$55 million which is a major victory for the High Speed rail project.

Sen. Florez and his Capitol Staff deserve our gratitude on a job well done. Our office has worked closely with Sen. Florez and his Staff on this issue.

Date: Wed, 11 Jul 2007 17:19:52 -0700 (PDT)
From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Fwd: Senate Bill 286

Attached is a memo I sent back on June 1, 2007. In item #7 I mention the Joint Budget Conference Committee is meeting and discussing how much to allocate of the \$2 billion in local roads money for cities and counties.

I have been informed by Assemblyman Arambula's Office that the Joint Budget Conference Committee has decided to allocate/distribute \$600 million of the \$2 billion in this budget year. This item will surely now be debated in "Big 5" and then must pass the Legislature and be signed by the Governor as part of the State Budget.

Thought you might want this update.....Steve

Note: forwarded message attached.

Date: Fri, 1 Jun 2007 16:45:44 -0700 (PDT)
From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Senate Bill 286

I have received some questions regarding Senate Bill 286 (Lowenthal) that deals with the local roads money for cities and counties. I have been in contact with the Committee Consultant handling the bill and Senator Lowenthal's Legislative Director in Sacramento. The following is a brief update:

1. \$2 billion is available from the Bond for cities and counties for roads. \$1 billion for cities and \$1 billion for counties.
2. Senate Bill 286 lays out a structure and a framework for how that money will be distributed. The bill passed Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday and is headed to the Senate Floor for a vote next week. The bill will then start again in the Assembly going through Committees and then eventually to the floor.
3. Every city will receive a minimum of \$400,000 and many will receive more depending on the formula laid out in the Bond language.
4. SB 286 seeks to expedite the release of this money. Under this bill, a city would send their proposed "shelf ready" project to Department of Finance who would then approve it and send it to the State Controller's Office for payment. State Controller would distribute the money. Every city would have 3 years to spend the money under a "use it or lose it" system.
5. Assuming the bill passes it would go into effect on January 1, 2008.
6. Running a parallel track to this bill is a budget appropriation. The bill would set up the guidelines (as described above). However, without an appropriation the bond is unfunded. Therefore, the bond money needs an appropriation from the Legislature. The bill may pass but it needs an appropriation as part of the State Budget in order to have money to distribute.
7. The Legislature is currently discussing bond appropriations. The Joint Budget Conference Committee is taking up this issue and began their deliberations today. It appears that not all of the \$2 billion for local roads will be appropriated this year. The Assembly is discussing the figure of \$400 million and the Senate is discussing \$650 million. It is the task of the Joint Budget Conference Committee to reconcile the two versions and come up with one set dollar amount that the Legislature will appropriate to cities and counties for local roads. This figure will be known once the Joint Budget Conference Committee concludes its deliberations and sends their recommendations to the "Big 5" and then the "Big 5" settles on a figure and it then goes before the entire Legislature for a vote as part of the State Budget. This is all supposed to happen before June 30 assuming an "on time" budget.
8. Although this is still a work in progress and things are not yet clear.....one item is certain. Over the course of the next few years, cities will receive \$1 billion for local road repair and counties will receive \$1 billion for local road repair.

Our office will continue to monitor this situation and we will keep you up to date.

Date: Wed, 11 Jul 2007 17:37:40 -0700 (PDT)
From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: State and Local Partnership Money

The Joint Budget Conference Committee did NOT fund the State and Local Partnership \$1 billion. They left it open.

It is probable that this will be funded through a policy bill that will go through the Legislature in August or early September AFTER the budget is passed.

Hope this information helps. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Date: Wed, 11 Jul 2007 13:51:27 -0700 (PDT)
From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: More Sacramento News

Based on meetings yesterday in Sacramento I wanted to give you an update. I met yesterday with two Valley legislative offices as well as Committee Consultants to the Senate and Assembly Local Government Committees. Additionally, I met with several State Agencies and the Governor's Office. Here is a brief update on issues we have been tracking:

PROP. 84 BOND MONEY

There are two bills on this topic. A bill by Mr. DeLeon that proposes to distribute the \$400 million in park money to areas that are "park needy" This would be done through a competitive RFP process through the Cal. Department of Parks and Recreation. There would not be a "per capita" distribution system under this bill. SB 732 by Mr. Steinberg also has competitive grant criteria set up. One proposal is to identify areas as "park needy" if they have 2 acres or less of parks per 1,000 residents. These bills are still going through the legislative process and will likely be merged together or one will emerge as "the Prop. 84" bill. We will continue to monitor. Along these lines, we are hosting a meeting for our clients with the Chief Deputy Director of the Cal. Parks and Recreation Department (appointed by the Governor) tomorrow at our Fresno office. He will certainly have more details about this topic.

AB 1252-Caballero

Assembly Local Government Committee Chair Anna Caballero (D-Salinas) is moving legislation that proposes to give out \$200 million from HCD in non-competitive housing money to cities for low income housing. Modeled after the Workforce Housing Grant that gives out money per bedroom in low income housing area (our staff has worked on this grant for clients), this bill would give out money for every building permit that a city issues for low or very low income housing. If passed, HCD says they can have a Notice of Funds Available out some time around June of 2008. We will continue to monitor this legislation.

AB 1742-SRF Loans

This bill that I have written memo's about previously, will give the State Water Resources Control Board the ability to lower or eliminate the interest rates for SRF loans to "disadvantaged communities." The bill passed the Assembly floor on June 6, 2007 and is currently in the Senate. Clearly, this bill will help Valley cities that are planning waste water treatment expansions.

AIR QUALITY MITIGATION \$1 BILLION

We continue to push hard on this issue and lobby for the Valley to receive at least \$350 million of the \$1 billion fund. To that end, our office along with Fresno COG (the 15 cities in Fresno County and the County) are hosting a Roundtable meeting this Friday at 1:30 p.m. with Cal-EPA Deputy Secretary Cindy Tuck. The purpose is to impress upon Ms. Tuck how important it is that the Valley received air quality mitigation funding and how poor our air is in the Valley. AB 1209 by Assemblywoman Karnette levels the playing field for the distribution of this money and Mr. Arambula has been a strong advocate on this issue. Much of Arambula's AB 575 is now part of AB 1209 and that is a positive development.

SB 286--LOCAL ROADS MONEY

SB 286 by Lowenthal that will expedite the distribution of the local roads money for cities and counties passed the Assembly Transportation Committee 13-0 on July 9, 2007. We are continuing to work with his office and the Committee Consultants on this important bill.

GENERAL PLAN MONEY

The two bills regarding distribution of money for General Plan updates are both proceeding through the Legislative process. SB 732 and AB 1253 are both moving forward. In fact, SB 732 is set for Assembly Appropriations Committee today. I have previously sent detailed memo's regarding the provisions of both of these bills.

I will send an update soon regarding several other legislative endeavors we are tracking. Next week I will be in Sacramento two days as this is the most intense part of the legislative session.

We are also very pleased to announce that the cities of Lemoore, Kingsburg, and Tehachapi have retained California Consulting, bringing our total number of municipal/city clients to 15.

Subject: Another letter on 1b

From: "california consulting" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Sun, 8 Jul 2007 03:29:29 +0000

following fresno cog direction our office has continued to urge valley legislators to write to Cal EPA, the governor, and legislative leadership asking them to give the valley our fair share of the \$1 billion available in prop. 1b for air quality mitigation. Late friday, I received a copy of assemblyman Alan nakanishi (r-lodi) letter.

Assemblyman Nakanishi is the latest valley legislator to ask for fair treatment for the valley and we are appreciative of his letter. In addition to the Nakanishi letter, our office has worked with and received letters of support for this issue from the following legislators: congressman George radanovich, senators Roy ashburn and dave cogdill, and assemblymembers Juan arambula, mike villines, Nicole parra, Cathleen galgiani, bill maze, and Greg aghazarian. We are contining to work with our valley legislative offices to obtain more letters. I believe this timing is appropriate given our meeting next week with Cal EPA deputy secretary tuck at the fresno cog office.

PROP. 84 MONEY:

- Prop. 84, De Leon bill AB 31 distributes \$400 million, cities with 2 acres or less of parks per 1,000 people are considered "parks needy." No per capita money.
- SB 732 Steinberg competitive RFP money goes through Parks and Rec. department.
- AB 1252 Caballero bill, gives out \$200 million HCD money modeled after Workforce Housing grant program. Non-competitive based on housing permits issues for low and very low income housing. HCD NOFA out June, 2008. Cities must be (1) park needy and (2) low income housing.

Date: Thu, 12 Jul 2007 14:09:30 -0700 (PDT)
From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Parks and Recreation Meeting Summary

Today, California Consulting, LLC hosted a special meeting at our Fresno Office with special guest Sedrick Mitchell, Deputy Director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Mitchell oversees all grant programs and is appointed by the Governor.

Approximately 30 representatives of cities, parks and rec. districts, Fresno COG, as well as our grant writers Sonia and Ginnie attended the informative and productive meeting today.

Following is a summary of the items Mr. Mitchell presented:

PROP. 12

As background and examples he began by saying that under Prop. 12 the Department had 98 million in available funds and received \$1.1 billion in applications.

PROP. 40

Again as background Sedrick said they had \$256 million in available funds and \$1.2 billion in applications/requests.

1C

There is \$200 million available for housing/parks in Prop. 1C. The Legislature is deciding on this criteria. I discussed AB 1252 by Assembly Local Government Committee Chair Anna Caballero (D-Salinas) which proposes to distribute the \$200 million based on a non-competitive grant that cities would receive based on how many low and very low income housing permits they issue each year. If a city qualifies as "park needy" the City would then be rewarded for each low and very low income housing permit they issue with these funds. This bill is making its way through the Legislature and has been passing Committees so far. If approved, the money would go to HCD and HCD has said they could have a Notice of Funds Available/RFP out by June of 2008.

PROP. 84

Sedrick then discussed Prop. 84 and the \$400 million in competitive dollars that will soon become available. The following guidelines are called for:

1. Acquisition and development of new parks and expansion of overused parks that provide park and recreational access to underserved communities shall be given preference.
2. Creation of parks in neighborhoods where none currently exist shall be given preference.
3. Outreach and technical assistance shall be provided to underserved communities to encourage full participation in the program or programs.
4. Preference shall be given to applicants that actively involve community based groups in the selection and planning of projects.
5. Projects will be designed to provide efficient use of water and other natural resources.

A general time line for the \$400 million in Prop.; 84 is as follows:

September/October 2007: Focus Groups held

November/December 2007: Focus Groups conclude and finalize report

January/February 2008: Focus Group report is sent out

April 2008: Applications become available. Department would like to give applicants 6-8 months preparation time to write their grants.

December 2008: Application deadline

April 2009: Applications Awarded

It is unclear if there will be a match required for Prop. 84 and no set maximum or minimum has been set yet.

PROP. 84 CRITERIA

I gave an overview of the Prop. 84 legislation pending that would set the criteria for funding.

There are two bills pending on this subject:

AB 31 by Mr. DeLeon that seeks to distribute the \$400 million on a competitive basis to communities that have 2 acres or less of parks per 1,000 people. There would be no per capita allotment, so not every community would get funded, it will be competitive.

SB 732 by Sen. Steinberg that seeks to give the money to Parks and Rec. department with direction to set up a competitive RFP process and breaks the money into 3 pots of money as follows:

69.5% to heavily urbanized areas which are 9 counties in the state;

24.5% to urbanized areas which are 18 counties in the state (including Fresno and Kern);

6% to non-urbanized areas which are counties with a population of less than 200,000, this is thirty one counties in the state.

However, under the Steinberg bill, a community would only compete against its other like situated areas, i.e., Fresno County applications would compete against 17 other counties in the "urbanized" area and they would compete for 24.5% of the \$400 million available.

NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAM:

There is \$100 million available to create nature education centers for research facilities, museums, botanical gardens, aquariums, etc. Both non-profits and public agencies are eligible applicants. These grants are for nature education and research facilities and equipment to nonprofit organizations and public institutions, including natural history museums, aquariums, research facilities and botanical gardens. Eligible institutions include those that combine the stuff of natural science with preservation, demonstration and education programs that serve diverse populations, institutions that provide collections and programs related to the relationship of Native American cultures to the environment, and institutions for marine wildlife conservation research. Grants may be used for buildings, structures and exhibit galleries that present the collections to inspire and educate the public and for marine wildlife conservation research equipment and facilities.

URBAN GREENING:

\$70 million is available for Urban Greening projects that will decrease the burden on natural resources. These funds will be available for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. Priority shall be given to projects that provide multiple benefits, use existing public lands, serve communities with the greatest need, and facilitate joint use of public resources and investments including schools. Implementing legislation shall provide for planning grants for urban greening programs.

SUMMARY:

The meeting was very productive and the attendance was very high (almost 30 people). We appreciated Mr. Mitchell's presentation and as he said, now is the time to begin thinking about your projects and what you would like to submit as an application.

Council of Fresno County Governments
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Ending June 30, 2007

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.
- Participated in the San Joaquin River Crossing study. [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.
- Selected Omni-Means for the Traffic Monitoring Program Review and Update Project. Work on the project commenced in June. [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:

- 1987-2007 Measure “C” Expenditure Plan, Sixth Edition will be finalized for adoption September 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.
- Began meeting with Measure “C” Implementing subcommittees and project sponsors for regional projects.
- 2007-2027 Measure C Expenditure Implementation Plan, Part 1 – Local Agency Pass-Through Fund Handbook completed and submitted for approval by COG Board
- Selected consultant for Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program, July 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:

- Updated demographic data for the truck model
- Merged all the county networks with the Statewide model network, and created a new network for the truck model
- Validated ITMS data at an aggregate level, and applied the tool to create county-county trip tables
- Developed future year ITMS data
- Draft San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan to be circulated July 2007.
[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.
- The Fresno COG Policy Board adopted Resolution No. 2007-07 on February 22, 2007 approving the methodology for use in the development of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan.
- The 60-day review and comments/local revision period of the Draft 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan expired on June 22, 2007. Revision requests were received by the County of Fresno and the City of Kingsburg and will be evaluated and decided during the subsequent 60-day period.
[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.
- Coordinated Community Workshop to develop Fresno County's Values and Vision for the Blueprint. Nearly 200 participants attended.
- Modeling staff worked with 16 member agencies as well as Valley COGs to develop the base case "status quo" growth scenario.
- Conducted 3 monthly meetings of the Fresno COG Blueprint Roundtable (32 member advisory committee.)
- Conducted Blueprint Steering Committee and Outreach Committee meetings
- Presented Blueprint update to a joint meeting of the planning commissions of the City of Clovis, the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno, the City of Madera and the County of Madera.

- Met twice monthly with the Blueprint project managers from each of the eight Valley COGs.
- Provided ongoing project management for Fresno Blueprint activities.
- Continued monthly Blueprint Roundtable meetings with stakeholder groups
- Continued twice monthly meetings with SJV Blueprint Coordinating Committee
- Continue working with Great Valley Center, both on BRAC and on two Partnership working groups (Transportation and Land Use, Housing and Agriculture).
- Made Blueprint presentation to CSUF's Campus Planning Committee.
- Staffed Blueprint booth with Earth Day students at CSUF's annual Vintage Days.
- Convened Blueprint Environmental Issues group to hear input on environmental issues to include in document.
- Convened local agency planners to participate in Blueprint Planners Workshop aimed at defining Phase II tasks - goals, objectives and measurable outcomes.
- Met with Partnership Secretariat to ensure connection of two projects
- Met with Farmland Conservation Model Program folks to coordinate modeling tasks between two projects.
- Fresno COG's team continues to attend statewide Blueprint Learning Network (BLN)
- Assist CCRL to plan BLN programs around the state [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 prepared and released an RFP for a paratransit service provider. The existing contract with MV transportation services had unresolved issues that the City of Fresno and the contractor agreed required a new RFP. Service continues to be 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 installation of new Trapeze scheduling software, the development of an automated productivity report generator, and work with Google Inc. on the development of a trip planning service for FAX
- *National Transit Database Report:* National Transit Data Base (NTDB) annual operating statistics for FY2006-07 are being compiled for the report to the Federal Transit Administration. 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. Significant work this quarter included work on a planned intermodal Transit Village located on Kings Canyon at Peach.
- *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 has participated in several community outreach activities with various local agencies. Staff initiated the marketing program for a new Senior 7 bus pass to promote free bus services for seniors 65 and over. The program is funded through Measure C.

- *Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)*: The SSTAC completed the Annual Unmet Transit Needs process and its recommendation that there are no unmet transit needs in Fresno County was approved by the COG Policy Board after a public hearing on June 28, 2007.
- *Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP)*: Staff updated the SRTP for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area, and the plan was adopted by the COFCG Policy Board on June 28, 2007.
- *Clean Air Express Vanpool Program*: Staff continues to oversee the downtown Fresno commuter vanpool program that has been expanded to twelve vanpools. The program has increased to 19 vanpools. Staff is in the process up preparing an RFP for services as the existing contract with Enterprise Rideshare will expire in August 2007.
- *Service Coordination*: FAX continues to include transit service schedules and information for Clovis Stageline in the FAX Schedule Guide.
- *Regional Agency Formation Study*: The final report was completed June, 2007.
- *Regional Farebox System*: Staff, working with a technical consulting firm and regional agencies including FAX, Clovis, FCRTA, and CSUF, began developing an RFP for a regional farebox system that will permit passengers from all county jurisdictions agencies to utilize services from all transit agencies with one pass. This is significant step in regional transit coordination.
- *Transit Master Plan*: The Technical Advisory Committee has met several times and the Public Forum was held on June 27, 2007, which included Bus Rapid Transit Vehicle display. The Forum was very well attended.
- *Fresno Downtown Transportation Infrastructure Study (DTIS)*: The DTIS is a City of Fresno planning effort that is being managed by COG/FAX staff. The draft plan was released for public comment in June, 2007. [DOWNS]

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.
- Community-Based Organizations involved in the project during 3rd quarter.
 - Academy for New Americans
 - Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministry
 - Hmong International New Year Community Groups' 1,2,3, and 4
- Several public participation efforts were held to engage and inform target populations
- Southeast Asian Transit Awareness Project was completed on February 28, 2007

- Final documents/materials were forwarded to HQ this quarter (contacts, agreements, final reports, etc.) [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.
- Initial kick off meeting was held and consultant team is progressing in development of the deficiency study traffic model and delivering a fee study technical document. [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 Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council completed its annual "Unmet Transit Needs" process during the Fourth Quarter. Mass mailings were sent to nearly 500 interested individuals and parties of record. Three community outreach meetings were conducted in February for the Eastern, Central, and Western areas of Fresno County to further facilitate public comments. The Committee reviewed the staffs' analysis during the Fourth Quarter before reaching a finding regarding transit needs that may be reasonable to meet. The process culminated on June 28th with a Public Hearing before the Policy Board. No additional comments were expressed, and the findings were approved.
- Staff met with the Triennial Performance Auditor twice during the Fourth Quarter. The draft reports were reviewed by staff in mid-June 2007. The final Report will be presented to the Policy Board for acceptance on July 19, 2007.
- The updated draft *Short Range Transit Plan* for the Fresno County Rural Area was circulated for review and comment early in the Fourth Quarter. The document reflected the commitments adopted in the 2007 Regional Transit Plan and the promises contained in the voter approved Measure-C Expenditure Plan. The final draft was adopted following a Public Hearing before the Policy Board on June 28, 2007 [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.

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.
- Attended and participated in a meeting of the California Bike Advisory Committee on June 7, 2007 in Sacramento to discuss several technical issues of importance to the bicycle transportation mode.

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.
- Presented an update and status report on activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority to the COG Committees and Policy Board during the February cycle of meetings.
- Participated in a meeting of the Fresno County Technical Advisory Committee on April 18, 2007 with the consultant team retained by the Authority to evaluate alternative high-speed rail corridors south of Fresno that would provide service to a potential station in the Visalia/Tulare/Hanford area.
- Participated in a joint meeting of the technical advisory committees of Tulare, Fresno and Kings counties along with the consultant team retained by the Authority to discuss station location and alignment issues of mutual interest and importance.
- Attended meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee in Richmond on June 28, 2007. 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 September 27, 2007 in Merced.
- 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 four-year basis the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Fresno County which addresses at a minimum a twenty 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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) planning factors. The final rule for SAFETEA-LU implementation was released in February 2007 with an effective date of March 16, 2007.

Accomplishments:

- Held public hearings on April 26, 2007 for the 2007 RTP and Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- Responded to public comments and approved 2007 RTP and EIR on May 31, 2007.
- Continued coordination with San Joaquin Valley MPOs to submit all required documents to state and federal agencies. [PAUKOVITS]

WE 172 - Congestion Management Planning

Objective: To respond to federal congestion management planning requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Participated in discussions with FHWA regarding SAFETEA-LU compliance for the congestion management process. [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 the San Joaquin Valley Partnership Air Quality Work Group.
- Reviewed relevant information and provided comments on the development of the 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP). Fresno COG Policy Board approved submission of letter to the Governor related to approval and submission of the eight-hour ozone plan to EPA.
- Approved conformity analysis for the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) in May 2007. Received FHWA approval in June 2007.
- Developed valleywide policy to fund cost-effective Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects. Approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board on May 31, 2007. [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 on February 5, 2007 by FHWA.
- Formal Amendment 5 to the FTIP was approved on April 12, 2007 by FHWA
- Formal Amendment 7, SAFETEA-LU compliance, was adopted by the COG Policy Board on May 31, 2007 and was approved on June 29, 2007 by FHWA.
- Administrative Amendment 8 to the FTIP was approved on June 13, 2007 by the Executive Director as authorized by the COG Policy Board. [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.
- Called for "One Voice" projects from member agencies and community organizations. Convened selection committee and selected top priorities with COG Board approval.
- Participated in the coordination of a monthly "Professional Development Roundtable" aimed at public and private agency education and networking.
- Provided follow up on March 2007 "Sacramento One Voice" trip in which a 16 person delegation traveled to the State's Capitol.
- Provided follow up on February 2007 Washington D.C. "One Voice" trip in which a 33 person delegation traveled to the Nation'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.
- Planned for project selection committee to meet during next quarter.
- 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.
- Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) Application Process Outreach:
 - Updated new pages for the 2007-2027 Measure C section of Fresno COG's website
 - Answered questions received from the media, member agencies and community members on the Measure C Expenditure Plan
 - Sent out news releases announcing the Citizen Oversight Committee Selection
 - Scheduled the first meeting of the COC
- Prepared and sent news releases to the media regarding the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint
- Continued updating Fresno COG's website with a variety of graphics and material
- Continued involvement in the Valley Blueprint process:
 - participated on the Valleywide media committee
 - worked with staff to design a new media outreach plan
- Completed update of the Fresno County Transportation Guide; sent the English version to translator for Spanish translation.
- Mailed out the Spring 2006 COG Outlook newsletter and posted an electronic version to the Fresno COG website
- Researched and ordered new Blueprint Outreach materials
- Hosted a Blueprint Outreach booth at CSUF's Vintage Days celebration in coordination with and by invitation from the CSUF Parking and Transportation Department [DEVERE/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.
- Online calendars and important dates are being constantly updated and kept current on the Fresno COG website. Meeting agenda/handout links are now included on the online calendar.
- 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.
- Provided support and ongoing maintenance of the COGView website.
- Development of the planned road closure functionality for the Fresno COGView website has started. Estimated completion date, July 2007.[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.
- The write up of the Environmental Justice study is largely complete. The last remaining part of this study consists of commentary about migrant farmworkers as a disadvantaged population for the purposes of this report.
- The final modeling results for the Environmental Justice Report are currently being completed. The EJ Task Force will be reconvened to review the findings and once approved, the findings will be forwarded to the Fresno COG Policy Board for adoption. [SOBRADO]

WE 314 – Public Transit-Human Services Transportation

Objective: 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.
- Created methodology and project plan to develop the Coordinated Plan required by SAFETEA-LU. The Plan is in development and is expected to be completed by November 2007.
- Implementation of the Consolidated Plan required under the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program is currently in process. Survey has been sent and we are on track to have this plan completed by November 2007, if not before.[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. [BOREN]

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, KART 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

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
- Updated and printed the Fresno Clovis Bikeways Map
- Developed, and printed a new Bikeways Map for the city of Kingsburg
- Working to develop a draft implementation strategy for the Measure C Commuter Vanpool/Carpool program

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 50 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.
- Prepared for County's participation in Census 2010 and LUCA (Local Update of Census Activities).
- Prepared Transit Service Area calculations for Transportation Development Act funding purposes.
- Worked on 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 began 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 began in January 2007.
- 2007/08 Overall Work Program was adopted May 2007.
- Amendment # 1 was approved on June 28, 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 Fourth Quarter, Staff processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff responded to Caltrans comments on pending Grant requests.
- Staff updated its Drug and Alcohol Policy following a Caltrans Audit review. The Policy was presented for readoption by the Board of Directors early in the Fourth Quarter.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- Staff completed its ongoing monitoring of ridership on two new demonstration services, the Juvenile Justice Campus Transit and Biola Transit. Through the Fourth Quarter, actual riderships on both services were significantly lower than minimum standards. The Board of Directors concurred that minimum expectations on both services did not warrant continuation. Public Notices were published in the Fresno Bee notifying the public that both services would be discontinued on June 30, 2007. No adverse comments were received [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.
- Attended a meeting of the Statewide FSP Oversight Committee in Sacramento on May 31, 2007, in Sacramento to discuss issues of mutual interest to all 13 FSP programs. [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, particularly regarding eligible expenses for reimbursement and reporting requirements.
- Calculated payment amounts to eligible local jurisdictions for AVA expenses.
- Coordinated with local agencies and with other AVA Service Authorities in the State regarding possible changes to State statutes governing abandoned vehicle abatements.
- Provided Status Reports to the Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board at the June cycle of meetings.
- Conducted quarterly AVA Working Group meeting on April 13, 2007.
- Attended and participated in a statewide AVA Meeting in the City of Orange on April 19, 2007.
- Prepared and sent letter in support of AB 468 (Ruskin), legislation that clarifies vehicle abatements for reimbursement and other matters vital to a viable AVA program in Fresno County [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:

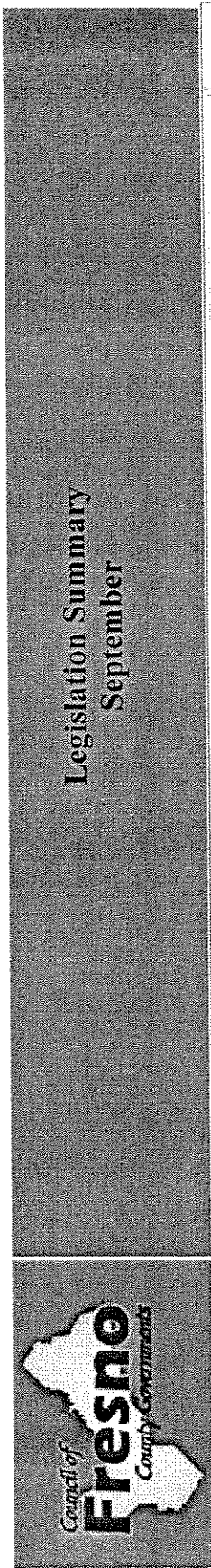
- Develop conceptual pedestrian-oriented street design guidelines for the project area and identify pedestrian circulation paths, street trees and linkages to community services in accordance with the West Fresno Community Vision plan and the adopted Fresno General Plan "Landscape of Choice" and the 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.
- Worked with sub-recipient to extend contract to February 28, 2008.
- Encouraged grant sub-recipient to move project forward in order to complete by new deadline. [STECK]

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
 SCHEDULE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED & EXPENDED
 For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2007

	Percent	Budget	Year to	Local	FHWA	FTA WFO	Partner	EPA	Cal	FTA	Environ.	PPM01	FSP	SPR
		Authorized	Date	Resources	PL	5303	Planning	X-969407	Blueprint	5307	Justice	6086(019)	6086(020)	6086(021)
2006/07 OWP Allocated Funds:			Expense											
110 Regional Streets & Roads	81%	234,288	190,399	21,839	168,560									
111 Regional Transp. Modeling	83%	355,684	295,399	52,748	242,651									
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	74%	329,730	245,458	28,688	216,770									
113 Measure "C" Exp. Plan	69%	25,000	17,157	17,157										
114 Measure "C" Extension	96%	19,750	18,912	18,912										
117 Valley Wide Goods Movement	23%	360,000	81,980	16,239										65,741
118 Regional Housing Element	99%	35,000	34,552	34,552										
119 Blue Print	65%	357,117	231,061	0					231,061	231,458				
120 Public Trans. - Urban	48%	904,582	434,938	163,523		39,947					50,000			
121 S.E. Asian Transit Ridership	100%	55,556	55,572	5,572			74,178							
123 Traffic Deficiencies	31%	300,000	92,723	18,545										
130 Public Trans. - Rural	100%	28,500	28,459	3,264		25,195								
150 Other Modal Elements	95%	92,100	87,645	71,435	16,210									
170 Regional Transp. Plan	80%	283,000	226,066	25,930	171,078	29,058								
172 Congestion Management Plan	67%	5,000	3,336	382	697	2,257								
180 Air Quality	75%	135,100	100,848	11,567	76,375	12,906						115,180		
220 Transportation Prog. Dev.	91%	187,500	170,141	6,145	48,816									
310 Intergov. Coordination	106%	151,368	161,188	161,188										
311 Public Info. and Partic.	70%	194,500	136,851	20,866	72,665	43,320								
312 COG View Internet	100%	15,500	15,527	4,241		11,286								
313 Environmental Justice	26%	55,000	14,270	3,138	11,132									
314 Jarc/New Freedom	8%	651,083	54,626	54,626										
320 Technical Assist. Members	73%	9,000	6,612	6,612										
330 Outside Technical Serv.	58%	55,000	32,086	32,086										
340 Rideshare Program	96%	63,250	60,871	60,871										
350 Regional Data Center	98%	69,400	68,286	7,832	28,243	32,211								
910 COFG Admin.	101%	173,436	175,309	175,309										
911 OWP & Budget	101%	20,000	20,219	16,572	3,647									
912 Transportation Funds Adm.	90%	167,000	150,484	150,484		17,537							18,000	
913 Valley RTPA Coordination	91%	186,000	169,898	152,361										
914 HWY 99 Concensus	100%	22,500	22,500	4,500										
920 FCRTA Admin.	97%	227,241	219,901	219,901									195,026	
930 Trans. Auth. Admin.	101%	2,500	2,513	2,513										
940 Freeway Service Patrol	83%	297,000	247,315	52,289										
945 Abandon Vehicle Abatement	117%	9,500	11,127	11,127										
951 Non Pt. Source Water Quality	32%	248,000	80,433	1,387				79,046						
952 Yosemite Village Revitalize	1%	250,000	2,870	2,870										
Total Allocated Funds	60%	6,575,185	3,967,522	1,637,271	1,056,844	213,717	74,178	79,046	231,061	231,458	50,000	115,180	195,026	65,741



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SB 947 Hollingsworth	California Environmental Quality Act; consultation: transportation facilities.	2nd Policy													36
SB 974 Lowenthal	Ports: congestion relief: environmental mitigation: regulatory fee.	2nd Fiscal													36
Total Position Forms: 50															



Legislation Summary September

Bill# Author	Topic - Summary	Status/Hearing	Fresno COG Position	Other Position
<u>AB 57</u> Soto	Highways: federal funds: Safe Routes to School. Existing law authorizes certain state and local entities to secure and expend federal funds appropriated under the federal Highway Safety Act of 1973 for a number of programs relating to projects for the improvement of highway safety and the reduction of traffic congestion. This bill would instead authorize those state and local entities to secure and expend federal funds appropriated under the federal act known as SAFETEA-LU for programs relating to highway safety improvements that can reduce the number of fatal and serious injury accidents, as specified. The bill would declare the Legislature's intent that these federal funds be allocated in approximately equal amounts between state highways and local roads. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	
<u>AB 169</u> Levine	Joint powers authorities: Indian tribes. Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, by agreement, to jointly exercise common powers. Existing law defines public agencies for this purpose. This bill would provide that 16 federally recognized Indian tribal governments may participate in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), a joint powers authority, for specified purposes and subject to specified conditions in the 6-county region of the SCAG.	07/11/2007-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 6/19/2007 hearing)	Watch	CALCOG- support

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AB 468 Ruskin	Vehicles: abatement of abandoned vehicles. Existing law authorizes a county satisfying specified conditions to establish a service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles and to impose a \$1 vehicle registration fee for the abatement of abandoned vehicles. The fees imposed and the moneys received by the service authority from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, can only be used for the abatement, removal, and disposal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles from private or public property. The service authority is authorized to adopt an ordinance establishing procedures for the abatement, removal, and disposal, as a public nuisance, of an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicle and for the recovery of costs. This bill would authorize the service authority to use the fees imposed, as well as the moneys received from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund for the costs associated with the enforcement of the ordinance adopted by the service authority. The service authority would be prohibited from offsetting the costs of vehicles towed under authorities other than the ordinance adopted by the service authority or when the costs are recovered by another provision of law. The service authority would be authorized to carry forward unexpended money in a fiscal year to the following fiscal year for the abandoned vehicle abatement program upon agreement with its member agencies. The service authority would be authorized to carry out an abandoned vehicle abatement from public property after providing a notice specified by a local ordinance of the jurisdiction in which the abandoned vehicle is	08/21/2007-Read second time, amended, and to third reading. 08/27/07 367 SEN THIRD READING FILE	Support	KINGS COG-support CSAC-support

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AB 468 Ruskin Continued...	located and that notice has expired. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
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 January 31, 2012, 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.	07/16/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE	Watch	CALCOG- support
AB 633 Galgiani	Grade separation projects. 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	06/27/2007-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.	Support	

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AB 633 Galgiani Continued...	funds to be provided from nonstate funds and by the affected railroad. Under existing law, an allocation may only be made to a local agency if it furnishes evidence that sufficient local funds will be made available as the grade separation project progresses. This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Transportation to issue a joint public report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature no later than September 1, 2008. The bill would require the report to include, among other things, an evaluation of the grade separation project funding program and recommendations for establishing a hardship application process allowing for the adjustment or deferral of local financial participation in severe circumstances.			
AB 867 Davis	Traffic analysis zones. Existing law provides for the designation of regional 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 regional 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	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	

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<u>AB 867</u> Davis Continued...	of low-income and minority residents into its computer analysis of traffic 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 non-low-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-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
<u>AB 878</u> Davis	Service authority: registration and service fees. Existing law authorizes the establishment of a service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles and the imposition of a \$1 vehicle registration fee in a county if the board of supervisors of that county, by a 2/3 vote, and a majority of the cities having a majority of the incorporated population within the county, adopt resolutions providing for the establishment of that authority and the imposition of the \$1 fee. Existing law imposes an additional \$2 service fee on a commercial motor vehicle. This bill would revise the amount of the vehicle registration fee for these purposes from \$1 to \$1 or \$2, and would revise the amount of the additional service fee imposed on a commercial motor vehicle from \$2 to \$2 or \$4, as established by the service authority. The bill would require the same adoption procedure set forth above for an increase of the fee from \$1 to \$2. The	07/18/2007-Read second time. To third reading. 08/27/07 249 SEN THIRD READING FILE	Watch	CSAC-support

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AB 878 Davis Continued...	ordinance or resolution imposing the \$1 to \$2 fee increase would be required to be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles at least 6 months prior to the operative date of the fee increase. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
AB 901 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 (Proposition 1B), authorizes \$19.925 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes. The act requires that, among other things, \$3.6 billion of the proceeds from those bonds be deposited in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account for allocation to public transit operators and transportation planning agencies by formula. This bill would require the Department of Transportation to provide the Department of Finance and the Assembly and Senate budget committees by September 30 of each year with information describing the total amount of verified project funding needed in the budget year and the amount required by each agency seeking funding. The bill would also require the department, on a quarterly basis, to provide the Controller with instructions regarding funds to be allocated to each sponsoring entity and would require the Controller to allocate those funds accordingly. The bill would define "sponsoring entity" and "eligible project" for purposes of allocating these funds. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to include information in its annual report to the	08/23/2007-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/20/2007 hearing)	Watch	

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AB 901 Nunez Continued...	Legislature regarding its activities relative to these funds. The bill would also impose specified auditing requirements and enact other related provisions.			
AB 945 Carter	Transportation needs assessment. Existing law creates the California Transportation Commission, with various duties and responsibilities relative to the programming and allocation of funds for transportation capital projects. Existing law requires the commission to submit, by December 15 of each year, an annual report to the Legislature summarizing the commission's prior-year decisions in allocating transportation capital funds, and identifying timely and relevant transportation issues facing the state. This bill would require the commission, on an every-5-year basis, to develop an assessment of the unfunded costs of programmed state projects and federally earmarked projects in the state, as well as an assessment of available funding for transportation purposes and unmet transportation needs on a statewide basis. The bill would require the commission to submit the first report by July 1, 2008.	07/16/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE	Watch	LEAGUE OF CITIES- support CSAC-support
AB 981 Ma	Vehicles: parking. Existing law generally prohibits a person from stopping, parking, or leaving a vehicle whether attended or unattended in front of a public or private driveway, with specified exceptions. This bill would make an additional exception to this provision by allowing within the City and County of San Francisco a person to stop, park, or leave standing a vehicle in front of a private driveway with the consent of the owner or occupant of the property adjacent to the driveway .	07/18/2007-Read second time. To third reading. 08/27/07 257 SEN THIRD READING FILE	Watch	

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AB 995 Nava	Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006: trade corridors. 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. The act requires \$1,000,000,000 from the account to be made available 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. The act requires \$2,000,000,000 to be transferred to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund for infrastructure improvements along designated trade corridors. This bill would provide that projects eligible for funding from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund would receive priority if they meet specified requirements. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to coordinate with the state board for technical assistance in evaluating project applications.	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	
AB 1019 Blakeslee	Land use: annexation: housing. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 authorizes local governments to annex portions of territory to other local governments, as specified. This bill would authorize a similar mutually acceptable agreement	07/30/2007-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 165, Statutes of 2007	Watch	CALCOG-support

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AB 1019 Blakeslee Continued...	on a revised determination of regional housing needs if an annexation of unincorporated land to a city occurs after the council of governments, or the department for areas with no council of governments, has made its final allocation. This bill contains other existing laws.			
AB 1053 Nunez	Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account: programs. 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. The act establishes the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury, requires the sum of \$850,000,000 to be deposited in the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account, which the act establishes in the fund, and makes the moneys in the account available, upon appropriation, for infill incentive grants for capital outlay related to infill housing development and other related infill development, and for brownfield cleanup that promotes infill housing development and other related infill development consistent with regional and local plans, subject to the conditions and criteria that the Legislature may provide in statute. This bill would require the sum of \$100,000,000 to be transferred, upon appropriation, from the account to the California Pollution Control Financing Authority for the authority's California Recycle Underutilized Sites	08/23/2007-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/20/2007 hearing)	Watch	

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<u>AB 1053</u> Nunez	(CALReUSE) program established under specified state regulations, to be expended for brownfield cleanup that promotes infill housing development, and for other, related development, consistent with regional and local plans. It would require the authority to report annually to the Legislature on projects funded pursuant to these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions.			
<u>AB 1055</u> Blakeslee	Environment: mitigation: Highway 99. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 requires \$1,000,000,000 in specified bond funds, upon appropriation, to be made available to the Department of Transportation for improvements to Highway 99. This bill would authorize the department to communicate, coordinate, and consult with the Resources Agency, Wildlife Conservation Board, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Conservation, and other appropriate federal, state, or local governments, to consider and implement mitigation requirements on a regional basis for the projects covered by that master environmental impact report. The bill would authorize the department to execute an agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other similar instrument to memorialize its understanding of any communication, coordination, or implementation activities with other state agencies for the purpose of meeting mitigation requirements on a regional basis. This bill contains other existing laws.	08/21/2007-Read second time. To third reading. 08/27/07 329 SEN THIRD READING FILE	Watch	

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<u>AB 1170</u> Krekorian	State mandates. Under the California Constitution, whenever the Legislature or a state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government, including school districts, the state is required to provide a subvention of funds to reimburse the local government, with specified exceptions. Existing law establishes a procedure for local governmental agencies to file claims for reimbursement of these costs with the Commission on State Mandates. Under this procedure, the commission is required to hear and decide upon each claim for reimbursement and then determine the amount to be subvented for reimbursement, which the Controller shall pay to eligible claimants. The procedure also provides that a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district is subject to an audit by the Controller no later than 3 years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later, but that, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the audit shall be commenced no later than 3 years from the date of the initial payment of the claim. This bill would require the commission to issue a decision upon a local agency or school district test claim no later than 36 months after the date the claim is filed if the claim was filed on or after January 1, 2009, and no later than December 31, 2013. It would require the commission to include in a specified semiannual report to the Legislature a list of each test claim for which a decision was not issued within the 36-month period and an explanation of why it was not met. It also	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	

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AB 1170 Krekorian Continued....	would, with respect to a reimbursement claim that is filed or last amended on or after January 1, 2009, and no later than December 31, 2013, delete the provision that authorizes the Controller to commence an audit no later than 3 years from the date of the initial payment of the claim if certain conditions exist.			
AB 1209 Karnette	State Air Resources Board: emission reduction projects and measures. Existing law creates the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 to authorize \$19.925 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 requires \$3,100,000,000 of these funds to be deposited in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account within the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006, and requires \$1,000,000,000 of these funds to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Air Resources Board for emissions reductions, not otherwise required by law or regulation, from activities related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. This bill would require the state board to develop guidelines meeting specified requirements for the allocation of the \$1,000,000,000 in funding. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the state board to allocate funds on a competitive basis to projects and measures that are shown to achieve the greatest emission reductions from activities related to freight movement along California's trade corridors. The projects and measures would be	08/23/2007-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/20/2007 hearing)	Support	CALCOG-support

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AB 1209 Karmette Continued...	required to result in emission reductions not otherwise required by law or regulation in effect at the time the state board issues a notice of funding availability. The bill would specify that the funds only be used to implement strategies described in a required emissions reduction plan included in funding applications. The bill would require the state board to report annually to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on the status of the projects and measures being funded. The bill would require the administrative costs of the state board to be paid in an appropriation in the annual Budget Act and limit those costs to \$15,000,000 for the duration of program funding.			
AB 1221 Ma	Transit village developments: tax increment financing. Existing law authorizes a city or county to create a transit village plan for a transit village development district. Existing law requires a transit village plan to include all land within not less than 1/4 mile of the exterior boundary of the parcel on which is located a transit station, as defined, and to include any 5 of the specified demonstrable public benefits. Existing law also encourages local, regional, and state plans to direct new development close to transit stations by providing financial incentives to implement these plans. This bill would increase the area included in a transit village plan to include up to 1/2 mile of the exterior boundary of the parcel on which is located a transit station. This bill would also allow a city or county that prepares a transit village plan, with the agreement of every governmental entity that may receive property taxes within the transit village district and at least	06/27/2007-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.	Watch	CALCOG- support

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AB 1221 Ma Continued....	one governmental entity that owns and operates a transit station in the transit village district, regardless of whether it may collect property taxes, to engage in tax increment financing, as provided, to fulfill the goals of a transit development plan. The bill also allows a transit village plan and tax increment financing under the plan to address and provide for housing in the transit village district, subject to certain conditions.			
AB 1227 Gaines	Lake Tahoe Water Trail. Existing law establishes the jurisdiction of the California Tahoe Conservancy. The conservancy is authorized to select and acquire real property or interests in real property for the purposes of protecting the natural environment, providing public access or public recreational facilities, preserving wildlife habitat areas, or providing access to or management of acquired lands. This bill would enact the California Lake Tahoe Water Trail Act, which would designate the Lake Tahoe Water Trail in California to establish linkages between public access points to the waters of the Lake Tahoe Basin that are available for navigation by nonmotorized boats and beachable sailcraft. On or before January 1, 2010, the California Tahoe Conservancy and the Department of Parks and Recreation would be required to develop the Lake Tahoe Water Trail Plan through a collaborative partnership with other interested persons, organizations, and agencies, and submit the plan to the Legislature.	08/23/2007-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Watch	
AB 1252 Caballero	Housing-related Parks Program. 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	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	CALCOG-support

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AB 1252 Caballero Continued...	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. The act establishes the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury, requires the sum of \$200,000,000 to be deposited in the Housing Urban-Suburban-and-Rural Parks Account, which the act establishes in the fund, and makes the money in the account available, upon appropriation, for housing-related parks grants in urban, suburban, and rural areas, subject to the conditions and criteria that the Legislature may provide in statute. This bill would establish the Housing-Related Parks Program under the administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill would require the department to use funds allocated from the account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide grants, in conjunction with the Department of Parks and Recreation, for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of community or neighborhood parks, to cities, counties, and cities and counties that meet certain criteria and issue building permits for housing developments consisting of newly constructed units that are affordable to low- or very low income households. This bill contains other related provisions.			
AB 1253 Caballero	Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening: grant program. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 allocates \$580,000,000 for revitalizing	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	

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AB 1253 Caballero Continued...	communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks, and urban greening, and specifically authorizes \$90,000,000 for, among other things, the development of greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. The act also requires that these funds be made available upon appropriation by the Legislature. This bill would create the Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Grant Program and the Integrated Sustainable Planning Implementation Council to develop and administer programs to award grants and loans , based on specified criteria, to improve the sustainability and livability of communities through the development of green infrastructure. This bill contains other related provisions.			
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 require these funds to be allocated to transit operators for	08/23/2007-In committee; Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/20/2007 hearing)	Watch	

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AB 1350 Nunez Continued...	eligible projects, as defined, based on various formulas, and would require funds to be allocated by the Office of Emergency Services in consultation with the Office of Homeland Security. An eligible applicant would be required to annually advise the Office of Emergency Services of the applicant's need for funding in the following fiscal year, and the office would submit a request to the Department of Finance and to the legislative budget committees in that regard. The bill would enact other related provisions .			
AB 1351 Levine	Transportation: state-local partnerships. 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. The act 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 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 make various findings regarding transportation infrastructure and funding in California and would state the purpose of the State-Local Partnership Program. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$200,000,000 for the program from bond funds in each of 5 fiscal years beginning in the 2010-11 fiscal year. The bill would define local funds under the program for purposes of the required dollar-for-	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	

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<u>AB 1351</u> Levine Continued...	dollar match as revenues from any locally imposed sales tax for transportation. The bill would require the commission to allocate the program funds to certain local public entities who apply to the program for funding of eligible projects, as defined, according to certain procedures and unspecified deadlines, but subject to reallocation to other projects if the applicant fails to meet various requirements for timely use of funds. The bill would require the commission to include in its annual report to the Legislature a summary of its activities related to the program, as specified. The bill would require the commission, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, the State Air Resources Board, the Office of Emergency Services, and any other implementing entities , to report annually to the Legislature on the status of implementing the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006.			
<u>AB 1358</u> 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 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, 2010, 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 accommodate the safe and	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	

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<u>AB 1358</u> Leno Continued...	convenient travel of users of streets, roads, and highways, defined to include motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, seniors, movers of commercial goods, and users of public transportation , in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan . 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.			
<u>AB 1455</u> Arambula	California Air Quality Zones. Existing law establishes specified economic development zones in the state and various tax and other incentives for making financial investments in those zones. This bill would authorize the State Air Resources Board , on or before January 1, 2017, to designate California Air Quality Zones in the state based on specified air quality and other criteria.	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	PARTNERSHIP- support
<u>AB 1612</u> Nava	Vehicles: hazardous materials transportation. Existing law, the Biennial Inspection of Terminals Program, generally requires the Department of the California Highway Patrol to inspect, at least every 25 months, every terminal of a motor carrier who operates certain vehicles. A terminal that has attained 2 consecutive satisfactory compliance ratings pursuant to those inspections is eligible for administrative review in lieu of the next required inspection, unless specified circumstances apply. The bill would prohibit a motor carrier of hazardous materials from being granted administrative review in lieu of those inspections at any terminal from which specified hazardous materials carrying vehicles are operated. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	08/22/2007-From APPR.: To APPR. SUSPENSE FILE.	Watch	CSAC-support

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<u>AB 1672</u> Nunez	California Transportation Commission. 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 designated accounts and funds to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for allocation by the California Transportation Commission for certain transportation-related purposes. This bill would require the commission to consult with the chairs of the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature not less than 60 days prior to adopting changes to any guidelines for the expenditure of funds pursuant to the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Act of 2006. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	08/23/2007-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 10. Noes 4.) . 08/27/07 38 SEN SECOND READING FILE	Watch	
<u>AB 1742</u> Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materi	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund: administrative costs. Existing law continuously appropriates state and federal funds in the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the State Water Resources Control Board for loans and other financial assistance for the construction of publicly owned treatment works by a municipality, the implementation of a management program, the development and implementation of a conservation and management plan, and other related purposes in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. This bill would authorize the board to assess a specified annual charge with regard to a loan made under the	08/21/2007-Read second time. To third reading. 08/27/07 360 SEN THIRD READING FILE	Support	

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AB 1742 Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materi Continued...	revolving fund program. The bill would require the proceeds generated from the imposition of the annual fee, along with other moneys, to be deposited in the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Administration Fund, which the bill would create in the State Treasury. The bill would authorize the board to expend the money in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature to the board, for costs incurred by the board in connection with the administration of the revolving fund.			
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 provide for the establishment of the Independent Citizens' Commission on Redistricting, to be comprised of 11 voters, registered as specified, who would be required, on or before January 31 of each year ending in the number one, to adjust the boundary lines of the Senate, Assembly, congressional, and State Board of Equalization districts pursuant to a mapping process in accordance with certain standards, prioritized in a certain order and applied in a manner consistent with specified federal law. This bill contains other related provisions.	06/21/2007-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Watch	
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	02/21/2007-Re-referred to Com. on U. & C.	Watch	

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ACR 12 Parra Continued...	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.			
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 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes, including high-priority transportation corridor improvements. This bill would establish a process administered by the California Transportation Commission for allocation of these funds. The bill would designate 4 trade corridors eligible to receive funding. The bill would establish criteria for project selection based on improvement of mobility of freight and improvement of air quality, as specified, and would require a proposed project to be included in a corridor plan developed by affected agencies specified in the bill. The bill would also provide for \$50,000,000 to be allocated to projects located outside of those trade corridors that meet the selection criteria. The bill would require projects to be ready for construction by June 30, 2013. The bill would require the commission to adopt guidelines	08/22/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. 08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE	Watch	KERN COG-oppose

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<u>SB 9</u> Lowenthal Continued...	for the allocation of these funds by April 1, 2008, would require an annual report to the Legislature and Governor beginning on January 1, 2009, and would enact other related provisions. This bill contains other existing laws.			
<u>SB 16</u> Flores	Local agency finance: limited obligation bonds. Existing law authorizes cities and counties to issue various types of debt instruments, including limited obligation bonds, funded by certain revenue sources, and subject to specified criteria. The initiating resolution adopted by a local agency pursuant to these provisions is required to include, among other things, a pledge by the local agency that any bonds issued pursuant to the resolution shall be secured by all or part of the revenues received by the local agency. This bill would additionally authorize a local agency to restrict the pledge to the revenues received by the local agency from a specified geographical area that is within the local agency's exterior boundaries.	07/02/2007-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 25, Statutes of 2007	Watch	
<u>SB 19</u> Lowenthal	Trade corridors: projects to reduce emissions: Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program. 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	07/17/2007-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Watch	

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<u>SB 19</u> Lowenthal Continued...	Resources Board for certain emission reductions from activities related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. This bill would require the state board to implement the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program. The bill would create eligibility requirements for funding pursuant to this program. The state board would be required to adopt guidelines and funding criteria for the program consistent with certain requirements. This bill contains other related provisions.			
<u>SB 45</u> Perata	Transportation funds: transit system safety. 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 establish the application process for the portion of these bond funds to be made available for allocations for capital projects that provide increased protection against a security and safety threat, which allocations would be made by the Office of Homeland Security to transit operators under 2 different formulas. The bill would specify the categories of projects eligible for these funds.	07/10/2007-From committee: Do pass, but first be re-referred to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 5.) Re-referred to Com. on APPR. 08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS	Watch	

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SB 46 Perata	Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006: Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account. 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. The act establishes the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury, requires the sum of \$850,000,000 to be deposited in the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account, which the act establishes in the fund, and makes the money in the account available, upon appropriation, for infill incentive grants for capital outlay related to infill housing development and other related infill development, and for brownfield cleanup that promotes infill housing development and other related infill development consistent with regional and local plans, subject to the conditions and criteria that the Legislature may provide in statute. This bill would establish the Infill Incentive Grant Program of 2007, to require the Department of Housing and Community Development, upon appropriation by the Legislature of the funds in the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account for certain purposes, to establish and administer a competitive grant program to allocate those funds to selected qualifying infill projects, as defined, for capital outlay related to infill housing development and related infill infrastructure needs.	07/16/2007-Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Watch	

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SB 114 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.	07/18/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. 08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE	Watch	
SB 116 Maldonado	Unemployment compensation benefits: freezing weather. Existing law provides that an individual is considered "unemployed" for the purpose of	07/18/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.	Watch	

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SB 116 Maldonado Continued...	eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits if, for any week of less than full-time work, the wages payable to the individual for that week, when reduced by \$25 or 25% of the wages payable, whichever is greater, do not equal or exceed the individual's unemployment weekly benefit amount. Existing law provides for the calculation of unemployment benefits. This bill would provide that an individual who has been laid off from his or her most recent work , or is unable to commence work at his or her regular or seasonal workplace , as a direct result of the freezing weather conditions in January 2007, as specified, shall be considered "unemployed" for the purpose of eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits if the individual worked or was scheduled to commence work in a county specifically designated by the Governor as being in a state of emergency, as provided, and for any week of less than full-time work, the wages payable to the individual for that week, when reduced by \$200, do not equal or exceed the individual's unemployment weekly benefit amount. This bill would require the payment of unemployment compensation to an individual under these circumstances in a weekly amount equal to his or her weekly benefit amount less the amount of wages in excess of \$200 payable for that week, with benefits subject to the regular one-week waiting period. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE		
SB 184 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	07/18/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. 08/29/07 Upon call of the	Watch	

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SB 184 Alquist Continued...	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 conditions. Existing law limits these provisions to projects advanced for expenditures by an eligible regional or local 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 regional or local entity that are programmed in the current fiscal year of the state transportation improvement program, would require the regional or local entity to request an allocation from the commission no later than the time of the first expenditure for the project, and would make other related changes .	Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE		
SB 240 Florez	San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Existing law authorizes air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, except as provided, to levy a fee up to \$2 on motor vehicles, and authorizes the districts to increase this fee up to \$6 if certain conditions are met. This bill would authorize the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District to increase this fee by up to but not exceeding \$30 for incentive-based programs to achieve surplus emissions reductions, as specified . The bill would require the Bureau of State Audits to audit the assessment of fees and expenditure of funds pursuant to these provisions and require the state board to assess the use of these fees in achieving and maintaining state and	08/22/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. 08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE	Watch	

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<u>SB 240</u> Flores Continued...	federal ambient air standards. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
<u>SB 286</u> Lowenthal	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 first payments of bond funds for local street and road purposes to be allocated by the Controller no later than January 1, 2008. The bill would 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 require an applicant for these funds to submit a list of projects expected to be funded with bond funds to the Department of Finance, as specified, and to report various information to the Department of Finance. The bill would require funds to be encumbered within 3 fiscal years from the date of allocation, and would require unencumbered funds to be returned to the Controller for reallocation. The bill would make other related changes. This bill contains other related provisions.	08/22/2007-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.	Support	MERCED COG-support
<u>SB 303</u> Ducheny	Local government: land use planning. The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city, county, or city and county to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the	07/03/2007-Set, first hearing. Held in committee and under submission.	Oppose	CALCOG-oppose LEAGUE OF CITIES-oppose

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SB 303 Ducheny Continued...	physical development of the city, county, or city and county that addresses a number of elements, including, among other things, a housing and an open-space element. Existing law provides that the general plan may be adopted as a single document or as a group of documents relating to subjects or geographic segments of the planning area. This bill would require the general plan, and each of its elements to encompass a planning and projection period of at least 20 years, except for the housing element , and would require each element, except for the housing , conservati on, and open-space elements, to be updated at least every 10 years. The bill would require the housing element to be updated as specified, and would require the conservation element and the open-space element to be updated concurrently with the housing element. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
SB 375 Steinberg	Transportation planning: travel demand models: preferred growth scenarios: environmental review. Existing law requires certain transportation planning activities by the Department of Transportation and by designated regional transportation planning agencies, including development of a regional transportation plan. Existing law authorizes the California Transportation Commission, in cooperation with the regional agencies, to prescribe study areas for analysis and evaluation. This bill would require the commission, by April 1, 2008, to adopt guidelines for travel demand models used in the development of regional transportation plans by certain transportation planning entities. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to	08/22/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. 08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE	Oppose Unless Amended	RCRC-oppose LEAGUE OF CITIES-oppose CSAC-oppose

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<u>SB 375</u> Steinberg Continued...	assist the commission, on request, in this regard, and would impose other related requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
<u>SB 445</u> Torlakson	Road User Task Force. Existing law provides various sources of revenue to fund state highway and local road maintenance, operation, and improvement, including a state-imposed per-gallon fuel tax of 18 cents. This bill would create, until January 1, 2009, the Road User Task Force, with 14 members appointed by the Legislature, Governor, California Transportation Commission, city and county organizations, and other specified entities. The bill would require the task force to hold at least 3 public hearings around the state and to report to the Legislature and Governor by January 1, 2009, on alternatives to the current system of taxing road users through per-gallon fuel taxes. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations in that regard.	07/02/2007-Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.	Support	CALCOG-support LEAGUE OF CITIES-support CSAC-support
<u>SB 650</u> Padilla	Vehicles: maximum length: exceptions. Existing law prohibits a vehicle operated on the highway from exceeding a length of 40 feet, except, among other things, an articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not exceed a length of 60 feet. This bill would additionally allow an articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not exceed a length of 65 feet and is operated on a dedicated right-of-way, as defined, or is operated on a street or highway, under specified conditions, and the route is approved by a route review committee, as established by the bill.	07/17/2007-Read second time. To third reading. 08/27/07 116 ASM THIRD READING FILE	Watch	

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SB 716 Perata	Transit operators. 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. \$3.6 billion of the moneys in the fund are required to be deposited in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to transportation agencies for transit capital projects pursuant to a specified formula. This bill would specify the requirements for an eligible project sponsor, as defined, to receive an allocation of funds appropriated from the account. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission and the Controller to administer these provisions.	07/11/2007-Read second time. Amended. Referred to Com. on APPR.	Watch	
SB 717 Perata	Transportation Investment Fund. Existing law specifies the allocation of funds in the Transportation Investment Fund, derived from a portion of the sales tax on gasoline, to various transportation projects and programs. Article XIX B of the California Constitution requires, commencing with the 2003-04 fiscal year, that sales taxes on motor vehicle fuel that are deposited into the General Fund be transferred to the Transportation Investment Fund for allocation for those transportation purposes until the end of the 2007-08 fiscal year. Thereafter, Article XIX B requires these revenues to be allocated to broad categories of transportation purposes, including 20% for programs funded by the Public Transportation Account, 40% for transportation capital	08/22/2007-Do pass as amended.	Watch	CALCOG-support LEAGUE OF CITIES-support CSAC-support

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<u>SB 717</u> Perata Continued...	Improvement projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program, and 40% for apportionment to cities and counties pursuant to certain formulas for road maintenance and construction purposes. This bill would continue the Transportation Investment Fund in existence and would specify the use of revenues deposited in that fund from gasoline sales tax revenues subject to Article XIX B beginning in the 2008-09 fiscal year.			
<u>SB 732</u> Steinberg	Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative statute approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election makes about \$5.4 billion in bond funds available for safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, natural resource protection, and park improvements. The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, a bond measure (Proposition 1C) approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, makes available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, \$200,000,000 for housing-related parks grants in urban, suburban, and rural areas, subject to the conditions and criteria that the Legislature may provide by statute. This bill would require the various departments that are to implement the provisions of the initiative, among other things, to develop and adopt guidelines and regulations, consult with other entities, conduct studies, and follow certain procedures for establishing a project, or grant or loan program implementing the initiative.	08/22/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. 08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE	Watch	

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SB 748 Corbett	Transportation: state-local partnerships. 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 purposes of the State-Local Partnership Program and would require the California Transportation Commission to adopt guidelines for the program. The bill would define eligible local matching funds under the program for purposes of the required dollar-for-dollar match, and would establish an application procedure for eligible applicants to nominate projects. The bill would limit the amount of bond funding for a single project to \$25,000,000 in a single funding cycle. The bill would describe the categories of projects that may be funded through the program, would establish timelines for expenditure of the funds, and would provide for the reallocation of funding if those timelines are not met. The bill would require the commission to include in its annual report to the Legislature a summary of its activities related to the program, as specified.	07/12/2007-Read second time. Amended. Referred to Com. on APPR. 08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS	Watch	RCRC-support LEAGUE OF CITIES- support CSAC-support
SB 803 Lowenthal	Transportation enhancement funds: community conservation corps. Existing federal law, as part of the comprehensive	07/11/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.	Watch	

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SB 803 Lowenthal Continued...	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 , areas not served by a community or conservation corps, to construct or undertake the project. The bill would provide that a community conservation corps , or the California Conservation Corps in areas not served by a community 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 that commit to employ the services of corps members in the construction of those projects .	08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE		

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<u>SB 947</u> Hollingsworth	California Environmental Quality Act: consultation: transportation facilities. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, unless the project is exempt from the act. This bill would additionally require notice of at least one scoping meeting to be provided to transportation planning agencies or public agencies required to be consulted concerning such a project, and would require the project's effect on overpasses, on-ramps, and off-ramps to be included in that consultation. By imposing new duties on local governments with respect to notifying additional entities of a scoping meeting and consulting on other effects of the project, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	05/24/2007-To Coms. on NAT. RES. and TRANS.	Watch	CALCOG- support
<u>SB 974</u> Lowenthal	Ports: congestion relief: environmental mitigation: regulatory fee. Existing law regulates the operation of ports and harbors. This bill would require the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland to collect a user fee on the owner of container cargo moving through the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, or the Port of Oakland at a rate of \$30 per twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU). This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	08/22/2007-Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file. 08/29/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE 08/30/07 Upon call of the Chair - Room 4202 ASM APPROPRIATIONS SUSPENSE	Support w/Amendments	
Total Position Forms: 50				



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2007
To: Policy Advisory Committee
COG Policy Board
FROM: Tony Boren, Deputy Director
SUBJECT: Regional Clearinghouse Consent Calendar

RECOMMENDATION: 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 any item should be pulled from the consent calendar, discussion and comment by the Committee members and the public will be taken.

DISCUSSION: The Regional Clearinghouse is a process of informing local agencies of federal grant requests, providing an opportunity to comment, and potentially avoid duplication of effort. Clearinghouse items are brought before the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and, if appropriate, the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) for review and comment. Any resulting TTC/PAC comments, and any comments received from other agencies as a result of the Clearinghouse notification process, are noted on a monthly report brought forward to the Fresno COG Policy Board.

COG Policy Board action would be to authorize staff to forward any comments received or any Board comments to the State Clearinghouse and other appropriate agencies. The applicants have been notified of this meeting. While participation by the agency is optional, they have been personally requested to attend the Policy Board meeting in case there should be any questions. It should be noted that if in the event any of these items should be pulled from the consent calendar, that discussion and comment by the Committee/Board members and the public will be taken. *Project Notification and Review Reports* describing these projects are attached.

FUNDING: Proposed funding levels are as shown below:

Project	Applicant	Federal Funds	Other/ Applicant Funds	Total Funds
USDA RD525 Grant	Self-Help Enterprises	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$150,000

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

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2007-128*
Project Title: *USDA RD525 Grant Funds to continue and expand the Self-Help Enterprises homebuyer education, post-occupancy education and 502 delinquency program.*
Applicant Agency: *Self-Help Enterprises*
Contact Person: *Denise Fletcher*
Address: *P.O. Box 6520, Visalia, CA 93290*
Phone: *559-651-1000*
Federal Catalog #: *10-441*
Status: *Continuation*
Area of Impact: *San Joaquin Valley*
Federal Funding Agency: *USDA*

FUNDING:

\$100,000 Federal
\$50,000 Applicant
\$0 State
\$0 Local
\$0 Other
\$150,000 TOTAL

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