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Pre-Board Workshop
Ad-Hoc Legislative Subcommittee Workshop to Develop the 2008 Legislative Platform
6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
AGENDA

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council of Fresno County Governments
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Item	Description	Enclosure	Action
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Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

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B. Presentation by The Volunteer Center of Fresno County

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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A. 2007-08 Transportation Funding Claim – City of Selma, Resolution 2007-41	Yes	Approve
B. Administrative Amendment No. 9 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program	Yes	Information
C. Bicycle Transportation Account – Call for Projects	Yes	Information
D. Public Workshop for Proposition 1C Program	Yes	Information
E. Greenhouse Gases—Summary of Attorney General's Visit	Yes	Information
F. Report on Air Resources Board Hearing on 9-27-07	Yes	Information
G. Proposition 1B Local Street and Road Improvement Funds Revenue Forecasts	Yes	Information

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

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| H. California Department of Transportation—Transportation Planning Grants—Call for Applications | Yes | Information |
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III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| A. PUBLIC HEARING: Formal Amendment No. 10 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 2007-42 | Yes | Approve |
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| 2. Development of Strategic Implementation Plan | Yes | Info/Discussion |
| C. San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan | Handout | Accept |
| D. Air Resources Board Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program | Yes | Info/Discussion |
| E. Human Services Transportation Provider Consolidated Plan Update | No | Info/Discussion |
| F. Caltrans Proposed Alternatives for the State Route 168/180/41 Freeway Project | Yes | Info/Discussion |
| G. State Controllers Office Revised Estimate on State Transit Assistance/ PTMISEA Funding. | Yes | Info/Discussion |
| H. Caltrans Monthly Report | No | Info/Discussion |

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

No Reaffirm

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. Executive Minutes of September 27, 2007 | Yes | Approve |
| B. Fresno COG 2007 Public Participation Plan | Yes | Concur w/Review |
| C. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update | No | Information |
| D. FY 2008 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program | Yes | Information |
| E. Monthly Legislative Update | Yes | Information |

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| A. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC | Handout | Information |
| B. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, Resolution 2007-44 | Yes | Approve |
| C. 2008 Washington, D.C. "One Voice" Update | Yes | Info/Discussion |
| D. Rescheduling to Spring the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Policy Conference | Yes | Info/Discussion |

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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

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A. 2007-08 Transportation Funding Claim – City of Selma, Resolution 2007-41

Summary: The FY 2007/08 Transportation Development Act Claim is available for approval. The amounts claimed for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds are:

Jurisdiction:	LTF Fund:	STA Fund:	Total Funds:
City of Selma	753,859	240,564	994,423

Staff has reviewed the claim and finds the amounts consistent with apportionments previously approved by the Board. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the funding claims by adopting Resolution 2007-41.

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

B. Administrative Amendment No. 9 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Summary: Administrative Amendment No. 9: This amendment was approved on August 28, 2007 by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments as authorized by the Policy Board. Modifications to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program are as follows:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Section 5309:

FAX project FRE022005: Changed project description from "4 non-revenue vehicles" to "5 revenue vehicles". Increase funding in 06/07 from \$960,000 federal dollars to \$971,800. This change is less than 20%. Funding is available for this increase through earmark E2005-BUSP-046.

Hazard Elimination Safety/Highway Safety Improvement Program (HES/HSIP):

Caltrans project FRE040401: Construction was increased by \$103,320 federal dollars. This increase is less than 20% of the total project cost. Dollars added were for the SR99/Cedar and SR99/West Intersection projects.

State Highway Operation & Protection Program (SHOPP):

Caltrans project FRE041003: Due to advancement in the SHOPP program the SR180 (Belmont to Whitesbridge) project was expedited from FFY 08/09 to FFY 07/08. In addition to this advancement this project had a construction capital cost increase of \$1,990,000. Total project increase was below 20%.

Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP):

Reedley project FRE041003: This description was modified to change current project limits to be consistent with the Frankwood Avenue project's environmental document. The change of limits was less than .5 miles.

Reedley project FRE040609: Construction funds for Frankwood Avenue were transferred to RW within FFY 06/07. Construction was decreased by \$98,100 total dollars and right of way was increased by the same amount.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):

Caltrans project FRE021105: In June 2007 the California Transportation Commission (CTC) voted to advance the STIP funding available for the SR180 (Clovis to Temperance) project from FFY 09/10 to 07/08. In July 2007 the CTC voted to advance the Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds for this project from FFY 09/10 to 07/08. This amendment used Fresno COG's expedite project selection procedures to advance the funding of this project to align with the STIP. [DEVERE]

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

C. Bicycle Transportation Account – Call for Projects

Summary: Caltrans has announced a call for projects for the fiscal year 2008-09 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) Program. The BTA Program will provide \$7.2 million for cities and counties throughout the state to improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. Applications are due no later than Monday, December 3, 2007, to District 6 Local Assistance, which will coordinate and screen applications to be forwarded to the Caltrans Headquarters, Bicycle Facilities Unit, in Sacramento. The enclosed letter outlines BTA Program details. Program details and applications are also available at the following Caltrans website:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/bta/btaweb%20page.htm>

In addition, District 6 Local Assistance advises that the list of successful candidates for the fiscal year 2007-08 BTA program has still not been released. Once the list is announced, Caltrans Local Assistance will send out a broadcast email and letters will be sent out to the successful applicants.
[THOMPSON]

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

D. Public Workshop for Proposition 1C Program

Summary: Below is information regarding a new funding program available through the passage of Proposition 1C.

Proposition 1C – Infill Incentive Grant Program

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) held a public workshop in Fresno on **October 18** from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at 2550 Mariposa Mall, Room 1036, to discuss the Infill Incentive Grant Program made available through the passage of Proposition 1C (The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006). The purpose of the public workshop is to gather input from local agencies on the Infill Incentive Grant Program to assist HCD in developing guidelines for implementation of the program.

The 2007-08 State budget includes the first installment of \$240 million of \$850 million that will be available in the Infill Incentives Grant Program. The program will provide competitive grants to local agencies and developers for development of public infrastructure projects that facilitate or support infill housing construction. Projects could include water, sewer, traffic, parks, site cleanup, etc. Housing element compliance is a precondition. Notice of funding availability for these grants is expected in early 2008.

In order to qualify for this program, fifteen percent of housing units must be affordable. Priorities will be given to projects that can demonstrate project readiness, completion of necessary environmental reviews, higher density, proximity to transit, parks, schools and jobs, consistency with adopted regional blueprints, and demonstrated local support.

As noted above, additional guidelines for the grant program will be developed by HCD. However, SB 86 Sections 27 and 28, establishes the parameters for the program. These sections of the bill are included in your agenda packet for your review.

For further information on this program, contact HCD Director of Legislation Jolena Voorhis at (916) 323-0196. [DANSBY]

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

E. Greenhouse Gases—Summary of Attorney General's Visit

Summary: Attorney General Jerry Brown visited Fresno COG on September 13, 2007 to discuss voluntary options to address greenhouse gases. Attendees from all groups had positive feedback on the meeting and discussion; a summary of the meeting is being prepared and will be made available in the coming weeks. Fresno COG has agreed to review the measures proposed by the Attorney General (included in your packet) in the coming months. In November 2007, Fresno COG staff will schedule a workshop to discuss specific issues associated with these proposals. For the following committee cycle (December 2007 or January 2008), Fresno COG will consider adoption of those measures deemed appropriate for this region. Please contact staff if you would like additional information. [PAUKOVITS]

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

F. Report on Air Resources Board Hearing on 9-27-07

Summary: On September 27, 2007 the Air Resources Board held a public hearing in Diamond Bar, CA regarding the State Strategies for the eight-hour ozone State Implementation Plan ("SIP"; i.e., the plan demonstrating how regions will attain the national air quality standards). Fresno COG staff provided a letter (included in your packet) from the Executive Directors of eight San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and testified on the need for timely submission of all components of the SIP.

Earlier this year, Fresno COG submitted a similar letter to the Governor regarding the potential impact of the air quality plans on delivery of transportation projects. Recent comments made by a number of interested parties, including testimony at a San Joaquin Valley Air District public hearing in September 2007, indicate some confusion over the timeline and the need for updated motor vehicle emission budgets, a component of the air quality conformity analysis conducted by the MPOs.

It is currently anticipated that all eight MPOs will begin development of the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) in January 2008. Local adoption of the FTIPs will not be possible without EPA adequacy findings for BOTH ozone and PM-10 budgets. ARB staff has assured us that EPA will make adequacy findings on these updated vehicle budgets in January 2008. [PAUKOVITS]

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

G. Proposition 1B Local Street and Road Improvement Funds Revenue Forecasts

Summary: Enclosed are the revenue forecasts for the Local Street and Road component of Proposition 1B. Information was provided by the California Council of Governments (CALCOG). [BOREN]

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

H. California Department of Transportation—Transportation Planning Grants—Call for Applications

Summary: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is currently soliciting applications for Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transportation Planning Grant Programs. There are \$9.5 million in state and federal funds available for the following six planning grant programs:

1. Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning
2. Community-Based Transportation Planning
3. Partnership Planning
4. Statewide Transit Planning Studies
5. Transit Technical Planning Assistance
6. Transit Professional Development

The deadline for submitting an application to Caltrans is January 11, 2008.

Included in your agenda packet is a Caltrans grant flyer, a transportation planning grant summary chart, and a copy of the grants information page taken from the Caltrans website

Please visit the Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.htm> to access information on the grants including the grant application and a listing of grant awards from previous fiscal years. To request a grant application by mail, please call Suzanne De Foor at (916) 653-8697 or email her at Suzanne_De_Foor@dot.ca.gov. [DANSBY]

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

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Formal Amendment No. 10 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 2007-42

Summary: This amendment is a request by California Department of Recreation, Caltrans, the City of Firebaugh, the City of Fresno, Fresno Area Express, the City of Reedley and Fresno COG to modify the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The amendment incorporates changes to the National Recreation Trails Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), State Transportation Improvement (STIP) Interregional Program, 99 Bond Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sec. 5310 Program, High Priority Projects Program (HPP), and FTA 5307 Program.

Project modifications include:

- 1.) Addition of two projects into the new lump sum National Recreation Trail Program project FRE071901 per request of the Department of Recreation. (Variety of eligible projects)
- 2.) **CMAQ Program:**
 - FAX project FRE040122: Moving dollars from engineering to construction to reflect programming purchase requirement. (Downtown Vanpool Program)
- 3.) **RSTP Program:**
 - City of Firebaugh project FRE020608: Reincorporating this 12th Street project into 2007 FTIP from 2004 FTIP. The financial capacity to add this project was made available per agreement with City of Fresno to free capacity in the four year element.
 - City of Reedley project FRE020633: Change in Dinuba/Buttonwillow intersection project scope to include a roundabout.
 - City of Fresno project FRE020620: Construction funds for noise abatement divided between the four year element and an out year to free financial capacity within the four year element of the FTIP.
- 4.) **STIP Interregional:**
 - Caltrans project FRE041203: Additional State funding has been directed to the 99 (201 to Floral) landscape project.
- 5.) **Local Programs:**
 - Caltrans project FRE071901: This is a 99 Bond project (Ashlan Ave. to Ave. 7) that was added as part of Amendment 7. To align the STIP with the FTIP within Caltrans electronic tracking system-CTIPS, the original record was deleted and new record imported. The project includes additional funds as allocated by the CTC.
- 6.) **HSIP:**
 - Lump sum project FRE040401: Change in description to reflect change in program from Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) to HSIP. (Variety of eligible projects)
- 7.) **HPP:**
 - County of Fresno project FRE070201 and 070202: Separation of engineering, right of way and construction into three years. Separation eliminates the need for advanced construction. (Deficient County 2-lane roads that connect with I-5, SR180, SR41 and SR99)
 - Project FRE070201 is the lump sum for HPP showing the advanced construction conversion for all HPP projects (variety of eligible projects). It is being modified to reflect the changes in programming related to the County of Fresno projects.
- 8.) **FTA Sec. 5307 Program:**
 - FAX Projects FRE041401 (Bus Replacement), FRE041404 (Southeast Intermodal Facility), FRE041403 (Downtown Shuttles), FRE020619 (Planning & Technical Studies) were originally programmed in the 2004 FTIP as CMAQ/ RSTP. The dollars available for the project were transferred to FTA and are available under the 5307 exchange. Projects

have been added to the 2007 FTIP under FFY 2007/08 to allow the application for the 5307 grants to process.

- 9.) **FTA Sec. 5310 Projects:** are included in this amendment for informational purposes. These projects were advanced using expedite project selection procedures (EPSP) to 06/07 when funding became available. These are projects FRE071601-FRE071610 (Bus purchases, Lift Equipment, Mini Van Purchases).

For questions regarding individual projects in this amendment please contact Renee DeVere. [DEVERE]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the approval of Formal Amendment No. 10 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program by the adoption of Resolution No. 2007-42.

B. Measure "C" Extension Update

1. FY 2007/08 Measure "C" Transportation Planning Claim, Resolution 2007-43

Summary: Per the Fresno County Transportation Authority estimate there is approximately \$311,000 in FY2007/08 Measure "C" planning funds identified for Fresno COG that are available. The Transportation Authority adopted guidelines that require Local Transportation Program (pass-through funding) certifications and claim forms to be adopted by resolution. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of Resolution 2007-43 adopting the FY2007/08 Measure "C" Planning Funds Program claim, identified for Fresno COG.

2. Development of Strategic Implementation Plan

Summary: COG staff will provide a verbal update on the status of the Measure C Strategic Implementation Plan. [BOREN]

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

C. San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan

Summary: Fresno COG is currently the project manager for the *2007 San Joaquin Valley, Regional Goods Movement Action Plan*. The purpose of the plan is to provide a knowledge base for the understanding of freight and goods movement issues facing the San Joaquin Valley. Additionally, the Plan provides a platform for promoting strategies to improve overall movement of goods in the Valley. Additionally, the Plan identified San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Projects that will compete for some of the \$2.0 billion, Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Funding.

In September 2007, a draft of the Plan was circulated throughout the eight Valley COGs and a 45 day review period was initiated. The comments have been received by Fresno COG and a hand-out of the revised, final version of the *2007 San Joaquin Valley, Goods Movement Action Plan* will be provided at the meeting. [BOREN/TWEBSTER]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend acceptance of the *2007 San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Action Plan*.

D. Air Resources Board Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program

Summary: In November 2006, voters approved Proposition 1B that, among other things, provided \$1 billion to reduce emissions associated with the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. Known as the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program, this \$1 billion program is a partnership between the Air Resources Board (ARB) and local agencies to protect public health through the administration of incentives for cleaner equipment and technologies associated with freight movement. ARB will allocate \$250 million in bond monies received in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget.

The ARB "Staff Concepts for Implementation" report includes the following initial funding targets by category:

- \$400 million: Heavy diesel drayage trucks serving ports and intermodal rail yards
- \$340 million: Other heavy diesel trucks that haul commercial cargo, plus any truck stop or distribution center electrification projects.
- \$100 million: Diesel Freight locomotives
- \$100 million: Shore power for cargo ships at berth, plus cargo handling equipment
- \$60 million: Commercial Harbor Craft

In early October 2007, ARB held public meetings to discuss the staff concepts. The public meeting in Fresno was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on October 10th at the San Joaquin Valley Air District and was attended by Fresno COG staff. Proposed program guidelines and recommended funding targets will be developed for release in early November 2007, followed by additional opportunities for public review and comment. ARB is tentatively scheduled to consider approval of the guidelines at a public hearing on December 6, 2007. ARB staff will then solicit applications from local agencies for projects and the Board will select projects for funding in Spring 2008.

Included in your agenda package are the following items on the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program:

1. California Environmental Protection Agency News Release
2. Notice of Public Workshops from the Air Resources Board
3. Outline of ARB's "Draft Concepts for Implementation" white paper (a note of thanks to Pete Weber for putting this together)

Additional information, including the staff concept report, is available through the ARB Goods Movement Information Line (916-444-6637) or on the ARB website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmbond>). [PAUKOVITS]

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

E. Human Services Transportation Provider Consolidated Plan Update

Summary: In August of 2005, Congress passed SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, and Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users). SAFETEA-LU is a program which provides funding for many aspects of government related to transportation, one of which is public transportation. Specific programs as part of this act that are affected include: section 5310, 5311, 5316 and 5317 funds. As part of fulfilling a requirement in order to receive funding, a 'Public Transit – Human Services Coordination Plan' must be completed.

The Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan identifies resources currently in use for public transit, surveys needs and expectations of users, and identifies strategies to close gaps in perceived service levels. Section 5310, 5311, 5316 and 5317 funds are the funding vehicles used to close the gaps in public transit service levels. The Fresno County Coordinated

Human Services Transportation Plan was developed in close cooperation with public transit and human services providers and other stakeholders.

Fresno COG and FAX staff recently completed the first draft of the Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan required under SAFETEA-LU and is releasing the plan for the 45 day comment period. Questions and comments can be directed to Todd Sobrado at the Fresno COG at todds@fresnocog.org or Jeff Long at FAX at jeff_long@fresno.gov. [SOBRADO/LONG]

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

F. Caltrans Proposed Alternatives for the State Route 168/180/41 Freeway Project

Summary: The first meeting of the Measure "C" Regional Program Subcommittee was held on July 29, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an initial review of the project scopes, phasing and cost estimates for the Regional Program projects that had been developed by project sponsors. During the discussion of the SR 41/180/168 Braided Ramp project, Jeff Reid from the San Joaquin Valley Taxpayers Coalition raised concerns about one of the design alternatives being analyzed by Caltrans for this particular project. Caltrans staff informed Mr. Reid that at this early point in the process "all" design alternatives were being analyzed and that any decisions regarding the design of the project were likely several months away, as Caltrans still needs to conduct extensive traffic studies in order to determine the preferred alternative.

As a follow-up to this meeting, Mr. Reid requested that COG staff place an item on the next Citizen Oversight Committee Agenda to discuss this item. The request was honored by COG staff, and at the September 13, 2007 meeting of the Citizen Oversight Committee, Mr. Reid presented a resolution to the Committee requesting that Alternative #2 (abolishing the existing southbound State Route 168 connection to northbound State Route 41) be eliminated from consideration by Caltrans. Mr. Reid feels that Alternative #2 is not a viable alternative because it is a "diminishment of the existing transportation facilities supporting our urban communities and is inconsistent with the promise of Measure "C". Following lengthy committee discussions with significant input from Caltrans Project Manager Neil Bretz, a voice vote was called for and the motion failed with two abstentions.

Mr. Reid appeared before the COG Policy Advisory Committee at their September 14, 2007 meeting (under Public Presentations) to present the issues. PAC members indicated a desire to have this item placed on their October, 19, 2007 agenda. [BOREN]

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

G. State Controller's Office Revised Estimate on State Transit Assistance/PTMISEA Funding

Summary: In January the State Controllers Office released preliminary 2007/08 State Transit Assistance Fund estimates which included \$600 million from Prop 1B. The estimates indicated our region would receive \$10,889,094 in State Transit Assistance. In May, the Board adopted those estimates and subsequently member agencies have adopted their Transportation Development Act Claims based on those estimates.

On October 4 (received October 12) the State Controllers Office released revised estimates indicating our region will only receive \$4,338,929 in State Transit Assistance in 2007/08. The \$6,550,165 difference resulted when SB 88 changed the methodology by which the \$600 million from Prop 1B would be allocated. The \$600 million will now be distributed to Transit Operators for Capital projects only, whereas Operators have used State Transit Assistance for Capital and Operations in the past. Caltrans is presently developing guidelines for the allocation of the Prop 1B funds (Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Program

PTMISEA). It is unclear whether the funding will now flow to Transit Operators directly from Caltrans or through the Regions. However, project sponsors must submit projects to Caltrans, who will determine eligibility per SB 88. The State Controllers Office is developing estimates of the maximum amount of funding available to each operator based on the amounts of STA received during the last three years. To summarize, the PTMISEA funding is not lost to Operators in our area. However, it can't be used for operations and will require additional process to receive the funding.

The net result is that Transit budgets in our region must use \$6,550,165 in Local Transportation Funds to fund Transit operation budgets that were previously funded with the Prop 1B funding. This will have the effect of reducing Article 8 Street and Road Claims for everyone except the City of Fresno, who already claims all their TDA funding for Transit. However, there is somewhat of a silver lining to this, in that in September, the Board distributed a \$4,278,634 TDA 2006/07 Surplus which will count as revenue in 2007/08 and partially offset the shortfall. Adopted policy allows staff to make administrative changes to the Adopted Claims to account for the changes in estimates for STA funds that occur during the year. Therefore, member agencies will not need to re-adopt their 2007/08 TDA Claims. [BESHEARS]

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

H. Caltrans Monthly Report

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

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

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A. Executive Minutes of September 27, 2007

B. Fresno COG 2007 Public Participation Plan

Summary: Fresno COG staff has updated our Public Participation Plan in compliance with Federal legislation (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, known as SAFETEA-LU). We embarked on a four-month evaluation of our current public participation practices by requesting input and consultation on how to best engage the public and interested parties in our transportation planning process via online and hard copy survey and through hosting five separate focus groups. The survey results and focus group communication summaries are included as an appendix in the 2007 Public Participation Plan included in your meeting packet.

In response to all comments received prior to and during this process, the 2007 Public Participation Plan has been enhanced to meet requirements noted in federal regulations, including, but not limited to:

- Develop in consultation with "interested parties";

- Employ visualization techniques to describe plans and programs;
 - Make information available electronically;
 - Provide numerous and reasonable opportunities to comment on the planning process and its products;
 - Hold meetings at convenient and accessible locations
- [LAUCHNER]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend initiation of the required 45-day public review for the 2007 Public Participation Plan.

C. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update

Summary: The Farmland Conservation Model Program (FCMP) Steering Committee is now meeting on a regular basis. The FCMP Steering Committee has identified and will be contacting stakeholders to solicit their involvement in the creation of the program in the coming weeks. Very preliminary maps of the mapping and GIS component of the Farmland Conservation Model Program have been produced and will be submitted for feedback to domain and subject matter experts in agriculture in Fresno County. Their feedback will in turn be used to further refine the GIS component that is to serve as the basis of the Farmland Conservation Model Program. FCMP meetings are now taking place on a monthly basis and will continue to do so throughout the duration of the project.

For questions and to request additional information, please contact Todd Sobrado at todds@fresnocog.org. [SOBRADO]

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

D. FY 2008 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program

Summary: The Governor's Office of Emergency Services is anticipating the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) announcement of the fiscal year 2008 Pre Disaster Mitigation grant program. Federal funds will be made available nation-wide to fund cost-effective mitigation projects and the development of local multi-hazard mitigation plans. The memo included in your package provides more detail. [STECK]

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

E. Monthly Legislative Update

Summary: A summary of current state legislative activity is in your agenda packet for committee review and information. The last day for the Legislature to submit bills to the Governor for consideration was September 14th. The Governor has until October 14th to sign or veto the bills that are currently "enrolled" and on his desk.

Please contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby, if you have any questions regarding the listed bills in your agenda packet or if you require a more in-depth analysis of any particular bill. [DANSBY]

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

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Summary: California Consulting staff will provide an update to the Policy Board on October 25, 2007. [SAMUELIAN]

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

B. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, Resolution 2007-44

Summary: Three major activities are currently in process regarding the Blueprint. During the fall months staff will be presenting updates on preliminary modeling activities to all our member agencies at their city council and board meetings. Concurrently, local agency planners have been helping to develop Blueprint Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures that reflect the values and vision from phase 1. Staff will take these work products through the COG process and on to our member agencies.

In addition, Merced COG, as the lead agency for the eight Valley COGs, is in the process of filing a grant application for third year funding of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint. Each of the eight COG partners is asked to pass a resolution to include with the application in support of continued participation in the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program. [STECK]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of Resolution 2007-44 in support of third year participation in the California Regional Blueprint Planning Process.

C. 2008 Washington, D.C. "One Voice" Update

Summary: In preparation for our upcoming "One Voice" trip to Washington D.C. (February 9-14, 2008) we have initiated the regional "call for projects" process. We will be reviewing the projects that have been submitted and will hold the project selection committee meeting on October 17th from 1:00-5:00 PM here at COG. Recommended projects will be presented to the Board at its November meeting.

In an effort to consider other issues for our "One Voice" project, we have scheduled a meeting with city managers, community partners and federal legislative staff to discuss potential legislative reform that might affect our region. At the meeting we will also discuss how we might assist our delegation in Washington to further their legislative agenda. This meeting is scheduled for October 25th from 10:30 to noon here at COG.

We are also soliciting "local specific" projects that member agencies and community partners are lobbying for on their own behalf. The deadline for submittal of local projects is December 14th. While we will not actively promote these projects in our presentations, we will include them in the materials that we distribute on our trip. It is a good opportunity to gain additional exposure for local projects. Please contact Barbara Steck at bjsteck@fresnocog.org if you have questions. [STECK]

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

D. Rescheduling to Spring the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Policy Conference

Summary: The San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Policy Conference has been postponed until spring. The theme is "Strengthening Our Valley Voice". [GOODWIN]

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

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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

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