

Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Proposals

Applications Due January 11, 2008

Updated November 29, 2007

Grant	Community-Based Transportation Planning
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 20 %	\$75,000 (non-State and non-federal funds required and up to half of the amount can be in-kind contributions)
COG	In-kind (amount to be determined)
City and/or partners	Cash (amount to be determined)
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno
Purpose:	<u>New Project Description</u> This grant proposal will seek funds to address coordinated transportation and land use planning issues in the West Area Community of Fresno, generally that area west of SR 99, East of Garfield and North of SR 180. A study and report will be prepared outlining and coordinating the implementation of the Circulation Element of the City of Fresno 2002 General Plan and reviewing and perhaps modifying the land use plan designations to support the implementation of the Circulation Element for the area including the major street crossings on SR 99 and SR 180. A broad base of community stakeholders will be identified, systematically outreached to and involved, including: Residents, property owners, community organizations, schools and other local agency partners, developers, business interests, COG, City of Fresno, Fresno County, Caltrans, and other stakeholders. <u>Old Project Description</u> <i>This grant proposal will seek funds for Tree Tops and San Joaquin River and Conservation Trust to evaluate environmental issues related to major regional corridor and river crossings between Madera and Fresno Counties. The project will incorporate and expand upon existing environmental studies.</i>

Grant	Partnership Planning
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 20%	\$75,000 (non-federal funds or in-kind contribution)
COG	In-kind (amount to be determined)
City and/or partners	Cash (amount to be determined)
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno
Purpose:	This grant proposal will develop a consensus base between local entities to build a base of communication about a coordinated regional land use policies framework to implement any proposed high capacity multi-modal corridor system adopted in the Fresno Blueprint Process.
Grant	Statewide Transit Planning Studies
Partner/Contact	Tree Tops - Lee Ayres
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 11.47%	\$38,868 (non-federal or in-kind contributions)
COG	In-kind (amount to be determined)
City and/or partners	Cash (amount to be determined)
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno, Tree Tops, Sierra Club and other local ag-land preservation groups
Purpose:	This grant proposal will define urban forest, organic agriculture, and environmentally sensitive areas that would form permanent boundary along any proposed high capacity multi-modal corridor system adopted in the Fresno Blueprint Process. This project will be performed in coordination with the Fresno County Land Buffer Task Force.

Grant	Transit Professional Development
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$50,000
Local Match 11.47%	\$6,478 (non-federal funds or in-kind contributions)
City 11.47%	\$6,478 City will fund full amount w/no request of cash or in-kind contribution from COG
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno
Purpose:	The grant proposal will invite experts from other areas of the U.S. and Canada who have developed world class Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) to present workshops, trainings, and/or seminars on how they did it from concept to final outcome. Trainings would be open to land use planners, transit planners, and operators from Caltrans and other jurisdictions in the region.
Grant	Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$250,000
Local Match 10%	\$27,777 (non-State and non-federal funds required and up to half of the match can be in-kind contributions)
City 10%	\$27,777 City will fund full amount w/no cash or in-kind contribution being requested of COG
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: The City of Fresno Transportation, Planning and Development Departments.
Purpose:	This grant proposal will promote public engagement and community design input into the planning and development of land-use and transportation infrastructure along the Bus Rapid Transit Route on Kings Canyon/Ventura Blvd. from Fowler Ave. to Downtown. Special attention will be given to Transit Oriented Development and effective mixed-use development design.

- ▶ **Total Amount of 5 Grant Requests: \$1.2 million**
- ▶ **Total Amount of Local Match Required: \$223,123**
- ▶ **Total Amount of 4 Grant Requests Where COG is Applicant: \$950,000**
- ▶ **Total Amount of Local Match Required on 4 Grant Requests: \$195,346**



California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

November 26, 2007

Dale Bonner
Secretary
Business, Transportation & Housing Agency
980 9th Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814-2719

Dear Secretary Bonner:

On November 9, 2007, numerous stakeholders and the board of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) convened to address the transportation needs of the eight-county San Joaquin Valley region. Improving the region's transportation infrastructure is a key priority for the Partnership and a vital piece of the puzzle required to adequately address the major challenges we currently face, such as improving our poor air quality, achieving sustainable growth, and growing a competitive economy in the face of high unemployment. With an unprecedented level of participation, this meeting confirmed the Valley's transportation priorities.

The Trade Corridors Improvement Fund was one of the important topics we discussed. We understand resource limitations are such that the state needs to fund projects of primary interest to a majority of Californians by establishing cross-regional projects as a priority. We support that view and, therefore, support five priority projects as identified by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA), all of which are cross-regional. We would like to have some assurance, however, that our willingness to partner across regions will not in any way jeopardize the standing of the Central Valley Corridor as a separate, independent goods movement corridor for future legislative purposes. As you know, the corridor is identified as one of four in the state's Goods Movement Action Plan. We believe it is important to the economic vitality of the state as well as the region to continue to acknowledge the identity of the Central Valley as a significant trade corridor on its own standing.

Assuming that our request for funding of cross-regional projects will not adversely impact the standing of the Central Valley Goods Movement Corridor, we urge you to support funding the following "hot list" of priority cross-regional goods movement projects as identified by the San Joaquin Valley RTPAs:

- SR 4 (Crosstown Freeway) Extension to Port of Stockton
- Altamont Pass Rail Corridor/Central Valley Rail Freight Shuttle Demonstration Project
- Crows Landing Intermodal Rail Facility
- Shafter Intermodal Rail Facility
- Double Track Rail through Tehachapi Pass

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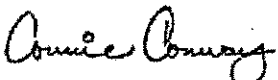
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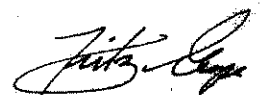
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These projects have an identified local match of 50%, have an identified delivery date, and are in a trade corridor of national or international significance. Additionally, implementation of these projects would support a number of transportation goals and objectives provided in the Partnership's *Strategic Action Plan* as approved by the governor, such as "improving goods movement within the region to increase economic vitality, traffic safety, and mobility" and "enhancing goods movement capacity while increasing safety, decreasing congestion, improving air quality and promoting economic development."

Thank you for considering the importance of this matter and your ongoing commitment to the mission of the Partnership. Please feel free to contact us or the Partnership's lead executive, Ashley Swearengin, at (559) 294-6021 or ashleys@csufresno.edu.

Sincerely,


Connie Conway, Chair


Fritz Grupe, Deputy Chair

cc: Governor Schwarzenegger
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November 16, 2007

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Trade Corridors Improvement Fund

Dear Chairman Ghielmetti:

As Legislators representing the San Joaquin Valley, we write to convey our strong belief that the Central Valley is and must be considered as an independent trade corridor integral to California's goods movement system.

As you know, the Goods Movement Action Plan released by the Administration in January 2007 identifies four principal trade corridors in the state, including the Central Valley (see enclosed map). As you may also know, the Valley is already bearing unique burdens from goods movement. According to data from the Air Resources Board, in 2010 truck traffic in the San Joaquin Valley will account for 44.9% of all the heavy heavy-duty diesel truck miles traveled in the state. In 2010 nitrogen oxide (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) emissions from these trucks in the Valley will similarly reach 49.6% and 46.4%, respectively, of total emissions of these pollutants statewide. It is no coincidence the San Joaquin Valley is in non-attainment of air quality standards for both NOx and PM.

We understand that in the first round of TCIF funding now under consideration at the CTC, the Councils of Government (COGs) in all eight San Joaquin Valley counties have, together, chosen to join their funding requests with those of the San Francisco Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). We applaud the Valley COGs for working together to identify the projects of greatest need for our region, and we wish to lend our full support to all five of the identified Tier 1 San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Agency Trade Corridor Projects (see enclosed list). We also commend MTC for recognizing the interregional benefits that these five projects would yield, and for partnering with the Central Valley to support these projects in this round.

However, in future funding rounds — and in any legislation that may advance to guide the distribution of TCIF funds — we will be watching closely to ensure the Central Valley is considered an independent equal among the state's four principal goods movement corridors.

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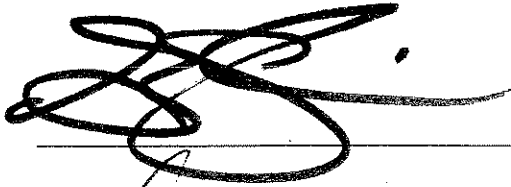


Given the heavy freight traffic the Valley already experiences, we are convinced that anything less than parity for our region would do a disservice to both the San Joaquin Valley and the state as a whole.

We appreciate the hard work that you and your CTC colleagues are doing to enhance our state's goods movement system through the TCIF, and we stand ready to assist you in any way we can.

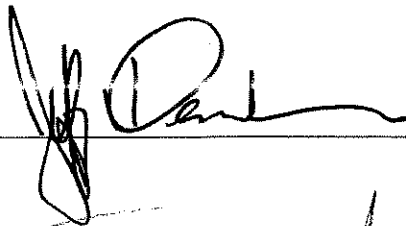
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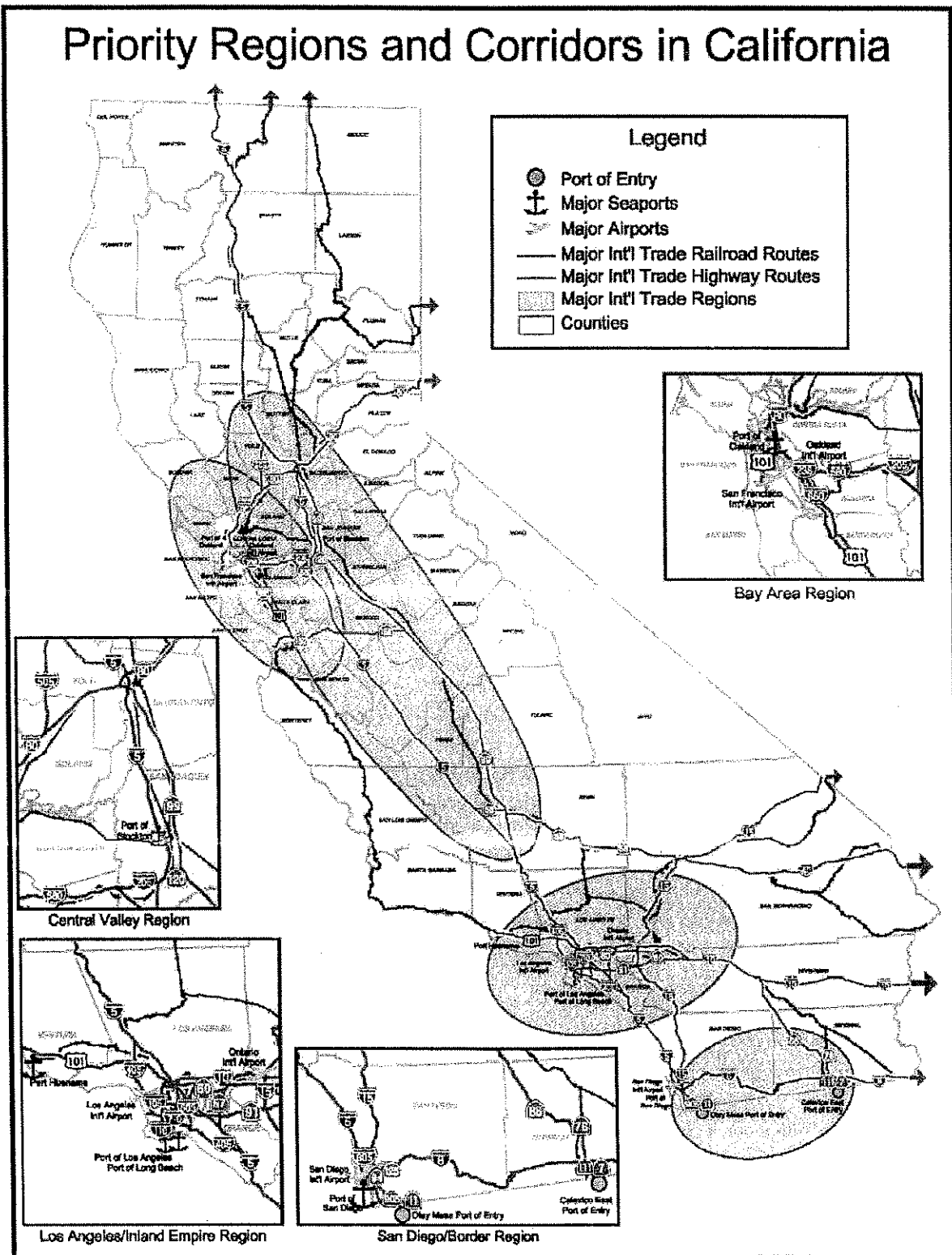
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The San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Agencies have also identified a number of state highway projects which are critical to the movement of people and goods in the Valley.

Table 6 San Joaquin Valley RTPA Trade Corridor Projects North to South

***Tier I**

Project	Cost	Match 50%	Match \$	Source	Delivery Date	Location
1 SR 4 (Crosstown Freeway) Extension to Port of Stockton	\$180,000,000	Yes	\$90,000,000	Measure K	2012	San Joaquin County
2 Altamont Pass Rail Corridor / Central Valley Rail Freight Shuttle Demonstration Project	\$150,000,000	Yes	\$75,000,000	Measure K/Local	2011	San Joaquin County
3 Crows Landing Intermodal Rail Facility. The project includes rail improvements along an alignment from the Port of Oakland to the Crows Landing Airfield in Stanislaus County.	\$52,000,000	Yes	\$26,000,000	P-P-P	2011	Stanislaus County
4 Shafter Intermodal Rail Facility	\$30,000,000	Yes	\$15,000,000	Local	2009	Kern County
5 Double Track Rail through Tehachapi Pass	\$85,000,000	Yes	\$42,500,000	BNSF	2012	Kern County

Total Cost: \$497,000,000 Total Match: \$248,500,000

Total TCIF Request: \$248,500,000

****Tier II**

Project	Cost	Match 50%	Match \$	Source	Delivery Date	Location
6 Sperry Road (new Facility) I-5 to 99. Widen Nave Drive to 6 Lanes	\$65,000,000	No-Partial	TBD	Measure K/Local	TBD	San Joaquin County
7 I-205/I-580 Altamont Pass Truck Lane	\$110,000,000	No	TBD		TBD	San Joaquin County
8 The Widening of State Route 132 from State Route 99 to Interstate 580 (a portion of this alignment is in San Joaquin County).	\$100,000,000	No-Partial	TBD		TBD	Stanislaus County
9 SR 152 Bypass around the city of Los Banos	\$510,000,000	TBD	TBD		TBD	Merced County
10 SR 99 Widening from 4 to 6 lanes from county line to county line.	\$441,000,000	TBD	TBD		TBD	Merced County
11 SR 59 Widening from Sandy Mush to SR 99 with a new interchange	\$50,000,000	TBD	TBD		TBD	Merced County
12 SR 165 improvements from SR 140 to SR 99 with new interchange	\$67,500,000	TBD	TBD		TBD	Merced County
13 SR 99: Ave 7 to 12 Ave, Widen to 6 lanes	\$77,000,000	Yes	TBD	ITIP	TBD	Madera County
14 SR 41: Ave 10 th to Ave 12, Widen to 6 lanes	\$70,000,000	Yes	TBD	STIP	TBD	Madera County
15 SR 99 Ave 12 to Ave 16, Widen to 6 lanes	\$175,000,000	No	TBD		TBD	Madera County
16 SR 99: Ave 16 to Ave 21.5	\$76,600,000	No	TBD		TBD	Madera County
17 SR 99: SR 152 to Merced County line, widen to 6 lanes	\$96,600,000	No	TBD		TBD	Madera County
18 SR 180 East: Clovis Ave to Temperance Ave Widen to 6 lane Freeway/4 Lane Expressway	\$79,500,000	Yes	TBD	Local Measure C	2008	Fresno County
19 SR 180 East: Temperance Ave to Academy Ave: Widen to 4 Lane Expressway	\$62,000,000	Yes	TBD	Local Measure C	2009	Fresno County
20 SR 99 Access/Betty Dr. Truck Route Realignment and UP Railroad Grade Separation	\$20,000,000	Yes	TBD	Measure R (90%) Local (10%)	TBD	Tulare County
21 Widen to 6 lanes from Prosperity Ave to Goshen	\$150,130,000	No	TBD	n/a	TBD	Tulare County
22 Widen to 6 lanes from Avenue 200 to Prosperity Ave	\$142,000,000	No	TBD	n/a	TBD	Tulare County
23 SR 99/Betty Dr Interchange Improvements	\$37,000,000	Yes	TBD	Measure R (90%) Local (10%)	TBD	Tulare County
24 Widen to 4 lanes from SR 137 to SR 198	\$100,000,000	No	TBD	n/a	TBD	Tulare County
25 Widen to 6 lanes from South of Tipton to Avenue 200	\$85,500,000	No	TBD	n/a	TBD	Tulare County
26 Widen to 6 lanes from Kern Co. Line to South of Tipton	\$127,400,000	No	TBD	n/a	TBD	Tulare County
27 Refrigerated Unit Train Facility	\$21,000,000	Yes	TBD	P-P-P	TBD	Kings County
28 SR 198: Widen to 4 lanes LNAS to 15	TBD	No	TBD		TBD	Kings County
29 SR 41: Widen to 4 lanes SR 198 to Kern County Line	TBD	No	TBD		TBD	Kings County
30 Widening 7th Ave Santa Fe Way to SR 99	\$85,000,000	Yes	TBD	P-P-P/Local Impact	2009	Kern County
31 Grade Separation	\$15,000,000	Yes	TBD	Local Impact Fee	2009-2010	Kern County
32 Grade Separation	\$15,000,000	Yes	TBD	Local Impact Fee	2010-2012	Kern County
33 BNSF Rail Spur	\$3,100,000	Yes	TBD	Concessions	2012	Kern County

Total Cost: \$2,781,330,000

* Tier I projects are considered the Hot List of Projects. They are goods movement projects which effect trade corridors of national significance, have an identified local match of 50%, and have an identified delivery date.

** Tier II projects are top regional priority projects that either have uncertainty of matching funds, are not nationally significant, or, no identified delivery date.

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A rare show of fairness

Valley, Bay Area win an equitable split of Proposition 1B funding.

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Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez has his knickers in a knot because he got snubbed in a greedy grab for transportation bond money for Southern California. Tough.

Núñez wanted the California Transportation Commission to give the vast majority of the money - \$2 billion from Proposition 1B and another \$1 billion expected from the federal government -- to Los Angeles and points east. Instead, the commission approved a much fairer division that spreads more of the money around the Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area.

The speaker and his neighbors will still get \$1.7 billion, or 56% of the money, but that wasn't enough.

Núñez now says he'll work hard to steer more of the funding to the south when the time comes for the Legislature to actually appropriate the money during budget deliberations. We hope the unusual Bay Area/Valley coalition -- joined by San Diego this time -- will stand strong against the money grab.

The money was approved by voters to be used in so-called "trade corridors," the network of freeways that move goods from the state's ports to inland markets in California and across the nation.

Fresno County doesn't stand to get any of the money, mostly because Highway 99 -- an important trade corridor -- was singled out for \$1 billion in funding in a specific earmark under Proposition 1B.

But five projects in the northern and southern ends of the region, including rail expansion through the Tehachapi Pass, would be funded under the CTC formula, which will bring important benefits to the Valley.

The commission also required that all projects meet the need to improve air quality in the state. That's more good news.

Núñez would need a two-thirds vote to alter the formula in the Assembly. We urge Bay Area, San Diego and Valley representatives to resist his efforts.

Fair is fair, even if the speaker doesn't agree.

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Transportation fund fight pits Valley, Bay against mighty L.A.

By E.J. Schultz / Bee Capitol Bureau

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SACRAMENTO -- Los Angeles and Inland Empire lawmakers lost a bid Tuesday to secure an overwhelming majority of \$2 billion in voter-approved transportation bond money -- a move that could have siphoned funds from the Central Valley.

Ignoring a plea by Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, the California Transportation Commission approved guidelines that would split the money more evenly. But Núñez, a Los Angeles Democrat, vowed to "work vigorously" to get a bigger share when lawmakers dole out the money during state budget deliberations.

The money comes from Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion transportation bond approved by voters last year. The \$2 billion was set aside to ease trucking, rail and port congestion statewide. The commission also agreed to tack on \$1 billion in other money, including from federal funds that aren't yet guaranteed.

Of the \$3 billion, the Los Angeles/Inland Empire trade corridor still would get up to \$1.7 billion, or 56% of the money. Núñez and other lawmakers demanded more, saying the region's ports handle more than 85% of the container traffic entering and leaving the state.

The San Francisco Bay/Central Valley corridor would get as much as \$840 million, or 27%. The two regions, teaming up in a rare alliance, succeeded in thwarting the move by powerful Los Angeles politicians to secure most of the money. San Diego officials also lobbied against the Los Angeles demand.

"In this case, it seemed politically expedient to have allies," said Barbara Goodwin, executive director of the Council of Fresno County Governments.

But the Fresno area does not stand to get any of the money. Rather, San Joaquin Valley planners agreed to go after money for five projects in the northern and southern ends of the region, including rail expansion through the Tehachapi Pass.

Fresno-area projects, such as expanding Highway 180, did not have a good chance of getting money under the program, which focuses on "trade corridors of national significance," said Tony Boren, deputy director of the council of governments, Fresno County's lead transportation planning agency.

Highway 99 is the Valley's main trade route. But the highway already is getting a \$1 billion earmark from Prop. 1B, so it is doubtful that the commission would have approved more money, Valley officials said.

The spending guidelines approved by the transportation commission merely set a framework for spending. Individual projects still must be approved.

To alter the spending, it would take a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.

The commission Tuesday also approved an amendment stating that projects must be proven to improve air quality. For example, a rail project might reduce the amount of pollution-spewing trucks on the road. Environmentalists fought hard for the language.

"This money must be used on projects that simultaneously improve goods movement mobility and reduce air pollution," said Kathryn Phillips, of the national nonprofit Environmental Defense. "The two are not exclusive."

The reporter can be reached at eschultz@fresnobee.com or (916) 326-5541.

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Editorial

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS FINALLY GET TOGETHER TO WIN THEIR FAIR SHARE OF STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

Political power in California long has been concentrated in the Los Angeles area, where nearly a third of the state's population lives.

Leaders in Southern California get their way on most issues, partly because of their dominant numbers in the Legislature and partly because the rest of the state hasn't been as unified or cohesive.

Bay Area officials would go one way. Those in the Sacramento area go another. San Joaquin Valley representative would head in a third direction.

That has resulted in more dollars and influence for Southern California.

Until now.

The allocation of \$2.1 billion in transportation bonds from Proposition 1B actually might become a catalyst for changing that dynamic.

San Joaquin County officials are a vital part of an impressive - so far, successful - effort to unify Northern Californians in demanding an equitable distribution of these funds.

The money is designated for improving statewide shipment of freight and agricultural products - on highways and railways and at ports.

A 23-county Northern California trade coalition has been formed to represent an area stretching from Kern County to the Sacramento region, Oakland and the Bay Area.

Working together, representatives of this group convinced California Transportation Commission members to reconsider how the bond money was being allocated.

Representatives of the Los Angeles region claimed 85 percent of the funds should be invested in their five-county area.

Had this disproportionate allocation occurred, there would have been little left for other areas of the state and less still for three projects in San Joaquin County.

The Los Angeles Times contended in an editorial that the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex "handles more than 85 percent of the containerized cargo processed at California ports."

A compromise was reached last week, largely because the representatives from the rest of the state supported a more balanced approach.

In a meeting with Dale E. Bonner, secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, more money was made available - \$425 million from a Caltrans maintenance fund and \$575 million from the federal government.

Projects in Northern California received \$825 million, demonstrating what can be accomplished by collaborating, instead of splintering.

San Joaquin County's priority projects - involving Highway 4, the Altamont Pass and the Port of Stockton (see accompanying box) - will be funded.

"It was a satisfactory outcome," said Andrew T. Chesley, executive director of the San Joaquin Council of Governments who advocates regional unity. "It was a little harder for Los Angeles to swallow."

This kind of cooperation now should be modeled in other public policy issues such as water, air pollution and infrastructure investment.

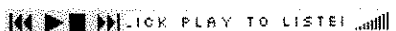
By linking up with Sacramento and Bay Area counties, Valley officials found a way to make a more significant and meaningful impact, and secure a fairer share of bond funds.

They've discovered that there is plenty of power - and productivity - in numbers.



Inland News

State transportation officials to consider adding to project-funding program



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By DOUGLAS QUAN
The Press-Enterprise

The California Transportation Commission is considering adding another \$1 billion to a \$2-billion bond program to fund trade corridor improvements throughout the state.

The commission's board is expected to make a decision on Tuesday. If the additional money is approved, that could bode well for a coalition of five Southern California counties that have been lobbying for \$1.7 billion to improve highways and rail lines that move billions of dollars of goods from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach through the Inland area to the rest of the country.

"That gets us closer to our high priority projects. ... This is a good start," Anne Mayer, executive director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission, said Wednesday. Other members of the coalition are San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

If the size of the pot increases to \$3 billion, the coalition expects to receive its target of \$1.7 billion or close to it, Mayer said.

John Barna, the state Transportation Commission's executive director, said Wednesday that after meetings with regional transportation executives this week it became clear that their needs exceed the \$2 billion available in bond money.

"We'd like to grow that pie," Barna said. He said his staff is recommending that the commission board on Tuesday approve up to a billion dollars in additional funding.

Half of that money could be drawn from existing state sources, including money for highway and bridge rehabilitation, Barna said. The other half could come from anticipated future funding sources, including user fees and federal funds, he said.

The Southern California partnership will have to compete with other parts of the state that are also hungry for funds.

San Diego County is seeking about \$500 million for a new border crossing with Mexico. Bay Area and Central Valley transportation officials are seeking as much as \$900 million.

Once the Transportation Commission decides how to apportion the money, members of the Southern California coalition will have to compete with each other for funding for specific projects.

Riverside County, for instance, wants money for dozens of railroad underpasses and overpasses. San Bernardino County wants to expand the Interstate 15/215 interchange in Devore.



NorCal to get up to \$840 million for freight

State transportation commission ignores warning from assembly speaker

By Erik N. Nelson, STAFF WRITER

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Ignoring a warning from one of the state's most powerful politicians, the California Transportation Commission approved a funding formula Tuesday that would allocate as much as \$840 million to improve freight transportation corridors serving the Bay Area and Northern California.

State Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, urged the panel to allow more money for Southern California in its funding formula for the \$2 billion Trade Corridors Improvement Fund. Voters approved the fund a year ago as part of the \$20 billion Proposition 1B bond measure.

Meeting Nunez' demand would have left a smaller percentage for Northern California.

The commission vote also boosts the fund to as high as \$3 billion, first with \$500 million in gas tax receipts and then with the more uncertain prospect of proposed container fees and new federal funding.

The guidelines give a range of \$640 million to \$840 million, or 26-28 percent, to Northern California, where Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley and Bay Area officials banded together to lobby for a

menu of \$857 million in projects.

The list includes a \$325 million truck-train terminal at the Port of Oakland and \$315 million worth of improvements to Union Pacific tracks between Richmond and Martinez, each to be half privately funded, along with opening rail tunnels through Donner Pass to allow double-stacked container cars.

Five Southern California counties, whose officials showed up in force at Tuesday's meeting to ask for 70-85 percent of the funding, are eligible for \$1.5 billion to \$1.7 billion, or 56-60 percent.

San Diego, with its port and border crossing with Mexico, could get \$250 million to \$400 million.

"I was pleased that we didn't have 85 percent of the money going to Los Angeles," said Assemblyman Jim Beall, D-San Jose, after the vote. He told the commission that giving a huge percentage to the Los Angeles/Inland Empire freight corridor would alienate other parts of the state and hurt the chances of passing future infrastructure bond measures.

Officials from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties argued that 85 percent of the state's cargo containers come through Southern California through the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, thus they're entitled to that much from the trade corridors program. Northern California officials argued that the big ports down south are largely imports from overseas, while the Port of Oakland boosts the state's economy with tech goods exported from Silicon Valley, farm products from the Central Valley and wine from Napa and Sonoma counties.

While Nunez vowed in a statement to give that corridor, which serves the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, "the honest treatment it deserves," Beall

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expressed confidence that the Bay Area's legislators could preserve the funding.

One of the advantages enjoyed by the Bay Area is that the state transportation commission's membership is almost devoid of members from the Los Angeles area. Three members from the Bay Area, including chairman James Ghielmetti of San Francisco, and two other Northern California members combine to make up a majority on the nine-member commission.

Larry Zarian of Glendale was the only vote against the trade corridor guidelines.

Ghielmetti said the staff recommendation was the fairest result of two days of negotiations between all the regions and state officials.

"We did our work and tried not to politicize it," Ghielmetti said. "Now it looks like it's going to get politicized."

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SFGate.com**Bay Area could get \$640 million to ease truck traffic**

Michael Cabanatuan, Chronicle Staff Writer

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

(11-28) 04:00 PST Sacramento --

State transportation officials agreed Tuesday to a plan that could give the Bay Area as much as \$640 million to ease truck traffic by improving the rail system and building projects such as truck lanes on highways - despite a threat by Los Angeles lawmakers to stall the deal.

The California Transportation Commission approved a set of guidelines that will determine how much the Bay Area and other regions of the state get from the pot of \$2.5 billion in bond funds designated to ease traffic from trucks hauling goods around the state. Specific improvements could include improvements to the Port of Oakland, Northern California rail lines and truck climbing lanes over the Altamont Pass.

But Los Angeles-area legislators, led by Democratic Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, threatened to interfere with the commission's plans to allot the voter-approved transportation bond money unless Los Angeles gets a bigger share.

Núñez said the guidelines shortchange the greater Los Angeles region.

"If these guidelines are adopted, you're going to have problems with how we reconcile our differences in the Legislature," Núñez said.

In Northern California, the money would be used to build a number of rail and highway projects in the Bay Area, Central Valley and beyond - possibly including taller rail tunnels over Donner Summit to allow trains to haul more containers, a new cargo terminal and street crossing at the Port of Oakland and truck-only lanes up the Altamont Pass on Interstate 580. Specific projects won't be selected by the commission until April.

Despite the Los Angeles threat, the commission voted 8-1, with Larry Zarian opposed for unrelated reasons, to proceed with the planned funding guidelines. If the state is able to secure \$500 million in federal funds for goods movements, or raise it through future port fees, the pot would be raised to a little more than \$3 billion and the Bay Area share would climb to \$840 million.

Tuesday's meeting, attended by about 150 people, was a key step in determining what projects will eventually be built. The commission set guidelines for choosing projects, including targets for roughly how much each region of the state will receive. It also agreed to consider air quality as a factor in deciding projects that eventually receive funding.

Officials from the Los Angeles and Inland Empire regions of Southern California argued that

because the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach handle 80 to 85 percent of the international cargo coming into the state, their region should get 80 to 85 percent of the bond money that is specifically allocated to improving the movement of goods. Proposition 1B, approved by voters last year, dedicated \$20 billion in bond money for improving the transportation system by beefing up public transit and building new carpool lanes, interchanges and wider highways, among other projects.

The spending targets would give Los Angeles about 55 to 60 percent of the available money set aside for easing truck traffic.

"The voters expected the bond funds would be targeted to areas of the most need in the state, and that was the legislative intent," Núñez said. "The proposal before you shortchanges the neediest areas of the state."

The speaker denied that his efforts constituted "some kind of power grab from L.A.," saying the region suffers daily from the traffic and air pollution generated by trucks from the ports. He called the spending targets unacceptable and unfair and accused the commission of politicizing the bond process.

While state voters approved the infrastructure bonds, and the Transportation Commission is assigned to determine how transportation bond funds are spent, all appropriations of money must go through the Legislature and the state budget process.

After the commission's vote, Chairman Jim Ghielmetti of Pleasanton said he fears that pressure from Núñez and four other Los Angeles and Inland Empire Assembly members could taint the process.

"The intent of the Legislature was to put it in the hands of the (Transportation Commission) so that it wouldn't become political," he said. "Personally, I think we did the right thing. We're not trying to play favorites."

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What's next. The commission will hold hearings on projects recommended for funding through

the goods movement bond money the week of Feb. 18. Recommendations will be made on March 13, and projects will be selected on April 10.

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Fresno COG "One Voice" ~ 2008 Recommended Regional Priorities

Project/Bill/Account	Project Description	Project Location	Congressional District	Total Request (Finals TBD)	Requesting Agency
Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Roadway rehabilitation, improvements and enhancements to facilitate economic development.	Golden State Boulevard through Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, and portions of Fresno Co.	19, 20, 21	\$3,000,000	Fresno COG
Willow Avenue Corridor Improvements from Herndon Ave to Copper Ave. <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Widening of Willow Ave	Northeast Fresno connecting to the City of Clovis	21	\$2,000,000	City of Fresno
Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction. <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.	Manning Avenue entrance to Reedley over the Kings River	21	\$500,000	City of Reedley
State Route 180 - Temperance to Academy Ave. <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Completion of construction of the segment of SR 180 from Temperance to Academy	Southeast Fresno County	21	\$3,000,000	Fresno COG
Highway 269 Bridge Project <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Build a 500 foot bridge across the Arroyo Pasajero Creek	Near the City of Huron	20	\$1,500,000	Fresno COG
Veteran's Boulevard <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Diagonal connection between Herndon Ave. and Grantland in NW Fresno	NW area of City of Fresno	19	\$1,500,000	City of Fresno
Transit Signal Priority	Fund Transit Signal Priority System	Various congested intersections within Fresno Clovis Metropolitan Area	18, 20, 21	\$3,500,000	City of Fresno
THUD (Bus and Bus Facilities) Recycled Water Master Plan System – Phase C	Complete build-out of main water transmission lines. Developed in 5 phases – Total Cost - \$35 million	City of Clovis	21	\$850,000	City of Clovis
Interior (EPA-STAG)					

Fresno COG "One Voice" 2008 Policy Priorities

Project/Legislative Vehicle	Project Description	Project Location	Applicant	Congressional Districts
Future of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard	To assign F-15 aircraft to the 144th Fighter Wing to replace the F-16 dated to expire in the year 2012.	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	City of Fresno	21
<i>Defense (Authorization)</i> Fresno Yosemite International Airport	Establish FYI as an international Port of Entry (POE) with the US Dept. of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection Agency (CBP)	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	City of Fresno - Dept. of Airports	21
<i>DHS (Authorization)</i> Air Quality Enterprise/ Empowerment Zone Designation	Establishment of new designation	County of Fresno	County of Fresno - Board of Supervisors	18, 19, 20, 21
Federal Tax Legislation (Authorization)				

A Guide to Appropriations Project Opportunities

Bill THUD: Transportation-Housing and Urban Development	(STP) The Surface Transportation Program provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects on any Federal-aid highway, including the NHS, bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and intracity and intercity bus terminals and facilities; Average Project Amount \$1,500,000-\$2,500,000 .
Account STP: Surface Transportation Program TCSF: Transportation-Community-System Preservation Account EDI: Economic Development Initiative Account	(TCSP) Funds within this account are used to: (1) Improve the efficiency of the transportation system; (2) Reduce environmental impacts of transportation; (3) Ensure efficient access to jobs, services, and centers of trade; (4) Examine community development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns and investments that support these goals; Average Project Amount \$300,000-\$1,000,000 . (EDI) This account is the broadest of all the urban development funds. EDI funds are used for a wide variety of economic development projects but must be used for construction or real property acquisition; Average Project Amount \$300,000-\$500,000 .
Bill Interior	These funds are largely designed to build or rehabilitate water and wastewater infrastructure systems. However, funding may also be used for related activities such as monitoring and treatment. This account provides funding for both wastewater and drinking water projects and related activities. 70% of funds within this overall account are used to capitalize state revolving funds for wastewater and clean water while roughly 30% of total funds are earmarked by Congress for the above activities; Average Project Amount \$250,000-\$500,000 .
Account STAG: State and Tribal Assistance Grants Account	

<u>Bill</u> Labor-HHS-Education: Labor Health and Human Services and Education <u>Account</u> Museum and Library Services Account Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA)	(Museum and Library Services) This related agency program provides funding to upgrade and expand museums and other educational institutions including facilities and programming. Average Project Amount \$75,000-\$300,000. (HRSA) These funds are used for construction and equipment as well as program development. HRSA supports programs which provide health services to disadvantaged, medically underserved, and special populations, decrease infant mortality, assist in the education of health professionals, and provide technical assistance regarding the utilization of health resources and facilities. Construction projects must be directly related to health-related activities. Average Project Amount \$600,000-\$800,000.
<u>Bill</u> Justice: Commerce, Justice, Science <u>Account</u> Juvenile Justice Program Byrne-JAG: Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Account COPS Technology	JAG funds are used for law enforcement programs, prevention and education programs, drug treatment programs, prosecution and court programs, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; Average Project Amount \$500,000-\$700,000. COPS Technology grants provide funding for the continued development of technologies and automated systems that help Tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies prevent, respond to, and investigate crime. This funding allows state agencies to purchase technologies to advance communications interoperability, information sharing, crime analysis, intelligence gathering, and crime prevention in their communities. Average Project Amount \$200,000-\$300,000.
<u>Bill</u> Department of Agriculture <u>Account</u> Buildings and Facilities and/or	Funds for Agriculture Research Service buildings and facilities. To perform agricultural research and demonstration relating to production, utilization, marketing, and distribution (not otherwise provided for); home economics or nutrition and consumer use including the acquisition, preservation, and dissemination of agricultural information; and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal cost Average Project Amount \$270,000-\$2,000,000

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	TOTAL SCORE	\$ REQUEST	Congressional District
Fresno Yosemite International Airport	33.5962	Support	21
# 1 State Route 180 - Temperance to Academy Ave.	33.4780	\$3.00 M	21
Future of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard	32.2710	Support	21
Highway 269 Bridge Project	31.8857	\$1.50 M	20
Golden State Corridor Ec. Dev. Infrastructure	31.8667	\$3.00 M	19,20,21
Recycled Water Master Plan System - Phase C	28.9857	\$850,000	21
Veteran's Boulevard	28.1619	\$1.50 M	19
Support USDA Rural Development Initiatives and Programs (Title VI in 2007 Farm Bill)	27.8364	Support	
Air Quality Enterprise/ Empowerment Zone Designation	27.2828	Support	18, 19, 20, 21
Restore Full Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	26.9103	Support	
American Avenue Interchange	25.9429	\$3.00 M	20
Reauthorize PL 106-393, Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self Determination Act of 2000	25.7727	Support	
Regional Data Interoperability Project	25.5664	\$3.50 M	18,19,20,21
Willow Avenue Corridor Improvements from Herndon Ave to Copper Ave.	25.5513	\$2.00 M	21
Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction	25.5048	\$500,000	21
Center for Agriculture and Food Safety	23.7322	\$2.40 M	20,21
Fresno County Gang Prevention Initiative	23.4011	\$1.10 M	20,21
Shaw Ave. Traffic Signal Coordination and Intelligent Transportation System Improvements	22.6868	\$3.00 M	18,20,21
Regional Public/Health/Safety/ Crime lab Complex	22.2104	\$3.00 M	21
Transit Signal Priority	21.7967	\$3.50 M	18,20,21
New Central Library for Fresno County	21.5881	\$3.00 M	20,21
Kearney Park Improvements	20.2905	\$2.85 M	19

No money is requested for these projects. The request is for support of the project or the support for the restoration of project funding.

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FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10

In the Matter of:)
)
MEASURE "C")
TRANSPORTATION)
PLANNING CLAIM)

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL
MEASURE "C" FUNDING CLAIM
FOR THE FRESNO COUNTY
RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY, 2007-08

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Transportation Authority (Authority) is the administrator of Retail Transactions and Use Tax (1/2 cent) Funds collected pursuant to the Fresno County Transportation Improvement Act as provided by Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Public Utilities Code Sections 14200, et seq, and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency ("claimant") is an eligible claimant of funds for local transportation program pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 142257, and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Transportation Authority has adopted a Resolution of Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2007-08's estimated revenue setting 3.99% of \$62,200,000 for the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies - FCRTA sub program funds available to claimant, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies - FCRTA are not being used to substitute for property tax funds which claimant had previously used for local transportation purposes. Such substitution of property tax funds is prohibited by California Public Utilities Code Section 142257, and

WHEREAS, claimant has segregated property tax revenues from claimant's other general fund revenues used to support the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies - FCRTA sub program funds so that verification of non-substitution can be proved through audit or that the non-substitution of funds shall apply to claimant's general fund, and

WHEREAS, claimant shall account for the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies - FCRTA sub program funds received pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 142257. Claimant shall maintain current records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and shall separately record expenditures for each type of eligible purpose. Claimant shall make such records available to the Authority for inspection or audit at any time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency hereby adopts the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies - FCRTA sub program funds Claim and authorizes the General Manager to sign the Certification and Claim Form.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 29th day of November, 2007.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 29th day of November, 2007.

Signed: _____
Jeffrey D. Webster, FCRTA General Manager



FRESNO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
CERTIFICATIONS AND CLAIM FORM**

TO: Fresno County Transportation Authority

FROM: Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

Local Agency Name

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1. The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency ("claimant") is an eligible claimant of funds for local transportation program pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 142257.
2. The Fresno County Transportation Authority has adopted a Resolution of Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2007 -2008's estimated revenue setting 3.99% of \$62,200,000 for the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies- FCRTA sub program available to the claimant. On behalf of claimant, I hereby request release of the funds to claimant in accordance with:
 - (a) Monthly payments consistent with adopted percentage, based on actual receipts
 - (b) Compliance with Steps 5 and 6 of the Local Agency Handbook – Local Agency Pass-Through Funding programs
3. On behalf of claimant, I hereby certify as follows:
 - (a) That the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies- FCRTA sub program Funds are not being used to substitute for property tax funds which claimant had previously used for local transportation purposes. Such substitution of property tax funds is prohibited by California Public Utilities Code Section 142257.
 - (b) That claimant has segregated property tax revenues from claimant's other general fund revenues used to support the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies- FCRTA sub program funds so that verification of non-substitution can be proved through audit or that the non-substitution of funds shall apply to claimant's entire general fund.
 - (c) That claimant shall account for the Regional Public Transit Program, Public Transit Agencies- FCRTA sub program Funds received pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 142257. Claimant shall maintain current records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and shall separately record expenditures for each type of eligible purpose. Claimant shall make such records available to the Authority for inspection or audit at any time.
4. Claimant understands that should financial or compliance audit exceptions be found, the Fresno County Transportation Authority will take immediate steps to resolve the exceptions in accordance with its adopted procedures.

Claimant's Authorized Signature: _____

Title: General Manager

Date: _____

November 29, 2007



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Attached is a letter signed by Several Members of the San Joaquin Valley State Legislative Delegation regarding the Valley's push for funding through the Prop. 1B Trade Corridor fund. Fresno COG has been very active leading this effort along with all of the San Joaquin Valley COG's. Assemblymember Arambula and his office deserve our gratitude for organizing the effort that led to this letter. Thank you for all of the Valley State Legislators that signed this important letter. Our office will continue to be heavily engaged on this issue on behalf of our clients, the Fresno COG.

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November 16, 2007

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Trade Corridors Improvement Fund

Dear Chairman Ghielmetti:

As Legislators representing the San Joaquin Valley, we write to convey our strong belief that the Central Valley is and must be considered as an independent trade corridor integral to California's goods movement system.

As you know, the Goods Movement Action Plan released by the Administration in January 2007 identifies four principal trade corridors in the state, including the Central Valley (see enclosed map). As you may also know, the Valley is already bearing unique burdens from goods movement. According to data from the Air Resources Board, in 2010 truck traffic in the San Joaquin Valley will account for 44.9% of all the heavy heavy-duty diesel truck miles traveled in the state. In 2010 nitrogen oxide (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) emissions from these trucks in the Valley will similarly reach 49.6% and 46.4%, respectively, of total emissions of these pollutants statewide. It is no coincidence the San Joaquin Valley is in non-attainment of air quality standards for both NOx and PM.

We understand that in the first round of TCIF funding now under consideration at the CTC, the Councils of Government (COGs) in all eight San Joaquin Valley counties have, together, chosen to join their funding requests with those of the San Francisco Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). We applaud the Valley COGs for working together to identify the projects of greatest need for our region, and we wish to lend our full support to all five of the identified Tier 1 San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Agency Trade Corridor Projects (see enclosed list). We also commend MTC for recognizing the interregional benefits that these five projects would yield, and for partnering with the Central Valley to support these projects in this round.

However, in future funding rounds — and in any legislation that may advance to guide the distribution of TCIF funds — we will be watching closely to ensure the Central Valley is considered an independent equal among the state's four principal goods movement corridors.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

Signed by:

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The Honorable Fabian Núñez, Speaker of the Assembly
The Honorable Don Perata, President Pro Tem of the Senate
The Honorable Pedro Nava, Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
The Honorable Alan Lowenthal, Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
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Today I spoke to California Department of Parks and Recreation Chief Deputy Director Sedrick Mitchell. Many of you may remember that Mr. Mitchell came to the Fresno Office of California Consulting, LLC on July 12, 2007 and made a special presentation to our clients regarding Prop. 84 funding opportunities. That meeting was attended by approximately 40 staff and elected officials from Valley cities.

Since Mr. Mitchell's presentation the Legislature has adjourned without passing any guidelines/criteria regarding the Prop. 84 \$400 million. As well, the Legislature adjourned without appropriating the money. Even though the voters passed Prop. 84 the Legislature must still appropriate the dollars in order for the Department to release a "call for projects."

According to my conversation with Mr. Mitchell today, the Department is waiting for the Legislature to act. The Legislature must (1) pass a policy bill that gives the Department guidelines and direction that includes criteria for the funding and (2) appropriate the money. Until the Legislature acts the Department will not release a "call for projects."

It is anticipated that a call for projects could be issued by the Department as early as Fall of 2008 after the Legislature acts. However, this timeline is very tentative and subject to the Legislature taking the steps outlined above.

The July 12, 2007 memo I sent to you outlines the basic guidelines of the Prop. 84 money. Please let me know if you would like me to re-send that memo to you.

Today, Mr. Mitchell made it clear that the Department will be focusing on applications that have "think green" elements and emphasize conservation. Applications that relieve the pressure and impact to the environment, utilize solar, capture water, and are energy efficient will be viewed favorably.

Our office will continue to monitor the Prop. 84 \$400 million and keep you updated.

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Today, California Consulting, LLC organized a conference call with Senior Representatives of the Air Resources Board in Sacramento. The purpose of the call was to discuss the \$1 billion in Prop. 1B for Air Quality mitigation for Goods Movement. As you know from my previous reports, the Legislature has allocated \$250 million of that \$1 billion to be distributed in fiscal year 07-08. In addition to the ARB representatives, the following individuals participated in the conference call representing Valley interests:

Barbara Goodwin and Tony Boren, Fresno COG
 Peter Weber, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
 Tom Jordan, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
 Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC

Much of the call was spent discussing the proposed guidelines for distribution of the \$250 million. An in-depth discussion was held regarding how the valley will best be able to compete for the available dollars. Additionally, we discussed what the final guidelines might look like and the details of the criteria. The valley's poor air and the high degree of our truck traffic were major topics for discussion. According to the ARB Senior Staff a tentative schedule for distribution of the funds is as follows:

December: ARB Staff finalizes staff recommended guidelines/criteria
January 24, 2008: ARB Board meets to discuss and adopt guidelines
Feb. 1, 2008: Call for projects/RFP is issued by ARB
End of Feb., 2008: Applications are due
May, 2008: ARB issues award notices

The Valley hopes to gain approximately \$350 million of the \$1 billion available through Prop. 1B Air Quality Mitigation funds. Several other interests are lobbying for and competing for those dollars and are also very involved in the writing of the guidelines.

Our office will continue to work on this issue as we have for the last one year. We are working to ensure the guidelines are written in a fair and equitable manner that allows the Valley to compete well for the dollars.

Assemblyman Juan Arambula, his staff and Peter Weber from the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley have been intimately involved in this issue and are deserving of recognition for ensuring the Valley has a strong seat at the table.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Tuesday I met with Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines in Sacramento. I was joined by Kingsburg Mayor Leland Bergstrom and City Manager Don Pauley. We discussed a number of issues including water and the water bond.

The legislature has been unable to reach consensus on the water issue and several issues remain outstanding. Senator Cogdill and Assembly Republican Leader Villines put forth water legislation in conjunction with the Governor that included many positive elements. However, that bill has not moved forward in the Legislature.

Although some discussions are still ongoing, it appears a ballot measure may be put forth that contains much of the same language that was in the Cogdill/Villines/Governor water bill. The goal would be to qualify this ballot measure for the November 2008 ballot. The Governor, Senator Cogdill, and Assemblyman Villines deserve praise and recognition for demonstrating outstanding leadership on the water issue.

During the meeting we also discussed the Trade Corridor \$2 billion, Air Quality Mitigation from Prop. 1B, and the Lowenthal Container Fee bill, all three of which are key issues to the 8 Valley COG's. Thank you to Mayor Bergstrom and City Manager Pauley for their articulate comments during the meeting. Their remarks and advocacy were much appreciated and made a real difference. We also met with the Governor's Office and others during the course of the day.

On a local level, Mayors Alan Autry and Victor Lopez have been leaders on the water issue, exhibiting incredible leadership. Along with other Valley Mayors and local elected officials there has been a strong push for water storage and a demand that Sacramento pay attention to our San Joaquin Valley water needs.

As details on the water bond emerge, our office will continue to work closely with Senator Cogdill and Assemblyman Villines.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Yesterday, more than 75 police chiefs, local elected officials, and community leaders attended Gang Summit 2007 hosted by the City of Sanger and California Consulting, LLC.

Special guests at the summit included the Governor's Director of Gang and Youth Violence Mr. Paul Seave, the Governor's State Public Safety Liaison Mr. Tom Sawyer, and the Governor's Special Advisor for Local Government Affairs Mrs. Brenda Quintana. In addition to hearing informative remarks from Mr. Seave and Mr. Sawyer, guests also heard comments from our outstanding Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims and newly appointed County Gang Task Force Coordinate Debra McKenzie as part of the program.

At the state level, we are fortunate to have exemplary leaders such as Mr. Seave, Mr. Sawyer, and Mrs. Quintana serving the State of California. We are equally fortunate to have excellent local leaders such as Sheriff Mims, and Mrs. McKenzie serving the communities of Fresno County.

The summit served as a forum for important dialogue and discussion from a broad group of leaders representing law enforcement, the faith based community, local elected officials, state leaders, and legislative representatives. A productive dialogue and question and answer period discussed methods to combating the gang epidemic in the Valley.

Special thanks to the Offices of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, State Senate Offices of Senator Cogdill and Senator Florez, and the Office of Assemblyman Juan Arambula for their attendance and support of the summit.

Sanger Mayor Montelongo served as the M.C. and articulately discussed the gang issues facing Sanger and the entire Valley. Mayor Montelongo and his staff did an incredible job organizing this event and deserve our gratitude and recognition on a job well done. At the event, the Mayor spoke of a regional approach that included collaboration among and between the Valley communities. Evidence of this regional approach is the CalGrip grant application our office is coordinating for the 7 Eastern Fresno County cities that are our clients (Reedley,

Kingsburg, Sanger, Selma, Fowler, Parlier, and Orange Cove). This funding will go towards combating gang violence in these communities.

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Never Give Up: Fresno Countywide Gang Prevention Initiative

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The funding requested for this proposal will provide the Fresno County Gang Task Force Coordinator with the resources necessary to develop and institute an enhanced version of the **OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model**. It is a comprehensive, collaborative approach designed to prevent and reduce youth gang violence. The Model calls for five core strategies to be delivered through an integrated plan by a team of community agencies and organizations. The program has been piloted by OJJDP in five sites throughout the country. The five core strategies are: (1) community mobilization, (2) social intervention, (3) opportunities, (4) suppression, and (5) organizational change. Community Mobilization is defined as involvement of law enforcement and government agencies with local residents (including former gang youth and community groups and agencies) and the coordination of programs and staff functions within and across agencies. **Key to mobilization will be developing a system and culture of internal communications to share information, network, and coordinate efforts and resources.** It is through these partnerships the program components will be outlined and instituted:

Prevention

- **Organizational Change and Development:** Development and implementation of policies and procedures that result in the most effective use of available and potential resources within and across agencies to better address the gang problem.
- **Education and Social Marketing:** Target parents, agency staff, and broader community with regular education workshops and forums on gang awareness, culture, and prevention/intervention methods. Including programs using concepts from commercial marketing to bring about social change, i.e., influence community action and behaviors.

Early Intervention/Intervention

- **Social Intervention:** Youth-serving agencies, schools, grassroots groups, faith-based organizations, police, and other criminal justice organizations "reaching out" as links between at-risk and gang-involved youth (and their families) and the conventional world and needed services. This would include expansion of the County Probation's S.T.O.P. (Students Targeted with Opportunities For Prevention) program
- **Provision of Opportunities:** The development of a variety of specific education, training, and employment programs targeted at gang-involved and at-risk for gang involved youth.

Suppression

- **MAGEC:** County Sheriff, County Probation, County District Attorney, municipal police, California Highway Patrol, and various state and federal agencies are organized within the regional task force M.A.G.E.C. (Fresno Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium). This would include expanding M.A.G.E.C. operations throughout County rural southwest unincorporated regions and municipalities.
- **Criminal Intelligence:** Develop a culture of collection among officers to most effectively gather information for use in the intelligence cycle. Develop policies, procedures, and technologies to identify and predict patterns of gang crime and participation, for the purpose of more effective suppression response strategies, more effective prevention and intervention response strategies, and allocation prevention and intervention resources to the right youth, at the right location, and at the right time.

FRESNO COUNTY IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET

Fresno County Request (one year)	\$3,000,000
County Contributions	\$2,500,000

PROJECT GRAND TOTAL

\$5,500,000

PRELIMINARY: Northern California Trade Projects: These projects are preliminary staff recommendations and are subject to review and approval by regional policy boards.

Project #	Region	Projects	Project Cost Estimate	Trans	Match request	Match secured	Source	Notes
TIER 1								
Grade to be discussed								
1	ALA/ Port	7th Street Grade Crossing	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000		Port	Match to come from the Port. Key grade crossing and overpass work at primary gateway to the Port.
2	ALA/CC: Port	Maitreux Subdivision Improvements	\$ 315,000	\$ 157,500	\$ 157,500		UP	UP has said they will be a contributing partner, but no specific dollar amount known yet. The project will increase capacity along the primary rail line in to the Port, and also the Capitol Corridors route. Grade crossings must be addressed.
3	ALA/ Port	Centinual Outer Harbor Intermodal Terminal	\$ 325,000	\$ 162,500	\$ 162,500		Port	New intermodal rail terminal at the Port of Oakland to serve both UP and BNSF. Provides increased intermodal capacity to help divert a higher fraction of container traffic to rail instead of truck. Increases rail capacity from 1.2m TEUs to 3.1m TEUs.
Anchor Total								
			\$ 895,000	\$ 445,000	\$ 445,000			
SACOG								
4	SACOG	Donner Summit Improvements	\$ 75,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500		UP	UP has committed to provide the match (1:1). Passenger rail concessions from UP for Capitol Corridor service from Sacramento to Roseville and Auburn are necessary for support.
5	SACOG	Sacramento Depot Rail Realignment	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000		Local	Realignment, match already secured with local funds, greater than 1:1. Improves service efficiency and reliability for both UP and Capitolis. Strong local support.
6	SOL	Cordelia Truck Scales	\$ 93,600	\$ 46,800	\$ 46,800		Local	Match from bridge tolls. Project improves truck flow near I-80/860 interchange and reduces unsafe conditions of trucks queuing onto I-80 and difficult weaving patterns.
Central Corridor Total								
			\$ 224,600	\$ 107,300	\$ 117,300			
SJ								
7	SJ	Hwy 4 Extension to Port of Stockton (Phase 1)	\$ 180,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000		Local	Key access for the Port of Stockton; reduces major truck impacts on local community. Phase 1 match of \$80m from Measure K, Enterprise Zone.
8	ALA	1480 Improvements @ 29th & 23rd Avenues - Stockton to Fremont.	\$ 95,000	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500		Local	Key truck access route to the Port with clearance issues and difficult on and off ramps. If match is not secured, becomes a Phase 2. Match possibly from local/regional highway funds, user fees or SHOPP.
9	Port State	Trenchap Pass Improvements	\$ 82,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000		BNSF	Match from BNSF. Increases key capacity for both domestic export from Valley and transcontinental traffic from Port. Would open up rail capacity in the San Joaquin Valley.
10	ALA/ SJ	EBI 1480 Truck Driveway Lane Over Alameda	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000		N	Critical truck route connecting Bay Area and Central Valley. Strong support from ag community. Caltrans staff is working on project development. Possible local match under discussion.
Short haul rail projects								
11	SJ	San Joaquin Rail Commission ROW purchase for future short haul service - Stockton to Fremont.	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000		ACE/ RMR	Purchase of key segments of ROW. This is a critical foundation step to allow for eventual short haul rail service connecting the Central Valley to the Port. ACE match of \$75m from Regional sales tax. UP negotiations ongoing; therefore project cost in flux. Requires ROW to be made an eligible expense for bond funds. ACE currently operates on this ROW; multiple benefits from ownership. GMAP recommended continued investment on the Alameda Rail Corridor, this project provides foundation for rail shuttle.
12	Stan.	Short haul terminal at Crown Landing development	\$ 52,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000		Local/ private	Short haul rail terminal option. Stanislaus County requesting investment on rail corridor serving the proposed facility. Private developer contributing to match. Value of county land committed to project proposed as additional match source. Requires either operating UP or BNSF. UP and BNSF are working on a match. Match possibly from local/regional highway funds, user fees or SHOPP.
13	Kern	Shafter Intermodal facility	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		Local	Operating subsidy required.
Altamont Corridor Total								
			\$ 450,000	\$ 224,500	\$ 324,500			
SACOG								
14	SACOG	Port of Sacramento Designing	\$ 70,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		Local	Deepening the channel from 30' to 35'. Match to come from Port of Sacramento operating funds. \$50,000 match to come from Corps because multi-year funding in which the Corps does it's budget (annual capability), the funds can be guaranteed only as an annual basis. Currently the Corps FY 2003 budget includes \$300,000 and \$500,000 has been proposed for the FY 2009 budget.
15	SJ	Port of Stockton designing	\$ 140,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500		Port	Project request is half the total share (75% federal, 25% local) required for Army Corps dredging projects. The project has been approved by the Corps but the federal portion of the funds can be guaranteed only on annual basis because the Corps does its budget based on annual capacity rather than multi-year commitments.
Dredging Total								
			\$ 210,500	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500			
TOTAL PHASE 1								
			\$ 1,974,102	\$ 904,300	\$ 914,300			
TIER 2								
MTC/ SACOG								
16	MTC/ SACOG	Capitol Corridor Operational Improvements	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000		UP	Various rail upgrades along the corridor from Oakland to Sacramento. Improves service for both UP and Capitolis.
17	SACOG	I-680 widening project	\$ 200,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 120,000		Local	Operational and capacity improvements. Local sales tax secured for match.
Central Corridor Total								
			\$ 260,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 150,000			
Short haul rail Bay Area - Central Valley								
18	ALA	Oakland Substation ROW Purchase	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000		N	Short haul rail alignment option: links Niles Junction to Port of Oakland. Match would rely on larger Dumbarton project, which is underfunded and the project status unclear. Final cost is unclear as it will be a negotiation with UP. Not a top priority for the Port of Oakland.
19	ALA/SJ	Alameda Creek Bridge	\$ 32,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000		N	Short haul rail alignment option: provides connection at Niles Junction to the Oakland Sub separating passenger and freight service. No match- was originally included as part of the Dumbarton Rail project but there is no funding available.
Altamont highway projects								
20	ALA/ SJ	WB 1480 Truck Climbing Lane Over Alameda	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000		Local	Match source needed. ITP funds a possible match source. Strong support from Central Valley ag community. Caltrans staff is working on project development. Possible container fee match if highway projects are eligible.
21	Stan.	State Route 132 Improvements	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		N	Expand capacity on RI 132; 1.5 mile project to connect w/ SR99. Key truck route in the Valley. Have \$14m federal available for easiermost portion, and possible TCRP funds. Phasing and scope being determined. May require ROW purchase to be eligible.
22	SJ	Hwy 4 Extension to Port of Stockton (Phase 2)	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000		TBD/ Local	Phase 2 of key Port of Stockton connection (#8). Match not.
23	SJ	Sherry Road	\$ 65,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500		Local	Extension of Sherry Road results in a new east/west arterial connection to I-5 and SR 99. Includes 3 grade separations. EIR is complete. Match possibly available in regional sales tax.
24	SJ	I-5/SR 99 SR 32/BI-C Interchange	\$ 41,000	\$ 20,500	\$ 20,500		Local	Construction of new interchange on SR132 and widening of SR132 to I-5/SR99. Would help serve aggregate businesses in the area. Match may come from private sector but is not committed.
25	ALA	North Airport Air Cargo Road Access Improvements	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		Port	Project is first phase, another \$5.4M second phase for a later date. Match is Port funds. Improves capacity and access to North Airport air cargo tenants.
26	SJ	I-5 widening project- Stockton	TBD	TBD	TBD		N	Information coming from SACOG.
Altamont Corridor Total								
			\$ 456,000	\$ 228,000	\$ 228,000			
TOTAL PHASE 1 AND 2								
			\$ 2,692,102	\$ 1,243,300	\$ 1,293,300			

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