

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CONSENT ITEMS

AGENDA ITEMS II. A-P.



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POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Executive Minutes

Date: Friday November 16, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Ron Manfredi, City of Kerman
John Holt, City of Clovis
Steve Julian, City of Coalinga
Charlotte Tilkes, Fresno County
Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno
Cruz Ramos, City of San Joaquin

Steve Curti, Caltrans
Alan Bengyel, City of Huron
Don Pauley, City of Kingsburg
Krystal Chojnacki, City of Mendota
Rocky Rogers, City of Reedley

Others Attending:

Jeff Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit
Carole Coombs, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
Bobby Kamansky, Tulare Basin Wildlife
Partners
Barbara Goodwin, Fresno COG
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG

Renée DeVere, Fresno COG
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Jennifer Dansby, Fresno COG
Jason Paukovits, Fresno COG
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Ron Manfredi, City of Kerman.

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the PAC on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

There were no public presentations.

B. Presentation by The Volunteer Center of Fresno County – Board Meeting – Rescheduled to 11-29-07

C. Policy Board Ad-Hoc Legislative Subcommittee Workshop to Develop the 2008 Legislative Platform – 11-29-07 (Workshop will be held at 6:00 PM, prior to Board Meeting.)

At the direction of the Policy Board, an Ad-Hoc Legislative Subcommittee met in October to discuss the development of a 2008 Fresno COG Legislative Platform. As a result of these discussions, COG staff is currently working on a Draft Legislative Platform to be considered by the sub-committee at their next scheduled workshop. The workshop will be held prior to the Policy Board meeting on November 29th at 6:00 pm in the Sequoia Conference Room. An agenda for the workshop and a Draft Legislative Platform will be provided to the sub-committee and the Policy Board prior to the scheduled meeting.

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

II. CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.

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| A. Executive Minutes of October 19, 2007 | Approve |
| B. 2007-08 Transportation Funding Claims | Approve |
| 1. County of Fresno, Resolution 2007-45 | |
| 2. City of Fresno, Resolution 2007-46 | |
| 3. City of Clovis, Resolution 2007-47 | |
| C. Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan | Initiate Review |
| D. The 2007 Urban Mobility Report | Information |
| E. Proposition 1C: Infill Incentive Grant Program | Information |
| F. Monthly Legislative Update | Information |
| G. Congestion Management System Update | Information |
| H. New Requirements for the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program | |
| I. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC at the Board on 11-29-07 | Information |
| J. Regional Clearinghouse | Information |
- | Project | Applicant |
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| 1. DHHS Repayment of Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start | Fresno County EOC |
- K. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) Item
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| 1. FY2007-08 FCRTA Measure "C" Transportation Planning Claim, FCRTA Resolution 2007-10 | Approve |
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For a complete summary of these items please see the November 16, 2007 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Don Pauley (Kingsburg) and seconded by Alan Bengyel (Huron) to approve the Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Tulare Lake Basin Working Group, Request for Financial Participation—Continued from 10-19-07

Clark Thompson (COG) and representatives from the Tulare Lake Basin Working Group reported on this item. The mission of the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners (TBWP) is to protect, enhance and restore wildlife and their habitats in the Tulare Lake Basin in a way that complements agricultural productivity and achieves other objectives. Consequently, TBWP competed for and was awarded a \$125,000 San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Partnership Seed Grant for a project titled "Integrating Land and Water Solutions in Tulare Lake Basin." The TBWP is requesting a contribution of \$32,700 from the Fresno COG for additional, in-depth riparian/wildlife corridor work in Fresno County. The specific riparian/wildlife corridors in Fresno County are Wahtoke Creek, Kings River/Murphy's Slough, Fresno Slough/Fish Slough, Los Gatos Creek/Arroyo Passajero, Cantua Creek, and Panoche Creek. The Fresno County Corridor Plan that will result from this work will be a stand-alone document that will include written documentation, maps, and tables. Each corridor will be examined and discussed in detail. Recommendations for a conservation strategy will be provided. The TBWP will begin work in early 2008 and expects to complete the report by July 2008. Similar funding requests have been made of Tulare, Kings, and Kern Counties.

The report will accomplish the following tasks:

- Provide scientifically-based information on the above-noted watershed/riparian rivers or streams.

- Identify and prioritize opportunities for natural areas that may mitigate impacts caused by high-speed rail and/or other transportation and development projects on these riparian/wildlife corridors.
- Identify multi-purpose opportunities such as groundwater banking, flood protection, private landowner participation incentives, recreation, and new business opportunities.
- Identify and leverage additional federal, state, and private funding opportunities for bank creation.
- Facilitate, streamline, or avoid federal or state regulatory concerns.
- Help maintain/ensure local control.

In addition, the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners project appears to have direct relevance for Fresno County's Blueprint planning process. For example, the Open Space Goal under the Environmental Resource Management Element of the Blueprint states: "Promote the preservation or creation of open space connectivity for habitat and wildlife, as well as recreational users of the region." Information provided by the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners will help implement this goal and related objectives.

The Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners funding request was presented to the Fresno County Blueprint Roundtable at their July 25th meeting. The Roundtable, without making a formal recommendation, indicated its consensus support for the request. The Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval at its October 10, 2007 meeting. The PAC continued this matter to its November meeting in order to receive additional information on the project and funding request. Representatives from the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partnership gave a brief presentation and answered questions from the Committee.

A motion was made by Don Pauley (Kingsburg) and seconded by Steve Julian (Coalinga) to recommend approval of the request by Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners for a \$32,700 contribution for riparian corridor work in Fresno County. The funding source will be the Measure "C" COG Planning Subprogram, given that the State Route 269 bridge project contained in the Measure "C" Rural Program, is directly impacted by the Arroyo Passajero flood flows. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Fresno COG 2007 Public Participation Plan, Resolution 2007-48, PUBLIC HEARING: 11-29-07

Brenda Lauchner (COG) gave an update on the Public Participation Plan in compliance with Federal legislation (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, known as SAFETEA-LU). After embarking upon a four-month evaluation of the current public participation practices, the updated Public Participation Plan was released for 45-day public review on Wednesday, October 10, 2007.

In response to all comments received prior to and during this process, the 2007 Public Participation Plan has been revised and enhanced to meet requirements identified in federal regulations.

A motion was made by Bruce Rudd (City of Fresno) and seconded by Alan Bengyel (Huron) to recommend approval of the Fresno COG 2007 Public Participation Plan, by adoption of Resolution 2007-48. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan, Resolution 2007-49, PUBLIC HEARING: 11-29-07

Clark Thompson (COG) reported that the overarching purposes of the 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan, along with similar plans developed for other regions of the state, are to address the statewide concern for "decent housing and a suitable living environment for every California family," and to reflect the shared responsibility among local governments for accommodating the housing needs of all economic levels.

Housing Element law requires quantification of each jurisdiction's share of the region's existing and projected housing need, by income level. Each jurisdiction's share establishes the minimum housing development capacity to be provided for in its housing element. The 2007 Fresno County RHNA Plan encompasses the 7½ -year planning period from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2013 while the 5-year housing element planning period extends from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2013.

The methodology used to prepare the draft 2007 RHNA Plan was approved by the COG Policy Board on February 22, 2007. The methodology was used in the 2001 RHNA Plan and earlier RHNA Plans and reflects a city-centered and balanced development pattern. The methodology utilizes market areas, defined as subregions in which there is an interaction between employment opportunities and housing opportunities, in the gathering, analysis, and presentation of data.

Government Code Section 65584.05 provides that within 60 days following receipt of the draft allocation, a local government may request from the Fresno COG a revision of its share of the regional housing need in accordance with the factors described in paragraphs (1) to (9), inclusive, of subdivision (d) of Section 65584.04. The request for a revised share shall be based upon comparable data available for all affected jurisdictions and accepted planning methodology, and supported by adequate documentation. The 60-day local revision process expired June 22, 2007. COG staff conducted a meeting on April 23, 2007 to review the Draft Plan with interested individuals and staff from various agencies. In addition, staff offered to meet with each jurisdiction separately to review the document, and did meet with Clovis and County staff.

The City of Kingsburg and the County of Fresno submitted timely letters requesting reduced allocations from those determined in the draft RHNA Plan. However, since the total county allocation must be maintained, any reduction in one jurisdiction will require an increased allocation in one or more other jurisdictions. Consequently, COG staff conducted meetings on August 17 and August 24, 2007, with affected jurisdictions within two of the five market areas to consider the requested revisions and determine if adjustments were warranted.

As a result of these meetings and subsequent discussions and correspondence, RHNA Plan allocations for Kingsburg and the County of Fresno were reduced. This meant, however, that the cities of Clovis, Fresno, Parlier and Selma agreed to assume somewhat higher allocations in order to maintain the total county allocation. These jurisdictions did this in the spirit of regional cooperation, without which a very difficult state mandate would have been made even more so. Table 19 of the Final 2007 Fresno County RHNA Plan includes all of these revisions and provides the final allocations by income group for all Fresno County jurisdictions.

A motion was made by Don Pauley (Kingsburg) and seconded by Rocky Rogers (Reedley) to recommend adoption of the 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan by adopting Resolution 2007-49. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. Regional Housing Trust

Clark Thompson (COG) provided a verbal update on the status of the formation of a San Joaquin Valley Regional Housing Trust. Mr. Thompson introduced the concept of a Regional Housing Trust to the committee. There have been some developments with regard to the formation of a Regional Housing Trust with more developments to come. There will also be a follow up meeting in January. Rollie Smith, who is with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is organizing the Regional Housing Trust, will be invited to attend the meetings.

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

E. City of Fresno Request for COG Support for Transportation Planning Grant Applications

Jennifer Dansby (COG) reported that Information has previously been provided to our committees regarding the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transportation Planning Grant Programs now available through Caltrans. As a reminder, there is \$9.5 million available for six grant programs to be used for a wide range of transportation planning projects. Grant applications are due January 11, 2008 with notice of awards expected in summer of 2008 (upon approval of State budget).

Four of the six grant programs require that a Regional Transportation Planning Agency be the direct applicant for the grant and that a city, county, university and community college, Native American tribal government, community-based organization, and non-profit may be a co-applicant.

In response to the call for projects and the requirement noted above, the City of Fresno has approached the COG to apply for four of the six planning grants on their behalf. They are as follows:

1. Community-Based Transportation Planning: \$300,000 grant request w/20% local match required.
2. Partnership Planning: \$300,000 grant request w/20% local match required.
3. Statewide Transit Planning Study: \$300,000 grant request w/11.47% local match required.
4. Transit Professional Development: \$50,000 grant request w/11.47% local match required.

In addition to the above, the City of Fresno will be submitting an Environmental Justice grant application directly to Caltrans, as is allowed with this particular program, with a request of \$250,000 to promote public engagement and gather 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. between Fowler Avenue and Downtown. The city will be seeking letters of support for this project submittal including a request for support from the Fresno COG Policy Board.

Staff from the Fresno COG and the City of Fresno have met to discuss the project proposals and to negotiate the local match requirements. Depending on the grant category, non-State and/or non-federal funds must be used for the local match requirement, a portion of which can be in-kind contributions to include a quantifiable amount of equipment, supplies, or other tangible resources, space, or staff time. Staff anticipates other applicants will also approach the Fresno COG for grant funding and match—staff cannot yet predict the total cash or in-kind requests that may be requested of Fresno COG.

Included in the agenda packet was a spreadsheet that summarizing the grant proposals. Staff will bring the completed grant applications through our committees for final consideration in January.

A motion was made by Don Pauley (Kingsburg) and seconded by Rocky Rogers (Reedley) to recommend the Policy Board preliminarily support submitting grant applications to Caltrans on behalf of the City of Fresno in the four grant programs numbered above with final consideration by the Board to come in January after full review of all complete grant applications. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

F. Request for Eastside, Westside and Metro Area Representation on the Farmland Conservation Model Program Advisory Committee

Todd Sobrado (COG) reported that the Farmland Conservation Model Program (FCMP) Steering Committee has assembled an advisory committee made up of public and private sector agricultural industry leaders within Fresno County. Advisory committee members have the task of providing input and guidance to the FCMP Steering Committee. Representation for eastside, westside and Metro Area interests is requested on the advisory committee.

The Steering Committee is requesting assistance in finding one person to represent eastside cities, one person to represent westside cities and one person to represent the FCMA. Todd Sobrado asked to be contacted at 559 233-4148 with suggestions and recommendations or email to todds@fresnocog.org.

The San Joaquin Valley Partnership has awarded Fresno COG and key stakeholders \$200,000 to define and develop a Farmland Conservation Model Program for first Fresno County followed by the rest of the San Joaquin Valley. Staff is currently working with the American Farmland Trust to develop such a plan. The first meeting will take place December 11th 2007 at Fresno COG office. Staff will require the assistance of the Advisory Committee Quarterly to provide input to us on the important Agricultural concerns that affect their jurisdictions.

Ron Manfredi (Kerman) suggested that the decision of whom to assign to the MFCP to represent the Metro interest should be left to elected officials.

A motion was made by Alan Bengyl (Huron) and seconded by Bruce Rudd (City of Fresno) to nominate Ron Manfredi, Kerman City Manager as the westside representative, with Alan Bengyl, Huron City Manager as the alternate. There were no nominations from the PAC for the eastside representative. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

G. Measure "C" Extension Update – Development of Strategic Implementation Plan

Tony Boren, Deputy Director provided a verbal update on the status of the Measure C Strategic Implementation Plan. The School Bus Retrofit Program is anticipated to go to the Policy Board for approval of this particular piece of the Implementation Plan in January. At the Wednesday November 14th Rail Consolidation Program meeting there was consensus that the most appropriate next step would be to update the existing Rail Consolidation Study.

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

H. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

Barbara Steck (COG) reported on Phase 2 of the Blueprint planning process that includes the development of Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures based on the community values that were identified during Phase 1. Local agency planners and community partners have worked diligently to prepare this document which was in the meeting package for review and consideration.

A motion was made by Rocky Rogers (Reedley) and seconded by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) to recommend acceptance of the Blueprint Draft Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures with the understanding that they are a work in progress. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

I. 2008 Washington, D.C. "One Voice" Project Selection

Barbara Steck (COG) gave a report on the preparation for the upcoming "One Voice" trip to Washington D.C. (February 9-14, 2008) we are continuing the project selection process. The project selection committee met to review and score the 22 projects that were submitted for consideration. A list of the project scores was included in the agenda package. The committee met a second time (on October 31st) to review the scores and develop the recommended list of regional priorities to forward to the COG Policy Board for approval. Our consultant in Washington has recommended that we select one project for each of the appropriations bills and limit the dollar amount requested.

Six of the projects submitted this year do not ask for earmarks and will therefore be considered for a separate list as policy priorities. The recommended list was included in the meeting package for review and consideration.

A motion was made by Don Pauley (Kingsburg) and seconded by Bruce Rudd (City of Fresno) to recommend approval of the "One Voice" selection committee's priority projects. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

J. Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA)

Les Beshears (COG) reported that the Proposition 1B places \$3.6 billion in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA). It is at the discretion of the state legislature to appropriate this funding to transit operators. This year the legislature appropriated \$600 million via SB 88. They may appropriate different levels future years. The criteria by which they make allocations may also change.

SB 88 calls for the \$600 million to be allocated to agencies and transit operators who are eligible to receive State Transit Assistance funding pursuant to Sections 99313 and 99314 under new sections 8879.55 (a2) and 8879.55(a3) respectively. The final guidelines are expected to be released by Caltrans next week, however it appears that the following criteria will apply:

Allocations will be proportional to the share of State Transit Assistance allocated to each agency in FY 2004/05, 2005/06, and 2006/07. Eligible projects must be submitted to Caltrans to determine eligibility with SB 88.

The State controllers office calculates and distributes the section 8879.55(a3) funding based on the Section 99314 revenue formula. The Section 8879.55(a2) funding is distributed by the MPO's per Section 99313 by population. A spreadsheet showing the total \$8,217,473 was included in the meeting package.

Eligible Projects are capital projects (or a minimum operable segment of a project) for the purposes of the following:

1. Rehabilitation, safety, or modernization improvements;
2. Capital service enhancement or expansion;
3. New Capital projects;
4. Bus rapid transit improvement; or
5. Rolling stock procurement, rehabilitation or replacement.

As staff advised the Policy Board in October, initially the State Controller included the PTMISEA as part of the State Transit Assistance Estimate and the 2007/08 Transportation Development Act Claims were adopted using this estimate. However, STA can be used for operations while the PTMISEA must be used for capital. Therefore, approximately \$6.5 million in PTMISEA was adjusted out of the STA resulting in Local Transportation Funding (LTF) that was originally claimed for Streets and Roads being transferred to Transit Operations.

The current appropriation is for three years, therefore funding not allocated this year will carry over, however there is no guarantee that the Legislature will not revise the guidelines. Transit agencies should immediately begin preparing a list of eligible projects to submit to Caltrans once the final guidelines come out.

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

K. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement – FY 2006-07 Fourth Quarter Summary Report and Year-End Summary Report

Clark Thompson (COG) reported on this item. As stated in the 2003 Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority Plan, the Fresno COG, as administrator of the AVA Program, shall submit a quarterly status report to the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority. The Service Authority has directed the quarterly status report first be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation.

Status reports are submitted quarterly to ensure proper distribution of funding to the member agencies. This status report contains the following information:

- The gross amount of money received by the Authority from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund during the quarter.
- An itemized statement of the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund monies expended by the Authority during the quarter.
- An accounting of money expended for major purchases, if any.
- An accounting of unexpended revenues from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund.
- An accounting of the total number of vehicles and parts thereof abated by the Authority during the quarter.

The enclosure for this item indicated the distribution of funding to the member agencies. For the fourth quarter of FY 2006-07, a total of \$182,736.24 in current AVA revenues was available for distribution to member agencies and to the Fresno COG for program administration. During the quarter, member agencies expended \$190,603.43 conducting AVA activities and the Fresno COG claimed \$2,375.00 for program administration. A total of 1,264 vehicles were abated this quarter.

For the entire FY 2006-07, a total of \$709,285.17 in revenue was received by the AVA Service Authority. Total expenditures by the Service Authority were \$652,816.80, resulting in a \$56,468.37 carryover of funds. Combined with the \$105,920.86 carryover of funds from FY 2004-05 and 2005-06, the first two years of program operation, results in a total carryover amount of \$162,209.23 into the current FY 2007-08.

Program staff is naturally concerned about this large and growing amount of carryover funds. This issue has been a focus of quarterly AVA Working Group meetings. While it is to be expected that many of our member agencies need time to adjust their ordinances, procedures and staffing in order to take advantage of this program, there are still a few member agencies that have not yet participated in the program or whose involvement is minimal. Staff continues to work with these agencies to encourage their participation and to provide assistance.

The good news, however, is that the amount of carryover funds is considerably less this year than last and the prospects are good for further decreases going forward as Service Authority members, most notably the County of Fresno, become more involved.

The total number of vehicles abated in FY 2006-07 was 4,313 and the average cost per abatement was \$151.36. These figures are 68 and \$5.15 more, respectively, than in the previous fiscal year.

A motion was made by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) and seconded by Don Pauley (Kingsburg) to recommend acceptance of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2006-07 Fourth Quarter Summary Report. The FY 2006-07 Year-End Summary Report is an informational item. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

L. High Speed Rail

Clark Thompson (COG) reported staff presented information during the September cycle of meetings regarding high-speed rail policy positions adopted by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council on August 22, 2007. Supervisor Judy Case and Fowler Councilmember Rico Aguayo represent Fresno County on the Regional Policy Council. These policy positions are nearly identical to policy positions adopted by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

The Regional Policy Council met again on Friday, November 2, 2007, and requested all Valley COGs and local jurisdictions that had not already done so, to follow the lead of the Regional Policy Council and send letters to the Governor, legislative delegations, and High-Speed Rail Authority affirming the Regional Policy Council policy positions, particularly with regard to supporting the selection of Altamont Pass as the preferred alignment for high-speed rail between the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area.

Mr. Thompson stressed that the policy positions listed on the enclosure did not conflict with any of the official positions adopted by the Fresno COG in the past or with previous correspondence between the COG and the Authority. However, the Fresno COG has not adopted an official position with regard to the Altamont Pass versus Pacheco Pass alternative alignments.

Both the Regional Policy Council and the Partnership believe the first phase should serve the entire Valley, not just a segment, and bring high-speed rail sooner to Sacramento and the growing northern San Joaquin Valley than the alternative Pacheco Pass alignment. The northern San Joaquin Valley north of Merced not only contains major population centers but also faces significant transportation issues. Utilizing the Altamont Pass into the East Bay would provide congestion relief and improve air quality. Also, the Altamont Pass alternative would have substantially less farmland impacts, flood plain impacts, and sensitive wildlife habitat impacts than the Pacheco Pass alternative.

The Policy Advisory Committee supported all the policy positions adopted by the Regional Policy Council with the exception of the position supporting the Altamont Pass as the preferred alternative alignment. The PAC determined that it was not clear there was unanimity among the eight San Joaquin Valley counties to support Altamont and that absent such unanimity it was appropriate to remain neutral on this issue at the present time.

A motion was made by Bruce Rudd (City of Fresno) and seconded by Alan Bengyel (Huron) to recommend authorization for the Fresno COG Chairman, and encourage local jurisdictions, to send letters to the Governor, legislative delegation, and High-Speed Rail Authority affirming the policy positions adopted by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, with the exception of support for the Altamont Pass as the preferred alternative between the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

M. Caltrans Monthly Report

Steve Curti (Caltrans) reported:

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for SR 99 Kingsburg to Selma 6 lane freeway on November 30th at 10:00 a.m. at Pioneer Village. A follow up of the landscaping will be done by 2012
- SR 99 - Kingsburg to Goshen should have a new bridge by 2010
- SR 99 - Ashlan to Madera Ave. 7 will have a new bridge by 2014
- Alan McCuen is updating the 99 Business Plan
- Update on the Braided Ramp. Neal Bretz at the TTC handed out 2 alternatives that retain all existing travel motions for the Braided Ramp for 168/180/41. Cost estimates should be in by April and a completed PSR by August

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

- Trade Corridor - last month the Goods Movement Action Plan was approved in which there were 5 projects from the Valley - none in Fresno County. This was a very good process in terms of the cooperation among the Valley COG staff. Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director commended Tony Boren, Deputy Director and Tom Webster for putting it together. Elevator Renovation, November through January
- There will be no TTC, PAC or Board meetings in December
- Greenhouse Gas Workshop on December 29th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.
- Update from Partnership meeting. Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director explained how the Partnership Members themselves make reports to entities that would better explain what the Partnership is doing. After the Board meeting the Partnership will put together a board action

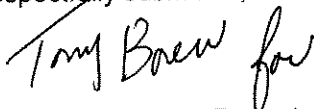
which will be the foundation for any Partnership Member to take to various bodies, and can be distributed widely so Partnership action will be known.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Brown" followed by a stylized flourish.

BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-01

In the Matter of:)
)
TRANSPORTATION)
DEVELOPMENT ACT)
OF 1971)
_____)

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
CLAIM FOR THE CITY OF
ORANGE COVE, 2007-08

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (COG) is the administrator of the Local Transportation Fund as provided by Chapter 1400 of the California Statutes of 1971, and the State Transit Assistance Fund as provided by Chapter 161 & 322 of the Statutes of 1979 and 1982, respectively, and

WHEREAS, the COG has the authority to review claims and allocate such funds in accordance with the Transportation Development Act of 1971 and Chapter 3 of Title 21 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Cove has submitted a Transportation Funding Claim for its 2007-08 fiscal year apportionment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation Funding Claim submitted by the City of Orange Cove has been reviewed and the following findings are hereby made:

1. The Funding Claim submitted by the City of Orange Cove has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan.
2. That the COG finds that priority consideration has been given to claims to offset reductions in federal operating assistance and the unanticipated increase in the cost of fuel, to enhance existing public transportation services, and to meet high-priority regional, countywide, or areawide public transportation needs.
3. On June 28, 2007 the COG Board approved Resolution 2007-25 which found that public transportation needs within the City of Orange Cove and its sphere of influence will be reasonably met in 2007-08.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COG hereby approves the Transportation Funding Claim submitted by the City of Orange Cove and allocates monies from the Transportation Development Act in accordance with the attached claim which is hereby made a part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Auditor-Controller of the County of Fresno cause the approved claim to be paid in the manner and time directed by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 24th day of January, 2008.

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 Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of January, 2008.

Signed: _____
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

Date: 11/28/07

Claimant: CITY OF ORANGE COVE

**TRANSPORTATION FUNDING CLAIM
FOR FISCAL YEAR: 2007/08**

TO: Council of Fresno County Governments
2100 Tulare Street, Suite 619
Fresno, California 93721

FROM: Applicant: CITY OF ORANGE COVE
Address: 633 6TH STREET
City: ORANGE COVE Zip Code: 93646
Contact: BILL LITTLE Phone: 559-626-5170

This applicant is an eligible claimant pursuant to Section 99203 of the Public Utilities Code and certifies that the following transportation funds are available to be claimed:

Local Transportation Fund

Apportionment	\$ <u>342,705</u>
Surplus (Prior Years)	\$
Unexpended, Held by Claimant	\$
Other Agency	\$

State Transit Assistance Fund

Estimate	\$ <u>108,894</u>
Prior Year Carryover	\$ <u>428</u>
Unexpended, Held by Claimant	\$

Other

Audit Exception/Impairment (required General Fund Payback)	\$
Other	\$

TOTAL \$ 452,027

In accordance with Title 21, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2 and 2.5 of the California Code of Regulations, it is requested that an allocation be made in the total amount of

(spell out amount)

for the purposes and respective amounts specified in the attached claim be drawn from the Local Transportation Fund and State Transit Assistance Fund

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Date: 11/28/07

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Claimant: CITY OF ORANGE COVE

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PURPOSE	AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL
1. Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities (Art. 3)	\$ 6854	
(Art. 8a)	\$	
Audit Exceptions (General Fund Payback).....	\$	
Unexpended Funds Held By Claimant	\$	
		SUB-TOTAL \$ 6854
		SUB-TOTAL \$ 9572
2. Regional Transportation Planning		
3. Public Transportation (Art. 4)	\$	
(Art. 8c)	\$	
Other Agency ()	\$	
Other Agency ()	\$	
State Transit Assistance Funds	\$	
Audit Exceptions (General Fund Payback).....	\$	
Unexpended Funds Held By Claimant	\$	
Other, specify ()	\$	
		SUB-TOTAL \$
		SUB-TOTAL \$
4. Community Transit Service (CTSA, Art. 4.5)		
5. Streets & Roads (Art. 8a).....	\$ 296966	
Audit Exceptions (General Fund Payback).....	\$	
Unexpended Funds Held By Claimant	\$	
		SUB-TOTAL \$ 296966
6. To Be Claimed By: (Fresno County Rural Transit Agency)	\$ 121167	
(Consolidated Transp. Serv. Agency)	\$ 16793	
Other ()	\$	
Other ()	\$ 675	
		SUB-TOTAL \$ 138635
7. Reserved in Fund Pending Further Claiming		
		SUB-TOTAL \$

GRAND TOTAL \$ 452027

(Claim Total Must Agree With Total On First Page)

Minus All Unexpended Funds Held By \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL PAYABLE TO CLAIMANT \$ 452027

Allocation instructions and payment by the Fresno County Auditor-Controller to the applicant is subject to such monies being available for distribution, and to the provisions that such monies will be used only in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Transportation Development Act.

Date: 11/28/07

Claimant: CITY OF ORANGE COVE

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Two percent (2%) of the claimant's Local Transportation Fund apportionment must be spent on bicycle and pedestrian facilities (PUC 99233.3 and 99234); such claims are to be filed as Article 3. Claims for projects in excess of 2% may be filed as Article 8a (PUC 99400(a)). If other funding is to be used with Local Transportation Funds to implement projects, such funding should be shown on the claim form.

Project Title and Brief Description		Project Cost
1. (Generic)	Various Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities throughout the claimant's jurisdiction;	\$ <u>6854</u>
AND/OR		
1. (Specific)		\$ _____
2. (Specific)		\$ _____
(add sheets if necessary)		
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$ _____

Revenue Source & Amount

LTF (Article 3) \$ _____
LTF (Article 8a) \$ _____
Other: \$ _____
Other: \$ _____
Audit Exception - G.F. Payback .. \$ _____

STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM

Local Transportation Funds coming to claimants within Fresno County may be used for streets and roads improvements and maintenance pursuant to Article 8 (PUC 99400), but only after Fresno COG makes a finding that public transportation needs within the claimant's jurisdiction are reasonably met by satisfying the service requirements set forth by the Regional Transportation Plan (PUC 99401.5).

Project Title and Brief Description		Project Cost
1. (Generic)	Development, Construction and Maintenance of Facilities	\$ <u>296966</u>
AND/OR		
1. (Specific)		\$ _____
2. (Specific)		\$ _____
(add sheets if necessary)		
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$ <u>296966</u>

Revenue Source & Amount

LTF (Article 8a) \$ _____
Other: \$ _____
Other: \$ _____
Audit Exception - G.F. Payback .. \$ _____

Date: 11/28/07

Claimant: ORANGE COVE

CONTINGENCY PROJECT LISTING

Should additional Local Transportation Fund or State Transit Assistance Fund monies be made available during the current fiscal year, they are hereby also claimed for the following purposes:

() **ARTICLE 3, BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES**

Project Title & Brief Descriptions

Project Cost

1. Various Bicycle and Pedestrian facilities throughout..... *\$ Amount of Add'l funds made available in current FY.*
the claimant's jurisdiction

AND/OR

1.

(add sheets if necessary)

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS \$ _____

() **ARTICLE 4, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**
OR
() **ARTICLE 8C, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Project Title & Brief Descriptions

Project Cost

1.

2.

(add sheets if necessary)

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS \$ _____

(x) **ARTICLE 8, STREETS AND ROADS**

Project Title & Brief Descriptions

Project Cost

1. Development, Construction and Maintenance of Facilities..... *\$ Amount of Add'l funds made available in current FY.*
throughout the claimant's jurisdiction

AND/OR

1.

(add sheets if necessary)

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS \$ _____

Apportionment Status Report
CMAQ and RSTP
(as of September 30, 2007)

Attachment 1

AB 1012
Balances entering the 3rd Year
(from FFY 2006)*
Region Report Summary

*Previously referred to as Cycle 9

Region	CMAQ Unobligated 9/30/2007 Delivery Balance ¹	CMAQ Amount Subject to AB 1012 Reprogramming 11/01/2008 ²	RSTP Unobligated 9/30/2007 Delivery Balance ¹	RSTP Amount Subject to AB 1012 Reprogramming 11/01/2008 ²
Butte	1,082,485	-	-	-
Fresno	9,819,792	-	13,916,000	4,375,645
Kern	14,610,439	7,044,766	11,687,376	3,791,903
Kings	1,544,450	76,701	0	-
Los Angeles	107,099,614	-	76,427,413	-
Madera	322,602	-	-	-
Merced	1,599,442	-	0	-
Monterey	246,910	-	1,785,347	-
Orange	14,282,039	-	15,189,547	-
Riverside	26,974,243	1,919,567	43,902,584	28,502,553
Sacramento (SACOG) ^{3,4,5}	(1,514,627)	-	(1,068,660)	-
San Benito ³	77,191	-	-	-
San Bernardino	45,178,385	19,465,456	5,504,035	-
San Diego	(7,151,843)	-	4,259,304	-
S.F. Bay Area (MTC)	50,664,191	-	22,285,595	-
San Joaquin	10,522,024	2,493,095	1,546,590	-
San Luis Obispo	-	-	1,422,984	-
Santa Barbara ⁴	29,816	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	726,089	-	(0)	-
Stanislaus	11,010,249	4,853,219	5,865,926	531,867
Tahoe ⁶	2,112,643	1,510,771	-	-
Tulare	2,767,171	-	-	-
Ventura	6,857,023	-	8,618,492	-
Rural Counties & SCAG ⁵	\$3,417,290	1,305,903	\$2,923,352	1,224,544
TOTAL	\$302,277,619	\$38,669,477	214,265,886	\$38,426,514

Footnotes: (Includes FFY 2007 Estimated Apportionments for RSTP & CMAQ)

¹ Indicates all apportionments not yet obligated.

² Totals reflect balance entering into the third year.

^{3,4,5} Includes adjustments made through MOU agreements between regions (San Benito, Santa Barbara & Imperial) and SACOG.

⁶ The Tahoe region recently had an obligation made that will decrease their CMAQ balance. The request for authorization was submitted prior to November 1, 2007, however FHWA approval, in the amount of \$427,562, was not received until November 5, 2007. This obligation and decrease in Tahoe's balance will be reflected in the next quarterly report.

Balances are adjusted for projects using the State's Advance Construction process.

Assumes the use of all previous balances.

The regional balances reflect activities that have been recorded in the Department's Local Assistance accounting system. There may be a delay between the FHWA authorization and the recording of the transaction in the Department's Local Assistance accounting system.

FFY 2007
Local Assistance Delivery
Formula OA Funds
Based on CBARS/FMIS Transactions
as of September 30, 2007
(FFY 2006 - 07 Close Out)

Region	Actual FFY 2007 OA ¹	Adjustment to FFY 2007 OA for FFY 2006 Over - Under Delivery ²	OA Payback from State for FFY 2007 (\$50,000,000 Payback) ³	FFY 2006 OA Lost to State (Under Delivered) (\$2,390,693)	Contribution for NEPA FY 2006/07	NEPA Funding Offset	Adjusted Actual FFY 2007 OA ⁴	FFY 2007 Obligations as of 09/30/07	Percent Adjusted Actual FFY 2007 OA Delivered	Balance of FFY 2007 Adjusted Actual OA ⁵	FFY 2007 August Redistribution (\$45,227,586) ⁶	Balance Due of FFY 2007 OA as of 9/30/2007 (Numbers in Parenthesis are \$ owed) ¹⁰
Bulle	4,204,852	(1,073,357)	200,761	0			3,332,256	2,800,984	84.1%	531,272	-	531,272
Fresno	17,235,939	(7,152,586)	895,742	0	(9,198)		10,959,906	20,455,758	186.6%	(9,495,852)	2,295,523	(7,200,328)
Kern	13,253,800	872,666	674,452	0	(7,633)		14,793,285	14,489,349	97.9%	303,936	-	303,936
Kings	2,741,141	(505,043)	131,102	0			2,367,199	2,773,785	117.2%	(406,585)	98,285	(308,299)
Los Angeles	208,288,419	3,921,807	10,804,091	0	(113,872)	500,000	223,400,444	217,065,651	97.2%	6,334,794	-	6,334,794
Madera	2,662,770	(250,908)	126,197	0			2,538,059	3,889,321	145.4%	(1,351,262)	278,306	(1,072,956)
Merced	4,533,393	355,026	215,605	0			5,104,024	4,374,425	85.7%	729,598	-	729,598
Monterey	5,688,920	(3,928,728)	261,232	0			2,021,424	6,564,708	324.8%	(4,543,284)	1,098,292	(3,444,992)
Orange	62,442,052	(6,937,774)	3,240,477	0	(34,119)		58,710,637	84,665,188	144.2%	(25,954,551)	6,274,243	(19,680,308)
Riverside ⁷	37,694,346	3,818,998	1,908,754	0	(20,540)		43,402,558	34,157,386	78.7%	9,245,173	-	9,245,173
Sacramento (SACOG) ⁸	39,023,163	(23,730,964)	2,005,235	0	(20,554)		16,376,779	45,221,495	276.1%	(28,844,716)	6,972,910	(21,871,805)
San Benito	757,616	20,827	34,812	0			813,254	611,264	75.2%	201,990	-	201,990
San Bernardino ⁹	39,600,635	4,096,868	2,021,601	0	(20,923)		45,698,180	53,250,254	116.6%	(7,592,074)	1,835,305	(5,756,769)
San Diego	53,680,190	(17,429,613)	2,782,530	0	(29,392)		39,003,726	80,114,508	205.4%	(41,110,780)	9,838,104	(31,272,677)
S.F. Bay Area (MTC)	128,301,819	(47,109,537)	6,644,494	0	(69,898)		87,766,877	109,657,615	124.9%	(21,890,737)	5,291,858	(16,598,879)
San Joaquin	12,611,458	(13,447,972)	645,727	0	(6,648)		(197,432)	9,110,042	N/A	(9,307,474)	2,249,985	(7,057,489)
San Luis Obispo	2,667,152	(513,971)	123,998	0			2,477,172	2,887,152	115.7%	(389,980)	94,274	(295,707)
Santa Barbara	5,630,344	(301,016)	258,003	0			5,587,728	5,911,576	105.8%	(323,847)	78,287	(245,560)
Santa Cruz	3,595,902	(387,201)	164,467	0			3,363,169	3,720,369	110.6%	(357,200)	86,349	(270,850)
Stanislaus	9,775,650	749,872	502,822	0	(5,233)		11,023,111	9,839,085	89.3%	1,184,026	-	1,184,026
Tahoe	1,028,839	998,736	50,274	0			2,077,849	392,240	18.9%	1,685,609	-	1,685,609
Tulare	7,820,525	(4,000,795)	370,844	0			4,190,675	8,046,741	192.0%	(3,856,067)	932,164	(2,923,903)
Ventura	13,868,853	(7,978,236)	719,231	0	(7,487)		6,702,367	18,438,182	275.1%	(11,735,816)	2,837,011	(8,898,804)
Amador ⁸	682,418	250,749	32,247	0			965,414	868,747	90.0%	96,667	-	96,667
Calaveras ⁸	806,426	304,809	36,115	0			1,149,350	471,355	41.0%	677,995	-	677,995
Imperial ⁸ and ⁸	2,549,400	(1,701,960)	130,397	0	(961)		1,876,877	2,919,251	155.5%	(1,042,375)	251,983	(790,391)
Mariposa ⁸	327,803	119,230	15,558	0			462,592	199,100	43.0%	263,492	-	263,492
Nevada ⁸	1,770,927	651,932	83,954	0			2,506,813	2,679,691	106.9%	(172,878)	41,792	(131,087)
Tuolumne ⁸	1,056,976	377,193	49,380	0			1,483,549	633,460	42.7%	850,089	-	850,089
Rural Counties ⁸	11,613,769	565,035	494,379	0			12,673,183	11,491,009	90.7%	1,182,174	-	1,182,174
TOTAL LOCAL AGENCIES	696,105,497	(119,245,920)	35,616,985	0	(345,537)	500,000	612,631,025	757,519,689	123.7%	(144,888,664)	40,654,673	(104,233,991)
HBP	196,713,107	59,393,601	10,065,944	0	(107,949)		265,064,802	256,655,636	96.5%	9,409,166	4,572,913 ⁹	13,982,080
Safety	56,254,262	30,298,408	2,848,943	(2,390,693)	(46,614)		87,064,307	42,235,403	48.5%	44,828,904	-	44,828,904
SR2S	13,010,959	10,518,807	682,428	0			24,212,195	215,000	0.9%	23,997,195	-	23,997,195
Rail	11,345,540	21,425,797	665,700	0			33,457,037	11,131,419	33.3%	22,325,618	-	22,325,618
FFY 2008 OA Adjustment ¹¹												(800,964) ¹¹
TOTAL	973,429,366	2,390,893	50,000,000	(2,390,693)	(500,000)	500,000	1,023,429,367	1,067,757,147	104.3%	(44,327,781)	45,227,586	98,812
FFY 2006 Formula OA Obligations YTD (09/30/06) (Total)	868,024,396	(105,589,840)	50,000,000				726,301,545	723,910,853	99.7%	2,390,693		

Annual Listing of Projects with Federal Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2007



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Purpose

The new transportation bill passed in 2005, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) outlines the requirement for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to publish an annual listing of projects for which funds have been obligated in the preceding year including a listing of pedestrian and bicycle projects. From SAFETEA-LU, 23 U.S.C. 134(j)(7)(B), 23 U.S.C. 135(g)(4)(B), 49 U.S.C. 5303(j)(7)(B), and 49 U.S.C. 5304(g)(4)(B):

An Annual Listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year, shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator, and metropolitan planning organization for public review. This listing shall be consistent with the funding categories identified in each metropolitan transportation improvement program (TIP).

This report is published in response to the above requirement by listing all federally funded transportation projects in the Fresno County region that were obligated during the federal fiscal year 2007. Obligation refers to the federal government's commitment to pay or reimburse the lead agency for the federal share of a project's cost. Obligation does not indicate expenditure or project completion; only that the project has been approved for federal reimbursement. Programmed project costs can be found in the corresponding Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan.

Background

Fresno COG is a voluntary association of local governments, one of 25 in California and 522 nationwide. In 1967 elected officials of Fresno County and its incorporated cities informally created the Council to provide "a cooperative body" for the discussion and resolution of issues which go beyond their individual boundaries. Subsequent federal and state laws encouraged such efforts, and the agency was formalized in 1969.

Fresno COG fosters intergovernmental communication and coordination, undertakes comprehensive regional planning with an emphasis on transportation, provides for citizen involvement in the planning process and supplies technical services to its member governments.

In all these areas the Fresno COG serves as a consensus builder to develop an acceptable approach on how to handle problems that do not respect political boundaries.

Who are the members, their representatives, and how do they vote?

Fresno COG's member agencies are represented on the Policy Board by the Mayors of each incorporated city, and the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, or designated representatives.

The Policy Board is a governing body that establishes policy and guides work activities. They are assisted in making decisions by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), composed of the Chief Administrative Officer of each member agency, or their designated representatives. With the exception of urgency matters, all items must first be considered by the PAC before submission to the Policy Board.

The Board and PAC are assisted in the decision- making process by staff from their agencies, citizen and interest groups, and various technical advisory committees who comprise the Transportation Technical Committee, or TTC as it is commonly called.

Fresno COG Policy Board	
Chairman: Mayor Pro Tem Trinidad M. Rodriguez	
Vice-Chairman: Mayor Dennis Lujan	
Member	Representative
Clovis	Mayor Bob Whalen
Coalinga	Mayor Trish Hill
Firebaugh	Mayor Craig Knight
Fowler	Councilmember Rico Aguayo
Fresno City	Mayor Alan Autry
Fresno County	Supervisor Bob Waterston
Huron	Mayor Ramon Dominguez
Kerman	Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez
Kingsburg	Mayor Leland Bergstrom
Mendota	Mayor Robert Silva
Orange Cove	Mayor Victor Lopez
Parlier	Mayor Armando Lopez
Reedley	Councilmember Scott Brockett
San Joaquin	Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal
Sanger	Mayor Mike Montelongo
Selma	Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lujan

*Effective May 1, 2007

The Regional Transportation Plan

The Regional Transportation Plan is a long-range (minimum 20-year) plan that provides a vision for future transportation improvements and investments based on specific transportation goals, objectives, policies and strategies. The RTP is based on federal transportation law requiring comprehensive, cooperative, and continuous transportation planning. Fresno COG meets these requirements by developing comprehensive transportation plans that include all surface transportation modes (multi-modal planning), to ensure efficient people and goods movements throughout the region.

The purpose of the RTP is to provide strategic direction for transportation capital investments by assessing regional growth and economic trends. Thus, the RTP helps planners link transportation investments to provide a cohesive, balanced and multimodal transportation

system that will help relieve traffic congestion, improve safety and provide for economic development.

The Federal Transportation Improvement Program

As the designated metropolitan planning organization for the region, Fresno COG prepares and maintains the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The program includes a listing of all transportation-related projects requiring federal funding or other approval by the federal transportation agencies. The FTIP also lists non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality modeling purposes.

Projects included in the FTIP are consistent with Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan and are part of the area's overall strategy for providing mobility, congestion relief and reduction of transportation-related air pollution in support of efforts to attain federal air quality standards for the region.

Public Involvement

Fresno COG aims to proactively engage the public in the regional transportation planning process and embrace federal requirements that MPOs provide the public with complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and early and continuing involvement in developing the FTIP, Regional Transportation Plan, and other products.

Annual Listing of Projects with Federal Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2007

Federal law requires Fresno COG to publish for public review an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year, as a record of project delivery and a progress report for public information and disclosure.

This report is divided into the funding types administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Projects are listed by *Lead Agency*, *FTIP Program*, *Federal ID* and *Fresno COG ID*. The *Fresno COG ID* number is a unique project identifier used in the FTIP; the category *Total Dollar Amount in FTIP* is included for reference of total project funding. Multiple *Federal IDs* can correspond with one *Fresno COG ID*. Note this list includes only federal funds obligated; no state or local funds are reported. The information contained in this report was provided by the California Department of Transportation.

This report indicates that approximately \$54.3 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation project in the region between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007.

The obligated federal funding consisted of approximately \$2.4 million of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds for bicycle/pedestrian facilities; 14 projects had bicycle/pedestrian components. \$14.2 million of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds were obligated for transit projects and \$4.8 million was transferred from FHWA to FTA for transit projects.

Lead Agency	FTIP Program	Funding Type	Federal ID	Agency ID	Location	Work Description	Date of Obligation	Federal Funds Obligated	Phase	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining	Bicycle / Pedestrian Related Projects
Central	CMAQ	CML	6424(001)	FRE070101	CENTRAL UNIFIED	PURCHASE 8 CNG SCHOOL BUSES.	05/31/07	\$194,000	CON	1,375,300	942,000	
CLOVIS	CMAQ	CML	5208(078)	FRE070102	SHAW AVENUE FROM STATE ROUTE 168 TO CLOVIS AVE	INSTALL CONDUIT, CABLE	04/12/07	\$170,980	CON	249,900	113,800	
CLOVIS	CMAQ	CML	5208(080)	FRE070103	CLOVIS AVE SANTA ANA - DAKOTA	INSTALL CONDUITS, FIBER OPTICS	04/17/07	\$36,474	PE	416,200	0	
CLOVIS	CMAQ	CML	5208(081)	FRE070104	CITY OF CLOVIS YARD	PURCHASE 2 CNG SWEEPERS	07/20/07	\$383,400	CON	433,100	0	
CLOVIS	RSTP	STPL	5208(048)	FRE020601	VILLA AVE FROM BULLARD AVE TO HERNDON AVE	RECONSTRUCT, WIDEN & INSTALL	06/08/07	\$193,000	CON	867,000	0	1
CLOVIS	RSTP	STPL	5208(058)	FRE020603	VILLA AVE FROM GETTYSBURG AVE TO SHAW AVE	AC OVERLAY	08/29/07	\$237,102	CON	1,690,700	0	
CLOVIS	RSTP	STPL	5208(089)	FRE040601	ON HERNDON AVE BTWN WILLOW AVE AND CLOVIS AVE	WIDEN ROADWAY FM 2 LANES TO 3-L	01/12/07	\$946,828	RW	3,080,000	1,859,100	
CLOVIS	RSTP	STPL	5208(070)	FRE020603	ON PEACH AVENUE FROM SIERRA TO MAGILL AVENUES	AC OVERLAY	07/03/07	\$100,000	CON	447,500	0	
CLOVIS	RSTP	STPL	5208(071)	FRE020603	BARSTOW AVE FROM CLOVIS AVE TO BROOKHAVEN AVE	AC OVERLAY	07/20/07	\$133,785	CON	447,500	0	
CLOVIS	RSTP	STPL	5208(072)	FRE020603	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF CLOVIS	ASPHALT CONCRETE OVERLAY	02/08/07	\$100,562	CON	447,500	0	
CLOVIS	RSTP	STPL	5208(079)	FRE070601	CLOVIS OLD TOWN TRAIL PEACHHILL VALLEY CROSSING	DESIGN & INSTALL IMPAVEMENT	04/12/07	\$9,916	PE	105,700	94,500	1
CLOVIS UNIFIED	CMAQ	CML	6326(002)	FRE070105	CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST YARD 1490 E. HERNDON	PURCHASE 10 CNG SCHOOL BUSES	01/23/07	\$242,041	CON	1,790,000	1,342,700	
FIREBAUGH	CMAQ	CML	5224(010)	FRE040105	NISIDE OF CONROY ST E/O CLYDE FANNON RD	CONSTRUCT PARK AND RIDE LOT	07/31/07	\$3,500	PE	72,300	68,300	
FOWLER	CMAQ	CML	5173(005)	FRE040123	ALONG MAIN STREET AND 5TH STREET	PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALKS	06/26/07	\$339	-	-	-	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(060)	FRE020127	FCMA SIGNAL SYNCH PHASE II STAGES I & II	INSTALL CONDUIT & FIBER OPTICS	07/09/07	-	-	-	-	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(062)	06-4C0444L	CITY OF FRESNO CORPORATION YARD	CONSTRUCT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	07/12/07	\$30,019	-	-	-	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(075)	FRE020127	INTERSECTION OF MARKS AND WEBER AVENUES	SIGNALIZE & IMPROVE INTERSECTION	08/23/07	\$531,500	CON	894,500	0	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(076)	FRE020128	INTERSECTION OF CLINTON AND WEST AVENUES	SIGNALIZE INTERSECTION	07/27/07	\$456,500	CON	635,500	0	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(080)	FRE020122	CHESTNUT AVE & KINGS CANYON RD INTERSECTION	SIGNAL UPGRADES/INTER.	07/20/07	\$628,300	CON	1,129,800	0	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(081)	FRE040110	INTERSECTION OF SHAW AND CEDAR AVENUES	SIGNAL UPGRADES/INTER.	08/23/07	\$265,590	CON	401,700	0	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(082)	FRE020124	SHAW AND FELAND AVE	IMPROVEMENTS	08/23/07	\$16,606	PE	18,757	0	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(100)	FRE020121	SHAW & WEST, SHAW & FELAND INTERSECTIONS	CONSTRUCT BUS BAY TURN OUT	08/23/07	\$19,944	CON	22,528	0	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(115)	FRE040108	INTERSECTION OF NORTH AVE AND CEDAR AVE	NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS	08/23/07	\$8,900	RW	688,700	603,100	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(116)	FRE040108	INTERSECTION OF WILLOW ST AND SHEPHERD STREET	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	07/31/07	\$25,800	RW	2,010,500	1,521,300	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(117)	FRE020129	H ST FROM PALM AVENUE TO MERCED STREET	CONSTRUCT BIKE LANES; ADD BIKE S	05/24/07	\$77,442	-	-	-	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(129)	FRE020129	FIRST STREET BTWN DAKOTA AVE AND HERNDON AVE	CONSTRUCT BIKE LANES	07/03/07	\$58,050	CON	812,200	0	
FRESNO	DEMO	HPLU	5060(149)	FRE070203	SB OFF-RAMP OF SH41 AT O STREET	WIDEN OFF-RAMP FROM 2 TO 4 L	08/17/07	\$1,465,000	CON	1,500,000	0	
FRESNO	TE	RPSTPL	5060(107)	FRE041814	S. OF MCKENZIE AVE FM WILLOW TO CLOVIS AVES	RECONSTRUCT CLASS I BIKE/PEP	06/16/07	\$199,900	CON	255,900	0	
FRESNO	TE	RPSTPL	5060(143)	FRE041810	SANTA FE DEPOT @ SANTA FE AVE & TULARE STREET	TENANT IMPROVEMENT	05/16/07	\$531,000	CON	1,802,312	0	
FRESNO	CMAQ	STPCLM	5060(112)	FRE020132	FRESNO ST/SUGAR PINE TRAIL 400 N OF NEES AVE	PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL & LANDSCAPE	07/20/07	\$992,500	CON	892,300	0	
FRESNO	CMAQ	STPCLM	5060(114)	FRE020133	ALONG HERNDON CANAL FM BLACKSTONE TO VAN NESS	TRAIL CONSTRUCTION & LANDSCAPE	07/06/07	\$137,000	RW	600,900	375,000	1
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(044)	FRE020611	CLOVIS AVE FM KINGS CANYON RD TO MCKINLEY AVE	ROADWAY WIDEN/IMPROVE DRAINAGE	01/09/07	\$78,300	CON	3,678,900	0	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(045)	FRE020611	SHAW AVE & SR 99 OFF-RAMPS	INSTALL 2 TRAFFIC SIGNALS	07/06/07	\$7,093	-	-	-	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(065)	FRE020622	WEST HERNDON AVE FROM POLK AVE TO WEBER AVE	WIDEN ROADWAY FM TWO TO FOUR	08/17/07	\$442,650	CON	500,000	0	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(102)	FRE020622	ON "O" STREET AND VENTURA STREET	WIDEN ROADWAY, NEW SIGNAL	09/27/07	\$1,100,600	-	-	-	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(104)	FRE070620	INTERSECTION OF E. MCKINLEY AVE & N. ECHO AVE	INSTALLATION OF NEW TRAFFIC	12/19/08	\$247,884	CON	280,000	0	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(105)	FRE020616	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF FRESNO	STREET SIGN UPGRADES	08/07/07	\$78,950	CON	724,000	0	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(110)	FRE040620	INTERSECTION OF FRESNO STREET & SIERRA AVENUE	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	07/20/07	\$491,300	CON	680,000	0	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(111)	FRE020617	WHITESBRIDGE AVE/B ST AND AMADOR ST/A ST	COLD IN PLACE RECYCLING	07/31/07	\$442,800	CON	1,048,300	0	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(133)	FRE020617	TULARE STREET FROM SR-41 TO ORCHARD AVENUE	ROAD REHABILITATION	06/29/07	\$265,500	CON	1,048,300	0	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(142)	FRE070609	ON SOUTHBOUND WILLOW AVENUE	ADDITIONAL SB TRAVEL LANE	09/21/07	\$258,470	PE	2,852,400	2,562,700	
FRESNO	TE	STPLER	5060(109)	FRE041810	SANTA FE DEPOT @ SANTA FE AVE & TULARE STREET	RESTORATION OF DEPOT	02/08/07	\$21,735	PE	1,802,300	0	
FRESNO	TE	STPLER	5060(109)	FRE041810	SANTA FE DEPOT @ SANTA FE AVE & TULARE STREET	RESTORATION OF DEPOT ENTRY	04/12/07	\$293,700	CON	1,802,300	0	
FRESNO	HES	STPLH	5060(127)	FRE040401	INTERSECTION OF BLACKSTONE AND DAYTON AVENUES	UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	05/10/07	\$280,200	CON	280,200	0	
FRESNO	HES	STPLH	6208(007)	FRE040401	INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 43 AND CONEJO AVE	INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL	09/21/07	\$338,400	CON	338,400	0	
FRESNO	SR25	STPLHSR	5060(093)	FRE071801	THORNE STREET	INSTALL FLASHING BEACONS	06/29/07	\$6,013	CON	6,792	0	
FRESNO	HBP	STPLR	5060(041)	FRE070701	PALM AVENUE AT DENNETT AVENUE	SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AT RR XIN	01/11/07	\$15,095	-	-	-	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(146)	FRE070109	SUGAR PINE TRAIL FROM CHESTNUT TO COPPER AVES	CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN	07/31/07	\$48,600	PE	744,200	682,600	1
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(147)	FRE070107	SHAW AVENUE FROM SR99 TO SR41	TRAFFIC SYNCHRONIZATION	07/03/07	\$309,900	PE	4,700,100	3,850,000	
FRESNO	CMAQ	CML	5060(148)	FRE070108	HERNDON AVENUE WEST OF BRAWLEY AVENUE	TRAIL CONSTRUCTION & LANDSCAPE	07/03/07	\$11,000	PE	123,600	109,500	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(122)	FRE040622	HERNDON AVE FROM SR99 TO WEBER AVENUE	RECONSTRUCTION	07/31/07	\$269,800	RW	3,180,000	2,599,200	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(144)	FRE020617	BLACKSTONE AVE BTWN SHIELDS TO OLIVE AVES	AC OVERLAY	07/31/07	\$1,299,300	CON	4,818,100	0	
FRESNO	RSTP	STPL	5060(145)	FRE020617	FRONT AVE VAR LOC. BETW. SHEPHERD AVE & SR 41	AC OVERLAY	07/03/07	\$72,800	PE	4,818,100	0	
FRESNO CO. TA	DEMO	HPLU	6058(035)	FRE041109	0.3 KM W/O BRAWLEY TO 0.4 KM E/O WEST	CONSTRUCT FREEWAY	11/29/08	\$28,123,000	CON	20,132,000	0	
FRESNO CO. TA	DEMO	HPLU	6058(036)	FRE041109	0.3 KM W/O BRAWLEY TO 0.4 KM E/O WEST	CONSTRUCT FREEWAY	11/29/08	\$2,610,216	CON	70,132,000	0	
FRESNO CO. TA	DEMO	HPLU	6058(037)	FRE041109	0.3 KM W/O BRAWLEY TO 0.4 KM E/O WEST	CONSTRUCT FREEWAY	07/02/07	\$1,400,262	CON	70,132,000	0	
FRESNO COUNTY	CMAQ	CML	5942(150)	FRE040118	INTERSECTION OF S. MAPLE AVE AND E. NORTH AVE	LEFT TURN LANE FOR EB TRAFFIC	04/18/07	\$3,806	RW	133,700	114,500	
FRESNO COUNTY	CMAQ	CML	5942(151)	FRE040119	INTERSECTION OF CENTRAL AVE & WILLOW AVE	CONSTRUCT LEFT TURN LANES	04/26/07	\$30,908	RW	99,300	57,000	

Lead Agency	FTIP Program	Funding Type	Federal ID	Agency ID	Location	Work Description	Date of Obligation	Federal Funds Obligated	Phase	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining	Bicycle/Pedestrian Related Projects
FRESNO COUNTY	RSTP	STPL	5942(157)	FRED020630	SOUTH AVE 10TH ST ALIGNMENT TO HILLS VALLEY	AC OVERLAYS & NECESSARY RECONSTRUCTION	08/21/07	\$428,800	CON	488,400	0	
FRESNO COUNTY	RSTP	STPL	5942(162)	FRED020648	11 LOCATIONS IN FRESNO COUNTY	ASPHALT CONCRETE OVERLAY	01/12/07	\$35,412	PE	4,885,800	2,403,100	
FRESNO COUNTY	RSTP	STPL	5942(164)	FRED020612	MANING AVE FROM CRAWFORD TO HILL	ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	02/23/07	\$66,398	PE	1,645,200	1,570,200	
FRESNO COUNTY	RSTP	STPL	5942(166)	FRED020648	CLOVIS AVE & MT WHITNEY AVE	AC OVERLAY	08/21/07	\$1,657,344	PE/CON	4,885,800	3,014,230	
FRESNO COUNTY	RSTP	STPL	5942(168)	FRED020648	FRESNO COUNTY- MANNING AVE/ZEDIKER AVE	TRAFFIC SIGNALS	12/11/06	\$10,800	-	1,020,000	856,100	
FRESNO COUNTY	RSTP	STPL	5942(172)	FRED020648	FRESNO COUNTY- MANNING AVE/ZEDIKER AVE	PURCHASE 6 CNG SCHOOL BUSES	05/16/07	\$145,100	CON	542,400	0	
Fresno Unified	RSTP	STPL	5942(172)	FRED020648	FRESNO COUNTY- MANNING AVE/ZEDIKER AVE	INSTALL CNG SW. LIGHTING	08/23/07	\$466,907	CON	1,671,100	1,424,500	
KERNAN	RSTP	STPL	5231(010)	FRED040607	ON WHITES BRIDGE AVE (SR 180) AT VINELAND AVE	PURCHASE 6 CNG SCHOOL BUSES	03/29/07	\$278,000	CON	399,600	0	
Kings Canyon	RSTP	STPL	5231(010)	FRED040607	ON WHITES BRIDGE AVE (SR 180) AT VINELAND AVE	PURCHASE 6 CNG SCHOOL BUSES	08/23/07	\$244,800	CON	399,600	0	
Kingsburg	CMQ	CMQ	5243(002)	FRED040612	ALONG GOLDEN ST BLVD FM BETHEL TO LAUREL ST	RECONSTRUCT CLASS 1 BIKE PATH	08/23/07	\$12,000	PE	154,100	137,500	
Kingsburg	TE	RPSTPL	5170(024)	FRED041817	ON 18TH AVENUE FM HOWARD ST TO STROUD AVE	W/LAND	07/31/07	\$2,000	PE	154,100	137,500	
KINGSBURG	RSTP	STPL	5170(014)	FRED040617	MENDOCINO AVE- STROUD AVE TO KAMA AVE	RECONSTRUCT PAVEMENT	07/02/07	\$2,000	PE	182,000	165,700	
MENDOTA	CMQ	CMQ	5285(009)	FRED070116	QUINCEIRO FRIOS/AMULET/ULE ALLEYS (3 LOC)	AC AND CONCRETE REHABILITATION	07/31/07	\$14,400	PE	314,900	290,700	
MENDOTA	RSTP	STPL	5285(008)	FRED070612	9TH ST. OLLER ST. (SR 180) TO MARIE ST.	RECONSTRUCT AC PAVEMENT	07/20/07	\$21,400	PE	314,900	290,700	
PARLIER	RSTP	STPL	5252(010)	FRED020631	TUOLUMNE ST FM "X" STREET TO ZEDIKER AVENUE	AC OVERLAY, RECONSTRUCT CG & CURB	12/06/06	\$689	-	-	-	
PARLIER	RSTP	STPL	5252(012)	FRED040609	INTERSECTION OF MANNING AVE AND MENDOCINO AVE	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	08/11/07	\$89,600	CON	118,000	0	
REEDLEY	HBP	BHLS	5216(028)	FRED040501	MANING AVE ACROSS THE KINGS RIVER	BRIDGE REHABILITATION BR# 42	08/14/07	\$376,480	CON	316,580	0	
REEDLEY	CMQ	CMQ	5216(030)	FRED040115	MANING AVE ETYAN FRANKWOOD & BUTTONWILLOW AVE	RECONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS & CURB R	08/23/07	\$38,864	RW	297,800	233,900	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED040623	MANING MEDIAN BTYAN KINGS RIVER BRIDGE & 1 ST	LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION	12/19/06	\$106,200	CON	282,400	0	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED040623	MANING MEDIAN BTYAN KINGS RIVER BRIDGE & 1 ST	LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION	08/23/07	\$143,800	CON	282,400	0	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED040623	MANING MEDIAN BTYAN KINGS RIVER BRIDGE & 1 ST	CONSTRUCTION	08/23/07	\$2,800	PE	396,800	314,500	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(025)	FRED020633	INTERSECTION OF BUTTONWILLOW & DINUBA AVENUES	SIGNALIZE & IMPROVE INTERSECTION	08/23/07	\$2,800	PE	379,200	293,700	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(027)	FRED020633	MANING AVE CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN & STUDY	IDENTIFY TECHNIQUES-REDUCE CONGESTION	08/17/07	\$34,969	PE	554,700	502,300	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(031)	FRED040609	FRANKWOOD AVE FM MANNING TO NORTH CITY LIMITS	ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND AC OVERLAY	07/31/07	\$24,200	RW	554,700	502,300	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(031)	FRED040609	FRANKWOOD AVE FM MANNING TO NORTH CITY LIMITS	ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND AC OVERLAY	07/31/07	\$24,200	RW	554,700	502,300	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(034)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
REEDLEY	RSTP	RSTPL	5216(033)	FRED070615	FRANKWOOD AVE, MANNING AVE TO MYRTLE AVE	RECONSTRUCTION, NO ADDED CAPACITY	07/31/07	\$39,000	PE	885,100	811,000	
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FTA 5307 Program

Agency	Agency ID	Work Description	Federal 06/07 FFY Monies	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining
FAX	FRE021501	Various Planning Project/ COFCG Staff/Annual Planning O & M Expenses and Special Projects	320,000	400,000	0
FAX	FRE021502	Various Planning Projects/FAX Staff/Annual Planning O & M Expenses and Special Projects	433,600	542,000	0
FAX	FRE021503	Preventive Maintenance Expense	6,021,700	7,527,100	0
FAX	FRE021504	Contracted Paratransit Service Operations	2,704,000	3,380,000	0
FAX	FRE021505	Capital Lease-Handy Ride Facility	64,900	81,100	0
FAX	FRE021506	Capital Lease-Vehicle Tire Lease	161,100	201,400	0
FAX	FRE021507	Non-Revenue Vehicle Service Expansion/Replacement (18 Vehicles)	80,000	100,000	0
FAX	FRE021508	Paratransit Vehicle Service Expansion/Replacement of 17 Vehicles	144,000	180,000	0
FAX	FRE021510	Passenger shelters/structures, benches, trash receptacles and lighting; On-street signs; Bus stop repairs; and miscellaneous amenities to benefit transit passengers	80,000	100,000	0
		TOTAL	10,009,300		

FTA 5309 Program

Agency	Agency ID	Work Description	Federal 06/07 FFY Monies	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining
	FRE022005	Purchase of 5 Revenue Vehicles.	971,800	1,214,800	0
	FRE042001	Design and Construction of CNG Facility	1,200,000	1,500,000	0
		TOTAL	2,171,800		

FTA 5310 Program

Agency	Agency ID	Work Description	Federal 06/07 FFY Monies	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining
WESTCARE	FRE071610	Mini Van	43,000	48,600	0
FCEOC	FRE071601	Large Bus	60,000	67800	0
FCEOC	FRE071602	Large Bus	60,000	67800	0
FCEOC	FRE071603	Large Bus	60,000	67800	0
FCEOC	FRE071604	Large Bus	60,000	67800	0
FCEOC	FRE071605	Large Bus	60,000	67800	0
FCEOC	FRE071606	Large Bus	60,000	67800	0
FCEOC	FRE071607	Lift Equipment	22,000	24900	0
FCEOC	FRE071608	Large Bus	60,000	67800	0
FCEOC	FRE071609	Large Bus	60,000	67800	0
		TOTAL	545,000		

FTA 5311 Program

Agency	Agency ID	Work Description	Federal 06/07 FFY Monies	Total Dollar Amount in FTIP	Total Project Funds Remaining
FCRTA	FRE021701	Programs FY 2006/07-09 FTA Section 5311 Apportionment- Annual Operating Assistance	430,200	4,198,900	0
FCRTA	FRE071701	Programs 2006/07 FTA Section 5311 Apportionment- Annual Capital Assistance- Purchase 60 electronic fare boxes, 7-22 passenger vans, install core pumps	996,000	1,245,000	0
		TOTAL	1,426,200		

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

WE 110 - Regional Streets and Highways

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional streets and highways planning process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Continued participation in the Statewide California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) established to provide a linkage between State, Federal, and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies involved in transportation programming activities.
- **Continued use** of the *California Transportation Improvement Program System* (CTIPS) and involvement in program updates.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors Association Model Coordinating Committee (MCC) and Programming Coordination Group (CPG) [DEVERE]

WE 111 - Regional Transportation Modeling

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Provided various model data to consultants, member agencies, and Caltrans.
- Continued participation in the Caltrans led Statewide Modeling/Information Sharing Group. Helped coordinate the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) Modeling/Air Quality Coordinating Committee. This committee was established to provide interagency transportation conformity consultation. The meetings are attended by representatives of the eight Valley RTPAs; the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Caltrans; the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD); and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).
- Kept the road network database up-to-date. The database is used for modeling and other reporting purposes.
- Participated in the Valley-wide Truck Model Steering Committee, and coordinated grant application for Valley-wide truck model - phase III. Awarded the contract for Phase III to Cambridge Systematics. Held initial kick-off meeting for the Truck Model project.
- Continuing the land use update for traffic model to year 2003 conditions by updating land use information utilizing 2000 Census data and local data. Reviewing final land use and validated network.
- Participated in the Freeway Deficiency Study Modeling effort. Awarded the contract for phase II to Fehr and Peers transportation consultants.
- Participated in the San Joaquin River Crossing study. [BITNER]

WE 112 - Regional Traffic Monitoring

Objective: To maintain the Fresno Regional Traffic Monitoring Program as a source of current traffic information for use by member agencies and the public, and as a validation tool for the Countywide Traffic Model.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated the *Traffic Counts Program* and provided technical assistance to member agencies.
- Provided traffic counts in response to public requests.
- Selected Omni-Means for the Traffic Monitoring Program Review and Update Project. Work on the project commenced in June. [BITNER]

WE 113 – Regional Transportation Planning Studies

Objective: The Regional Transportation Planning Studies work element is intended to provide resources to conduct focused transportation studies for the Fresno County region.

Accomplishments: To date, Fresno COG has not received any requests for funding to conduct regional transportation planning studies although based on conversations with member agencies it appears that several may be forthcoming in the next quarter. [BOREN]

WE 114 – Fresno-Madera County Freeway Interchange Deficiency Study

Objective: Through a Caltrans Partnership Planning Grant, the Council of Fresno County Governments and the Madera County Transportation Commission are joining the cities of Fresno, Clovis, Madera, Selma, Kingsburg, Chowchilla and the counties of Fresno and Madera in an assessment of the current freeway systems and interchanges within Fresno and Madera counties. The purpose of the Fresno-Madera County Freeway Interchange Deficiency Study is to determine, based on projected population growth and build out of existing general plans, if a regional transportation impact fee will be required from future development in Fresno County in order to keep the metropolitan transportation system functioning properly.

Accomplishments:

- Released the Request for Proposal for the Freeway Deficiency Study Phase II.
- Interviewed consultants for the phase II deficiency study. Fehr and Peers was selected for the study.
- Initial kick off meeting was held and consultant team is progressing in development of the deficiency study traffic model and delivering a fee study technical document.
- The consultant has been working on validating the freeway interchange ramps. It is expected that this process will be completed by the November meeting.[BITNER]

WE 115 – Regional Transportation Mitigation Plan

Objective: The primary objective of this project is to develop a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program.

Accomplishments: To date, two meetings of the Measure C Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Study Subcommittee have been held with a third “Workshop” scheduled for November 5, 2007. Issues covered in the first two meetings include:

- Study Approach
- Guiding Policies
- Study Needs
- Rational Nexus
- Impacts and Benefits
- Fair Share
- Indirect and Cumulative Impacts

[BOREN]

WE 120 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Urban

Objective: To carry on the continuing urban area public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration under TEA-21 (1997), the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977) and AB-120 (Statutes of 1979); the Social Service Improvement Act (SB-826, 1988); the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

Accomplishments:

- *Demand-Responsive Service Evaluation:* Service continues to be monitored for productivity, cost effectiveness, contract compliance, as well as compliance with ADA regulations.
- *Management Information Systems:* Staff continues to develop and maintain various MIS programs and services. Major work included installation of Siemens Generation II software upgrade for the FAX AVL GPS radio system, and work continues with Google Inc. on the development of a trip planning service for FAX.
- *National Transit Database Report:* National Transit Data Base (NTDB) annual operating statistics for FY2006-07 are being compiled for the report to the Federal Transit Administration. NTDB data collection is an ongoing process.
- *Coordinate with Air District:* Staff reviews Air District's plans and rule making and attends workshops on topics related to transit planning. Staff also works closely in developing funding request strategies from the SJVUAPCD for related TCM's such as alternative fuels funding and transit pass subsidy funding.
- *Review Development Proposals:* Staff continues to work closely with the development community in order to promote pedestrian and transit-friendly development through review and comment on development proposals. Significant work this quarter included work on a planned intermodal Transit Village located on Kings Canyon at Peach, as well as focused efforts on the Fancher Creek project on Kings Canyon between Clovis and Fowler Avenues.
- *Community Outreach and Public information:* FAX information continues to be maintained on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fresno.gov/index.html>. Staff continues to work with major employers to promote public transit, and to find creative ways to increase transit's market share. Staff has participated in several community outreach activities with various local agencies. Staff continues to market the new Senior 7 bus pass to promote free bus services for seniors 65 and over. The FY2006-2007 FAX Annual Report, The Face of FAX, was released.
- *Clean Air Express Vanpool Program:* Staff continues to oversee the downtown Fresno commuter vanpool program which remains at 19 vanpools. Staff has prepared an RFP for services, and extended the existing contract with Enterprise Rideshare until the RFP can be released and a new contract awarded.
- *Service Coordination:* FAX continues to include transit service schedules and information for Clovis Stageline in the FAX Schedule Guide.
- *Regional Agency Formation Study:* The final report was completed June, 2007, and accepted by the COFCG Policy Board on September 25, 2007.

- *Regional Farebox System:* Staff, working with a technical consulting firm and regional agencies including FAX, Clovis, FCRTA, and CSUF, began developing an RFP for a regional farebox system that will permit passengers from all county jurisdictions agencies to utilize services from all transit agencies with one pass. This is significant step in regional transit coordination. The RFP is currently under review by The City of Fresno Purchasing Department.
- *Transit Master Plan:* The Technical Advisory Committee working with the consultants and community input have identified a preferred corridor, a combination of Blackstone Ave. and Ventura Kings Canyon. The consultants are developing ridership cost projections as well as evaluation station options.
- *Fresno Downtown Transportation Infrastructure Study (DTIS):* The DTIS is a City of Fresno planning effort that is being managed by COG/FAX staff. The plan has been finalized and an executive summary was added. The TAC and the consultants are now working on implementation strategies
- *Downtown Fresno Streetcar Circulator:* At the request of the City of Fresno staff prepared an RFP for a Downtown Fresno Streetcar Circulator. The RFP has been circulated through the COFCG Committees and Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee. The RFP must now be considered by the FCTA
- *Public Transportation and Infrastructure Study (PTIS):* Staff prepared an RFP for the next phase of the PTIS. Staff is now working with the Blueprint Steering Committee to coordinate the Blueprint and PTIS programs within the structure of the RFP.
- *Passenger Surveys:* Staff completed Rider and Non-riders surveys for the FAX Fixed-route System as well as Handy Ride passenger satisfaction survey for the demand-response service. [DOWNS]

WE 121 – Public Transit -Human Services Transportation (JARC)

Objective: The Human Services Transportation Coordination work element's aim is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that public and non-profit agencies coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs including the Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities; the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and the New Freedom Program.

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- Requires the establishment of a locally developed, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for all FTA human service transportation programs: Section 5310 Elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities program, Section 5316 Jobs Access and Reverse Commute Program and Section 5317 New Freedom Program.
- Requires the plan to be developed by a process that includes representatives of public, private and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public.

Accomplishments:

- Designed and implemented a strategy to develop a Human Transportation Services Provider Consolidated Plan for Fresno County.
- Conducted public outreach to stakeholders to solicit their input into the implementation process.
- Wrote up a report based upon findings gathered during the development process of the Human Transportation Services Provider Consolidated Plan.

- The final Human Transportation Services Provider Consolidated Plan is being released for public comment and adoption by the Fresno COG Policy Board. [SOBRADO]

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WE 130 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Rural

Objective: To carry on the continuing rural public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977); the Social Service Improvement Act (AB-120, 1979); the Mello Act (SB-157, 1985); the Specialized Transportation Services Act (SB-826, 1988) the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments (1990); the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

- ***Accomplishments:*** No Work Element tasks were scheduled or performed during the First Quarter. [WEBSTER].

WE 150 - Other Modes - Aviation & Rail

Objective: To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the aviation, non-motorized, and rail modes.

Accomplishments/Aviation:

- Monitored aviation issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Ongoing participation as a member of the RTPA Aviation System Planning Working Group.

Accomplishments/Rail:

- Monitored rail issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Monitored activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority and other activities related to high-speed rail in California.
- Presented an update and status report on activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority to the COG Committees and Policy Board during the July and September cycle of meetings.
- Participated in a meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley on August 9, 2007 to develop a consensus San Joaquin Valley position on various high speed rail issues including the appropriate high speed rail connection between the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay Area. Subsequent meetings and conference calls were held to successfully develop agreement between the Partnership and the Valley COGs Policy Council with regard to these same positions. These consensus positions were communicated to the High-Speed Rail Authority at public hearings conducted in Merced on August 30 and in Stockton on September 18, 2007.
- Continued efforts with Fresno Area Residents for Rail Consolidation (FARRC) and other interested citizens and organizations regarding the potential rail consolidation project in Fresno and other projects.
[THOMPSON]

WE 151 – Bicycle and Pedestrian

Objective: To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the bicycle and pedestrian transportation modes.

Accomplishments:

- Monitored bikeway issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Staff sits as a voting member representing the San Joaquin Valley on Caltrans Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC). The purpose of the CBAC is to advise Caltrans on technical issues related to bikeways planning and implementation.
- Attended and participated in a meeting of the California Bike Advisory Committee on August 2, 2007 in Sacramento to discuss several technical issues of importance to the bicycle transportation mode.
[THOMPSON]

WE 170 - Regional Transportation Plan

Objective: To develop and publish on a four-year basis the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Fresno County which addresses at a minimum a twenty year planning horizon. The plan shall include both long-range and short-range strategies and actions for implementing an integrated intermodal transportation system. The plan will address the federally required Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) planning factors. The final rule for SAFETEA-LU implementation was released in February 2007 with an effective date of March 16, 2007.

Accomplishments:

- Received letter from FHWA indicating substantial compliance with the requirements of SAFETEA-LU.
- Discussed next RTP update with Executive Directors Committee and MPO staff. All agencies agreed that the next update will occur in 2010 concurrent with the FTIP update. [PAUKOVITS]

WE 172 - Congestion Management Planning

Objective: To respond to federal congestion management planning requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Participated in discussions with FHWA regarding SAFETEA-LU compliance for the congestion management process. [PAUKOVITS]

WE 180 - Air Quality Transportation Planning

Objective: To maintain a coordinated transportation/air quality planning process consistent with the goal of attaining and maintaining federal and state air quality standards.

Accomplishments:

- Worked on an on-going basis with local, State, and Federal agencies regarding air quality and transportation issues.
- Continued participation in the Statewide Air Quality/Conformity Working Group.
- Continued to participate with the other seven Valley TPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Modeling and Air Quality Committees to address pertinent transportation, modeling, air quality, and conformity analysis issues.
- Continued contract administration for the Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination consultant. Managed the efforts of the air quality consultant (including strategy and review of all materials) on behalf of the eight Valley TPAs.
- Managed the contract for the Valley-Wide Air Quality Policy Services consultant.
- Participated in conference calls with staff from ARB, EPA, FHWA, Caltrans, and various members of the other San Joaquin Valley TPAs.
- Attended and participated in San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition Board Meetings.
- Attended Air District Board meetings and workshops.
- Presented air quality updates to the San Joaquin Valley TPA Director's Association.
- Participated in the San Joaquin Valley Partnership Air Quality Work Group.
- Reviewed relevant information and provided comments on the development of the State Strategies for the eight-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP). Drafted letter from the Executive Directors Committee and testified at ARB hearing in Diamond Bar, CA .
- Hosted meeting with CA Attorney General to discuss voluntary measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Met with Air District staff to discuss implementation of the Indirect Source Review (ISR) program as it relates to transportation projects.
- Worked with Fresno County staff to develop survey on alternative work schedules and air quality impacts.[PAUKOVITS]

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

WE 210 – Measure C Reauthorization

Objective: To provide the organizational structure and staffing for development of an Expenditure Plan that will guide the utilization of a proposed ½ cent sales tax measure that is tentatively scheduled for the November 2006 ballot. The Reauthorization process is being guided by a Regional Steering Committee consisting of elected officials, interested regional stakeholders and the general public. Staffing is provided by COG.

Accomplishments:

- Obtained 78% voter approval for Measure “C” Reauthorization which went to voters on November 7, 2006.
- Reconvened Measure “C” Steering Committee to begin process of developing Strategic Plan for expenditure of Measure “C” revenues collected after July 1, 2007.
- Began meeting with Measure “C” Implementing subcommittees and project sponsors for regional projects.
- 2007-2027 Measure C Expenditure Implementation Plan, Part 1 – Local Agency Pass-Through Fund Handbook completed and submitted for approval by COG Board
- Selected consultant for Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program, July 2007. [BOREN]

WE-220 – Transportation Program Development

Objective: To identify transportation improvements proposed for implementation within a short-range period of compliance with federal and state requirements.

Accomplishments:

- COG staff continues to work with its member agencies in an effort to develop/maintain a financially constrained transportation improvement program.
- Correspondence with Agency staff and Caltrans regarding delivery/preparation of the Obligation Plan for FFY 2006/07.
- Development and posting of the Annual listing of projects.
- The 2007 FTIP was adopted by the COG Policy Board July 20, 2006 and approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on October 2, 2006. COG staff continues intergovernmental coordination and public notification for all formal amendments to the FTIP.
 - Formal Amendment 1 to the FTIP was approved on November 30, 2006 by FHWA.
 - Formal Amendment 2 to the FTIP was approved on February 5, 2007 by FHWA.
 - Formal Amendment 5 to the FTIP was approved on April 12, 2007 by FHWA
 - Formal Amendment 7, SAFETEA-LU compliance, was adopted by the COG Policy Board on May 31, 2007 and was approved on June 29, 2007 by FHWA. [BOREN/DEVERE]

SERVICES AND GENERAL COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

WE 310 - Intergovernmental Coordination

Objectives: 1) To promote coordination, cooperation and communication on administrative and planning matters among local agencies, the COG, federal and state agencies. To enable various agencies, including Native Americans, to participate in and review the regional planning process; 2) To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on

COG's planning activities; and 3) To provide local agencies and the public the opportunity to review and comment upon federal grant proposals through the Local Clearinghouse Process.

Accomplishments:

- Continued to provide staff support to the Association for the Beautification of State Route 99. Organized bimonthly meetings for the Association, assisted with correspondence, conducted research, and prepared staff reports.
- Continued efforts towards implementing the *2000 Highway 99 Beautification Plan* by recommending the adoption of a draft Highway Beautification Overlay Zoning District by the Cities of Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, Fresno, and Fresno County.
- Continued monitoring other SR 99 beautification efforts such as the Great Valley Center's Highway 99 Project and Caltrans' *Highway 99 Plan*.
- Provided ongoing support to member agencies of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority in the establishment of this new program in Fresno County. Issues discussed over the course of the quarter include election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority and a determination of time standards and personnel costs for use in calculating program costs.
- Staff continues to outreach to the Native American Tribal governments, both federally and non-federally recognized, in Fresno County to solicit their input and to seek their participation in COG activities. Staff continues to provide all of the tribes with ongoing meeting notifications and any other pertinent information that may be of interest to the tribes.
- Called for Washington D.C. "One Voice" projects from member agencies and community organizations. Identified selection committee that will meet to recommend top priorities to COG Board for approval during second quarter.
- Begin preparation for "Sacramento One Voice" trip in which will include a local delegation to travel to the State's Capitol in early Spring 2008.
- Begin process of member agency outreach to provide update on the SJV Regional Blueprint Planning Process.
- Continued outreach with staff and administrators of member agencies to gather input for the Blueprint.
- Provide ongoing updates to member agencies on progress with Blueprint activities.
- Continue to work with eight Valley COGs on project management of SJV Blueprint.
- Engage in second round of meetings with all member agencies at their policy board meetings.
- Staff continues involvement/collaboration on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects of local, valley-wide, and State interest. [BOREN/DEVERE/STECK]

WE 311 - Public Information and Participation

Objective: To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities. This work element is intended to highlight the COG's desire to encourage more public participation in the transportation planning process, consistent with TEA 21 requirements. This will include public involvement in the development stages of plans and programs as well as throughout the adoption process. COG's Public Involvement Procedures will be consulted and followed during each phase of plan or program development.

It is Fresno COG's desire that the citizens of Fresno County and its cities assist in delineating values, goals, and objectives of transportation-related services and planning documents. Further, it is Fresno COG's intent that those same citizens, charged with the responsibility of providing feedback on a continuous basis, will participate in the selection of transportation facilities and programs for planning and programming under Fresno COG's authority. Finally, it is the goal of Fresno COG to adequately provide information to and solicit input from historically underserved community of Fresno County (i.e. elderly, minority groups, youth, disabled, and lower income people).

Accomplishments:

- Prepared agenda packages, reports, and notices for COG's three monthly public meetings
- Filled requests for information about Fresno COG and/or their member agencies and updated various listings
- Designed and printed graphic design materials for Fresno COG staff as requested
- Developed agendas for and staffed two Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) meetings :
- Prepared and sent news releases to the media regarding the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint
- Continued updating Fresno COG's website with a variety of graphics and material
- Continued involvement in the Valley Blueprint process:
 - participated on the Valleywide media committee
 - worked with staff to implement a new media outreach plan
- Completed update of the Fresno County Transportation Guide
- Hosted a Blueprint Outreach booth at the Economic Development Corporation's Billion Dollar Tour
- Began updating Fresno COG's Public Participation Plan:
 - Mailed/Emailed update notifications to all Fresno COG contacts
 - Hosted one focus group
 - Developed a public participation survey and mailed/mailed requests for participation to all Fresno COG contacts [LAUCHNER]

WE 312 - COGView Internet Home Page

Objective: To create a source providing easy access to government and other information for Fresno County residents, member agencies, and perspective business interests using the latest technology of the World Wide Web. Additional objectives include enhancing potential economic development and increasing public knowledge and involvement of COG activities as well as reduce costs..

Accomplishments:

- The Fresno COG website maintains minutes and agendas for the Fresno COG Technical Advisory Committee, the Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board. Committee members have the choice of continuing to receive agenda by mail or they can sign up to receive links to the agendas online by email.
- Air quality and transportation modeling data is updated regularly on the website.
- Most reports and publications put out by the Fresno COG are readily and easily accessible online through the website.
- Online calendars and important dates are being constantly updated and kept current on the Fresno COG website. Meeting agenda/handout links are now included on the online calendar.
- Search capabilities have been implemented on the website so people can search for documents by keyword.
- Requirements for a planned road closure website for Fresno County have been designed. Construction of this new functionality is underway.
- Provided support and ongoing maintenance of the COGView website.
- Updated the Regional Directory online, and developed functionality to enable it to be printed from the site in the format needed for hard copy duplication. [LAUCHNER/SOBRADO]

WE 313 – Environmental Justice Activities

Objectives: Devise ways to ensure that Fresno County's disadvantaged and minority populations are being included in the transportation process. The COG's Environmental Justice Task Force, whose members include representatives from community based organizations that represent low-income, minority, elderly, disabled,

Native American, and farmworker communities as well as representatives from local government agencies, Caltrans, and FHWA, met on a monthly basis from March of 2004 through spring of 2005.

In response to Federal and State emphasis on Title VI and Environmental Justice an effort has been added to this work element that will involve establishing an Environmental Justice Task Force to develop a process with which to assess and ensure compliance of Fresno COG's transportation planning efforts with environmental justice requirements and Title VI. The Task Force will play a key role in evaluating COG's current Environmental Justice and Public Participation efforts and provide guidance on how to achieve the desired results. The Task Force will also help define the target population within Fresno County, identify the needs of the target population and develop appropriate performance measures for gauging the regional benefit and burdens of transportation system investments on the target population.

An Environmental Justice Report will be prepared, which will include the Environmental Justice Task Force efforts and recommendations, as well as the analysis used to evaluate the Regional Transportation Plan to ensure that the programs, policies, and activities outlined in the plan serve all segments of the region without generating disproportionately high adverse impacts upon target populations.

Caltrans has developed an Environmental Justice Desk Guide that will serve as a resource for COG staff to better understand Environmental Justice issues and provide guidelines for the implementation of Environmental Justice in the planning process. Fresno COG staff has reviewed the Caltrans Desk Guide and plans to use the recommendations provided by incorporating them, as applicable, in our Environmental Justice efforts.

Fresno COG staff has completed the Environmental Justice Report and currently has it out for review by Environmental Justice Task Force members. Recommendations from members will be incorporated into the final version of the Environmental Justice Task Force planned for the fourth quarter of 2007.

Beginning in fourth quarter of 2007, Fresno COG staff will reconvene the Environmental Justice Task Force on to meet on a recurring basis quarterly. The purpose of these meetings will be to review current Fresno COG projects within the context of environmental justice principles laid out in the Environmental Justice Plan.

Accomplishments:

- The Environmental Justice Report is complete and is being reviewed and commented on by Environmental Justice Task Force members.
- The Environmental Justice Task Force is being reconvened on a quarterly basis to review Fresno COG projects within the context of the environmental justice principles laid out in the Environmental Justice Plan.[SOBRADO]

WE 320 - Technical Assistance to Members

Objective: To provide member governments with specialized technical assistance services. It is intended that the major beneficiaries of this service be the smaller cities with limited technical staff resources.

Accomplishments:

- *Rural Communities Collaborative of Fresno County (RCCFC):* Served on RCCFC Steering and General Committees. The RCCFC is a volunteer organization geared toward helping rural communities to become self-sufficient through increased social and economic development. The Collaborative acts as a catalyst in identifying available federal, state, and local resources available to serve local community needs and provides access to and dissemination of those resources. [BOREN]

WE 330 – Outside Technical Assistance

Objective: To provide traffic modeling information to outside agencies on a cost reimbursement basis. Also, to provide program support functions for microcomputer applications (accounting, utility billing, etc.) to interested parties on a cost reimbursement basis.

Accomplishments:

- No activity this quarter. [BITNER]

WE 340 – Traffic Demand Management Program

Objective: Transportation Demand Management (TDM) includes a wide variety of transportation control measures having a goal of reducing overall motor vehicle usage. In prior years, the predominate effort of this activity has been promotion of ridesharing. Declining state and federal revenue to support this effort in recent years has resulted in a less ambitious Program beginning in 1996/97.

Accomplishments:

Ridematching:

- Currently have nearly 1,000 registered users in the *Carpool/Vanpool Online Matchlist* program at www.Valleyrides.com. Maintained this current and active database of commuters, referring callers to the online system or inputting information for clients
- Worked with other TDM agencies, employers and vanpool agencies to facilitate matches and refer clients. These agencies include: CSU Fresno, South Valley Rideshare, San Joaquin Commute Connection, Fresno Area Express, KART and Enterprise Rideshare
- Continued assisting the city of Fresno's Downtown Vanpool Program. Staff receives calls and emails requesting information on available seats on one or more of the 18 available vanpools, and either refers commuters to an appropriate vanpool or places them on the waiting list for upcoming vanpool opportunities

Information Services:

- Filled requests for transit referrals and information; park and ride lot information; vanpool subsidies and referrals; transportation guides; bikeway maps; and additional bikeway information
- Continuing the update on portions of the Fresno County Transportation Guide
- Mailed out copies of the Fresno Clovis Bikeways Map and the city of Kingsburg Bikeway Map to Fresno County area bike shops
- Developed an implementation strategy for the Measure C Commuter Vanpool/Carpool program

Administration:

- Prepared and maintained program records, invoices, budget and Quarterly Report
- Attended Fresno COG Committee meetings as appropriate. [LAUCHNER]

WE 350 - Fresno Regional Data Center

Objectives: To perform the duties as an Affiliate State Census Data Center and provide assistance to member agencies and the general public in obtaining, analyzing and utilizing census and other demographic data in support of the area-wide planning process. Also to provide continuing support to the internal data needs for traffic simulation modeling requirements including the updating and development of alternative socio-economic scenarios and providing data support for COG prepared reports and plans.

Accomplishments:

- Assisted 50 individuals from governmental agencies, businesses, and the public, in their information needs.
- Monitored, prepared and distributed Census 2000, State of California Department of Finance, and other data to member agencies and the public.
- Developed socio-economic data for alternative land use scenarios for consultants' traffic impact studies and special studies.
- Provided demographic information for COG-prepared documents and presentations including Measure C, Blueprint Planning Process, One Voice, Environmental Justice, and the Regional Housing Needs Study.
- Hosted workshop and prepared information to jurisdictions to prepare for the County's participation in Census 2010 and LUCA (Local Update of Census Activities).
- Worked on update of socio-economic model data for transportation model.
- Prepared Affiliate State Census Data Center activity report as required, and State of California Department of Finance population surveys. [CHUNG]

REGIONAL COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE AND HOUSING

WE 410 – San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process

Objective: The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process is a two-year planning effort envisioned to support long range regional planning through comprehensive development of regional consensus. The goal of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process is to develop a preferred future growth vision for the region through the use of scenario planning.

Accomplishments:

- Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the eight Valley COG's outlining our relationship as we move forward with the Blueprint.
- Utilizing the System Development of Informed Consent, Potentially Affected Interests were identified by category and level of priority for the successful implementation of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Project.
- A Citizen Participation Plan has been developed and adopted by the eight San Joaquin Valley Councils of Governments (COGs).
- The institutional structure of a San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) has been developed. BRAC membership applications are being accepted at this time. The BRAC will advise and interface both the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint products and the San Joaquin Valley Partnership products.
- Local Blueprint Roundtable is being established according to guidelines in the Citizen's Participation plan.
- San Joaquin Valley COGs are in the process of assessing San Joaquin Regional Modeling capability and possible Modeling enhancements.
- Circulated an RFP to solicit proposals for a Community Participation Facilitator to assist Fresno COG with outreach and modeling tasks associated with the Blueprint
- Participated in Valleywide Blueprint Summit with approximately 700 community members in attendance.
- Entered into contract with VRPA Technologies to engage in community outreach activities with stakeholder groups and general public.
- Attended two Blueprint Learning Network sessions (one in Sacramento and one in Oakland) with 3 COG staff, an elected official and 2 community stakeholders.
- Conducted 2 Blueprint Roundtable meetings with excellent turnout and member participation.

- Forwarded BRAC recommendations for Fresno County to Valley COG Directors for final selection and approval.
- Continued presentations and interviews with community members to elicit information on values and vision.
- Met with Fresno Bee editorial board to inform them of SJV Blueprint planning process.
- Filmed two promotional spots at Comcast Cable Television.
- Conducted approximately 20 meetings with stakeholder groups, held “Road Show” at the Big Fresno Fair, held outreach efforts at shopping centers, community colleges, and with community groups resulting in the collection of over 1500 survey responses.
- Made presentations to all COG member agencies (15 cities and County of Fresno) providing update on Blueprint progress and encouraging participation in community workshop.
- Formed Steering Committee for Blueprint Roundtable to address pressing tasks
- Attended Blueprint Learning Network in Anaheim with 6 member team.
- Attended Lincoln Institute workshop at Cal Poly regarding Blueprint outreach activities.
- Worked with planning director to establish a Valleywide Blueprint Professional Review Panel that will interface with the BRAC and Valleywide Blueprint Coordinating Committee
- Attended the first meeting of the BRAC in Modesto.
- Coordinated with the SJV Partnership staff to define the interface of the Partnership, the Blueprint and the BRAC.
- Coordinated Community Workshop to develop Fresno County’s Values and Vision for the Blueprint. Nearly 200 participants attended.
- Modeling staff worked with 16 member agencies as well as Valley COGs to develop the base case “status quo” growth scenario.
- Conducted 3 monthly meetings of the Fresno COG Blueprint Roundtable (32 member advisory committee.)
- Conducted Blueprint Steering Committee and Outreach Committee meetings
- Presented Blueprint update to a joint meeting of the planning commissions of the City of Clovis, the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno, the City of Madera and the County of Madera.
- Met twice monthly with the Blueprint project managers from each of the eight Valley COGs.
- Provided ongoing project management for Fresno Blueprint activities.
- Continued monthly Blueprint Roundtable meetings with stakeholder groups
- Continued twice monthly meetings with SJV Blueprint Coordinating Committee
- Continue working with Great Valley Center, both on BRAC and on two Partnership working groups (Transportation and Land Use, Housing and Agriculture).
- Made Blueprint presentation to CSUF’s Campus Planning Committee.
- Staffed Blueprint booth with Earth Day students at CSUF’s annual Vintage Days.
- Convened Blueprint Environmental Issues group to hear input on environmental issues to include in document.
- Convened local agency planners to participate in Blueprint Planners Workshop aimed at defining Phase II tasks - goals, objectives and measurable outcomes.
- Met with Partnership Secretariat to ensure connection of two projects
- Met with Farmland Conservation Model Program folks to coordinate modeling tasks between two projects.
- Fresno COG’s team continues to attend statewide Blueprint Learning Network (BLN)
- Assist CCRL to plan BLN programs around the state
- Continue to meet with Valley COG project managers on a bi-weekly basis to coordinate progress on project
- Continue to meet with Blueprint Roundtable, the advisory committee to COG Policy Board, on a monthly basis
- Submitted final Values/Vision report for approval by COG Policy Board
- Continue to coordinate with modeling staff in development of status quo and single focus model runs
- Continue to coordinate with Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) which is staffed by Great Valley Center

- Continue outreach to member agency staff and community partners on Blueprint progress.
- Continue to work with California Center for Regional Leadership (CCRL) on steering committee for Blueprint Learning Network
- Continue to work with CCRL on California Regional Progress Report
- Assist and facilitate Valleywide Blueprint Planners group to ensure that “end users” of the Blueprint have a part in its development.
- Continue to work with SJV Partnership and its working groups to coordinate activities and assist with continuity on progress.
- Worked with Local Government Commission to advise on Water Symposium for the San Joaquin Valley.
- [STECK]

WE 411 – Farmland Conservation Model Program

Objective: Develop a plan, strategy, and program to conserve prime agricultural lands in the Central Valley. The Program will build upon initial activities to identify farmlands of strategic importance, and to develop a program to protect farmlands that is consistent with long term planning goals that maintain agriculture as a key economic and cultural force in the region. The program is first intended for the benefit of Fresno County and subsequently, the other counties making up the San Joaquin Valley.

Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee members first met in June of 2007. Comprised of key stakeholders in Fresno County, steering committee members include Fresno County, the City of Fresno, the City of Clovis, the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and others. The purpose of the Fresno County Farm Bureau is to oversee the daily activities for implementing the Farmland Conversation Model Program. Also involved in the development of the plan will be an advisory board that will be made up of stakeholders involved in agriculture on a daily basis that will advise the steering committee on issues of importance to the industry in Fresno County.

Initially, the Farmland Conservation Model Program had a sixteen month deadline but it was shortened to thirteen months in order to ensure that the information from the program can be integrated into the San Joaquin Valley Blue Print.

The deliverables for the Farmland Conservation Model Program include:

- Devise an approach to identifying “strategic” farmland.
- Public Input
- Document factors affecting the conversion of farmlands
- Create a toolbox for decision makers to implement farmland conservation in Fresno County
- Provide a series of recommendations based upon the finding of this process.
- Prepare a final report.

Accomplishments:

- A detailed work plan has been completed.
- Fresno County Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee members have been meeting on a regular basis since June 2007.
- Key variables affecting agriculture have been identified and analyzed to determine the significance upon agriculture in Fresno County.
- The GIS or mapping component of the Farmland Conservation Model Program is currently in the process of being reviewed by key stakeholders and subject matter experts. Their comments and feedback will be incorporated into the findings of the mapping process in order to increase the accuracy of the results.

- Key agricultural stakeholders have been identified and are in the process of being invited to participate in this important process as part of the Farmland Conservation Model Program.[SOBRADO]

WE 420 – Fresno Regional Housing Needs Plan

Objective: To prepare the Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan. The RHNA Plan determines each jurisdiction's existing and projected housing needs for all income levels. Local governments, through their Housing Elements, are individually accountable for demonstrating capacity to accommodate these housing needs for the 5-year planning period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013

Accomplishments:

- Formed a Steering Committee to assist staff with the development of the RHNA Plan.
- Reviewed the Final 2001 RHNA Plan for applicability of methodology for the current Plan.
- Consulted with State Department of Housing and Community Development on the determination of the Housing Need figure, by income group, for Fresno County.
- Surveyed local jurisdictions in conformance with statute to gather information regarding local government infrastructure, housing market and other local conditions that could influence the distribution of the regional housing need.
- The COG Policy Board at its meeting on December 14, 2006 approved the Housing Construction Need number of 52,142 units for Fresno County and initiated the 60-day public comment period of the proposed allocation methodology.
- The Fresno COG Policy Board adopted Resolution No. 2007-07 on February 22, 2007 approving the methodology for use in the development of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan.
- The 60-day review and comments/local revision period of the Draft 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan expired on June 22, 2007. Revision requests were received by the County of Fresno and the City of Kingsburg and these were evaluated during the subsequent 60-day period.
- Conducted a meeting of affected agencies on August 17, 2007 to negotiate adjusting allocations by income group for the Final RHNA Plan. These negotiations were successfully concluded and it appears the Final RHNA Plan will be forwarded to the COG Policy Advisory Committee and Board for adoption during the November cycle of meetings. [THOMPSON]

VALLEYWIDE COORDINATED ACTIVITIES

WE 810 - Valley RTPA Coordination

Objective: To ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to transportation and air quality planning among the eight San Joaquin Valley transportation planning agencies and the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Accomplishments: COG staff and the Director continue to work with the other seven San Joaquin valley RTPAs on issues that have valleywide significance including air quality, pursuit of Interstate designation for SR 99.

- Worked with all Valley COGs to submit a proposal to Caltrans to develop a coordinated San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint planning effort for third year funding.
- Continue intensive coordination with other Valley COGs to coordinate planning on the three year SJV Blueprint planning project.
- Continued to participate in bi-weekly conference calls/face-to-face meetings with members of the Blueprint Coordinating committee and Blueprint Modeling committee and Public Outreach committee.

- Attended Blueprint Learning Network meeting in Fresno with 6 member COG Blueprint team. [BOREN/DOWNS/STECK]

WE 811 – San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Study

Objective: The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Goods Movement Study project is the third phase of goods movement related studies in the valley. The proposed project will provide improvements to the 8-county (Kern, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Madera, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced) SJV truck model and integration with local models. The model has been developed to provide an analytical basis for evaluating the benefits of transportation investments that impact the movement of goods in the Valley. The first phase of the study described the goods movement system and freight flows for the region and generated a list of key goods movement issues and problems. Phase II of the study developed the San Joaquin Valley Truck model tool. In Phase III, the SJV truck model will test modified scenarios from Phase II and other goods movement scenarios in future years, such as: truck bypass in Fresno County, Shafter Intermodal Facility and “all truck” lanes on South and West Beltway facilities around Bakersfield in Kern County, truck movements along the Route 132 Corridor in Stanislaus County, truck diversion potential (in several communities) in Merced County, CIRIS truck related studies in San Joaquin County, and studies in other SJV counties. The completed model product will be used by each of the county Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and HQ Modeling and Travel Analysis Branch. The San Joaquin Valley region is one of the four major international trade regions in California, designated in the 2002 Global Gateways Development Program.

Accomplishments:

- Updated demographic data for the truck model
- Merged all the county networks with the Statewide model network, and created a new network for the truck model
- Validated ITMS data at an aggregate level, and applied the tool to create county-county trip tables
- Developed future year ITMS data
- Final truck model to be completed in November with training for valley COGs to occur in January 2007.
- Draft San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Action Plan to be circulated July 2007. [BOREN/BITNER]

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

WE 910 – COG Administration

Objective: To effectively administer the planning program and fiscal operations of the COG.

Accomplishments:

- Staff monitored funding levels, expenses and budgets. Development of the 2007/08 Overall Work Program began in January.
- Supervised planning staff activities and progress on work assignments.
- Coordinated preparation of agendas, related materials and committee schedules.
- Conducted ongoing management team meetings to coordinate staff assignments and outcomes.
- Conducted staff evaluations as needed. [BESHEARS/BOREN]

WE 911 – Overall Work Program and Budget Development

Objective: To develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget consistent with federal and state funding priorities and local agency needs.

Accomplishments:

- Development of the Measure “C” Strategic Implementation Plan is underway, with a number of Subcommittees performing work and establishing policies and guidelines for the various “C” programs. Subcommittees that have met to date include:
 - Local Transportation Subcommittee
 - Public Transit Subcommittee
 - Regional Program Subcommittee
 - Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Subcommittee
 - New Technology Reserve Subcommittee
- [BESHEARS/BOREN]

WE 912 - Local Transportation Funds Administration

Objective: To administer the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund in accordance with the California Transportation Development Act.

Accomplishments:

- Staff recorded sales tax deposits from the State Board of Equalization and STA allocations from the State Controllers Office. Member Agency Claims were processed. Allocation Instructions were prepared and sent to the Auditor Controllers Office. Changes in state regulations were monitored through the TDA Ad Hoc committee chaired by the Division of Mass Transportation. [BESHEARS]

WE 920 – Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration

Objective: To provide under contract, administrative and fiscal management services for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

Accomplishments:

- During the First Quarter, Staff processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff responded to Caltrans comments on pending Grant requests.
- During the First Quarter, Staff closed out the 2006-07 books for auditing purposes.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- The General Manager began analysis for the Transit Operators Report, and Annual Productivity Evaluation Report. The results will be reviewed during the Second Quarter.
- Staff prepared a bilingual Survey Questionnaire mailer to determine possible unmet transit needs that could be reasonably be met for residents living in the four South Sierra unincorporated communities of: Dunlap, Miramonte, Pinehurst, and Squaw Valley. 2,250 postage paid flyers were mailed were sent to all postal addresses in early August. Responses were to be returned by the end of September. Staff began inputting the data for analysis purposes. The results and recommendations will be presented during the Second Quarter for review, comment and possible action.[WEBSTER]

WE 930 – Fresno County Transportation Authority Administration

Objective: To provide personnel support services to the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Staff provided payroll and benefit administration for the Fresno County Transportation Authority. [BESHEARS]

WE 940 - Freeway Service Patrol

Objective: To continue the Freeway Service Patrol, in coordination with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, in an effort to remove minor incidents rapidly, thereby reducing congestion, secondary accidents, and vehicle emissions.

Accomplishments:

- Administered the FSP tow contracts. This primarily included reviewing and paying invoices for towing services and radio use, both on a monthly basis, and paying for radio repairs and miscellaneous supplies (i.e. brochures) on an as-needed basis.
- Ongoing coordination and communication with the Freeway Service Patrol Statewide Oversight Committee and with Caltrans Traffic Operations, including annual program benefit/cost evaluations. [THOMPSON]

WE 950 – Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

Objective: To administer the activities and duties of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Ongoing communication with AVA Service Authority members, particularly regarding eligible expenses for reimbursement and reporting requirements.
- Calculated payment amounts to eligible local jurisdictions for AVA expenses.
- Coordinated with local agencies and with other AVA Service Authorities in the State regarding possible changes to State statutes governing abandoned vehicle abatements.
- Provided Status Reports to the Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board at the July cycle of meetings.
- Provided report and recommendation to the Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board at the September cycle of meetings regarding County request to utilize AVA funding to purchase computers solely for use by the Fresno County Sheriff to implement the County's AVA program.
- Attended and participated in annual statewide AVA Meeting in Sacramento on August 14, 2007. Primary focus of the meeting was to discuss the implications of AB 468 for the Statewide AVA Program. AB 468 was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger in October, 2007.
- Prepared and sent letter to Governor Schwarzenegger in support of AB 468 (Ruskin), legislation that clarifies vehicle abatements for reimbursement and other matters vital to a viable AVA program in Fresno County [THOMPSON]

WE 960 - Fresno Yosemite Village Revitalization Implementation Plan

Objective: Through a Caltrans Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning for Communities Grant, the Council of Fresno County Governments and the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno will undertake the

following activities. This project will establish and promote guidelines that will make the Fresno Yosemite Village Revitalization Implementation Plan an area that is inviting to people who are walking or taking transit; fostering connectivity between a compatible mix of land uses and the creation of a traditional neighborhood community. The street types and intersection designs envisioned by the West Fresno Community Vision Plan are the basis of the traditional neighborhood design for this area. Pedestrian-friendly street designs can provide equity between pedestrian comfort and automobile traffic. This project seeks to accomplish the following:

- Develop conceptual pedestrian-oriented street design guidelines for the project area and identify pedestrian circulation paths, street trees and linkages to community services in accordance with the West Fresno Community Vision plan and the adopted Fresno General Plan "Landscape of Choice" and the Ahwahnee Principles to improve mobility, access to services and equity in providing for an improved quality of life for the project area.
- Promote cooperation between the public agencies and resident community members in improving their access to critical community services
- Promote the development of Healthy Communities and Sustainable Sites in accordance with the West Fresno Community Vision plan, the adopted Fresno General Plan "Landscape of Choice" and the Ahwahnee Principles, and developing access to critical services
- Promote the development of Healthy Communities and Sustainable Sites. Develop energy efficiency strategies for the community's transportation infrastructure and quantify the resulting energy savings and air quality benefits
- Promote adoption of these guidelines within the community and among Fresno regulatory agencies (City of Fresno and Fresno Redevelopment Agency)

Accomplishments:

- Staff is working with Caltrans and the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno staff to facilitate contract agreement on this Environmental Justice Grant. Work on the project cannot commence until this is accomplished.
- Staff continues to work with Caltrans to pursue Fund Transfer Agreement. This project has been "in the pipeline" for 9 months and we have yet to receive the papers necessary from Caltrans to move this forward.
- Received Fund Transfer Agreement from Caltrans and entered into contract with Housing Authority of the City of Fresno (sub-recipient) so that they can proceed with their project.
- Consulted with sub-recipient regarding their progress and their billing procedures with COG.
- Continue to work with sub-recipient to facilitate progress on their work program.
- Worked with sub-recipient to extend contract to February 28, 2008.
- Encouraged grant sub-recipient to move project forward in order to complete by new deadline.
- **No progress to report for first quarter of FY 2007-08 [STECK]**

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

	Percent	Budget	Year to	Local	FHWA	FTA MPO	FTA	Partner	BTH	Cal	FTA	FSM01	FSM01	FSR
		Authorized	Date	Resources	PL	5103	X077	Planning	6B910024	Blueprint	5307	6086(1)	6086(022)	6086(021)
2007/08 OWP Allocated Funds:														
110 Regional Streets & Roads	19%	287,587	55,182	6,329	48,853									
111 Regional Transp. Modeling	37%	306,253	112,743	12,932	99,811									
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	19%	329,730	62,859	7,210	55,649									
113 Reg. Transp. Studies	0%	500,000	0											
114 Traffic Deficiencies	4%	300,000	12,695	2,539				10,156						
115 Reg. Transp. Mitigation Fee	0%	500,000	0											
120 Public Trans. - Urban	13%	853,923	108,404	44,043		10,900	14,637							
121 JAARC	3%	484,614	14,637											
122 New Freedom	0%	332,938	0											
130 Public Trans. - Rural	13%	28,500	3,750	430		3,320								
150 Other Modal Elements	30%	42,100	12,606	12,606										
151 Bicycle & Pedestrian	20%	50,000	9,919	1,138	8,781									
170 Regional Transp. Plan	20%	265,080	52,275	5,996	39,106	7,173								
172 Congestion Management Plan	11%	5,000	532	61	112	359								
180 Air Quality	21%	195,376	41,551	4,766	33,621	3,164								
210 Measure "C"	17%	235,000	50,237	50,237										
220 Transportation Prog. Dev.	18%	187,500	33,482	1,852	14,372									
310 Intergov. Coordination	5%	234,500	11,179	11,179										
311 Public Info. and Partic.	17%	132,356	22,692	2,602	13,348	6,742								
312 COG View Internet	13%	15,500	1,990	228	1,762	1,065								
313 Environmental Justice	48%	5,000	2,405	275	1,065									
320 Technical Assist. Members	13%	9,000	1,212	1,212										
330 Outside Technical Serv.	2%	55,000	1,344	1,344										
340 Rideshare Program	27%	63,250	17,145	17,145										
350 Regional Data Center	19%	71,400	13,504	1,549	5,585	6,370				44,988				
410 California Blue Print	27%	389,786	103,833	58,845										
411 Farmland Trust	2%	260,866	3,171	3,171										
420 Regional Housing Needs	91%	7,000	6,364	6,364										
810 Valley RTPA Coordination	19%	186,000	35,018	32,580										
811 Valley Goods Movement Phs III	11%	360,000	40,433	8,087										
910 COPUG Admin.	22%	229,932	50,141	50,141										
911 OWP & Budget	48%	20,000	9,623	5,624	862	3,137								
912 Transportation Funds Adm.	16%	127,000	20,065	20,065										
920 FCRTA Admin.	24%	245,960	58,382	58,382										
930 Trans. Auth. Admin.	16%	2,500	399	399										
940 Freeway Service Patrol	20%	297,000	58,207	12,135										
950 Abandon Vehicle Abatement	34%	9,500	3,192	3,192										
960 Yosemite Village Revitalize	0%	250,000	321	321										
961 Non Pt. Source Water Quality	0%	110,760	0											
Total Allocated Funds	13%	7,985,045	1,031,512	445,009	321,165	46,430	14,637	10,156	0	44,988	53,461	17,248	46,072	32,346

**Do you care
about the future of Fresno
farms and farmland?**



The Council of Fresno County Governments (COG) invites you to share your thoughts about the future of Fresno County agriculture.

Fresno County is experiencing unprecedented growth. In the next generation, population is expected to more than double to 1.93 million people! Because most of the County's cities are surrounded by farmland, this will place tremendous pressure on agricultural resources.

To address this growth and plan for the future of the County's farms and farmland, the COG is designing a Model Farmland Conservation Program (MFCP). The purpose of the MFCP is to design and implement a coordinated set of local policies that will effectively conserve the land and water resources necessary for Fresno County agriculture to remain economically viable.

Public input is the foundation of this process. To be effective, the MFCP must address your needs. We are looking for you and other concerned citizens to be an integral part of this process.

**We want to hear
your views!**

**Take the opportunity
to make a difference.**

**Join the
discussion.**

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

**University of California
Kearney Research and
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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02

In the Matter of:)
)
SUBMITTAL OF PLANNING)
GRANT APPLICATIONS TO)
CALTRANS)
_____)

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE FRESNO COG
SUBMITTAL OF (5)
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
GRANT APPLICATIONS TO
CALTRANS

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the designated Council of Governments (COG) for the Fresno County Region; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG is authorized to apply directly to Caltrans for funding from the Transportation Planning Grant Programs.

WHEREAS, Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director of the Fresno COG, is authorized to enter into a contract with Caltrans for the Transportation Planning Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Fresno COG supports submittal of the following (5) transportation planning grant applications to Caltrans for funding:

1. Grant Program: Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning
Project Title: Place Matters: Incorporated vs. Unincorporated Communities and Disparities in Motor Vehicle Fatalities
2. Grant Program: Community-Based Transportation Planning
Project Title: Fresno West Area Community Planning Grant
3. Grant Program: Partnership Planning
Project Title: Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties Multi-Modal System Partnership
4. Grant Program: Statewide Transit Planning Studies
Project Title: Transit Corridor/Trails Preservation Study
5. Grant Program: Transit Professional Development
Project Title: Central Valley Transit Professional Development

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 24th day of January, 2008.

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 Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of January, 2008.

Signed: _____
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

**Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Proposals
Applications Due January 11, 2008**

Grant	Community-Based Transportation Planning
Title	Fresno West Area Community Planning Grant
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 20%	City of Fresno: \$75,000 Cash Match
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: City of Fresno
Purpose:	<u>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.

Grant	Partnership Planning
Title:	Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties Multi-Modal System Partnership
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 20%	City of Fresno: \$75,000 Cash Match
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
Title	Transit Corridor/Trails Preservation Study
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$300,000
Local Match 11.47%	City of Fresno: \$38,868 Cash Match
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
Title	Central Valley Transit Professional Development
Partner/Contact	City of Fresno
Grant Request	\$50,000
Local Match 11.47%	City of Fresno: \$9,000 Cash Match
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
Title	Place Matters: Incorporated vs. Unincorporated Communities and Disparities in Motor Vehicle Fatalities
Partner/Contact	Central Valley Health Policy Institute, a Fresno State University Foundation
Grant Request	\$230,400
Local Match 10%	Fresno COG: \$12,800 Local Transportation Fund Cash Match FSU: \$12,800 In-kind Match
Proposed applicants:	Applicant: Fresno COG Co-Applicant: Central Valley Health Policy Institute
Purpose:	The purpose of the grant is to investigate Motor Vehicle Accidents in the city of Kerman and the community of Biola from the perspective of the residents and community stakeholders. Fresno COG, Fresno County, and the California Highway Patrol will partner with the Central Valley Health Policy Institute of Fresno State University on this project.

Place Matters Initiative

"Place Matters is a national initiative of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Health Policy Institute (HPI) designed to improve the health of participating communities by addressing social conditions that lead to poor health."

*Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies,
Health Policy Institute*

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies received a \$7 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to establish a Health Policy Institute in 2002. The Joint Center Health Policy Institute is based in Washington, D.C. where it can inform members of Congress and national organizations on issues of health disparity.

The mission of the Joint Center Health Policy Institute (HPI) is to ignite a "Fair Health" movement that gives people of color the inalienable right to equal opportunity for healthy lives.

The Place Matters Design Lab meeting is a national initiative designed to meet every three months to bring together 15 to 20 counties from all over the country to provide an opportunity for peer networking, collaborative learning and strategy within and among teams from different parts of the country.

Central Valley Health Policy Institute along with 6 counties Department of Public Health (Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, and Tulare) have joined this national initiative to serve as catalysts for strategic action to improve the health of the community.

HPI also reaches out to a broad spectrum of audiences by leveraging their long-standing relationships with a national constituency of elected and appointed public officials, community leaders and policy makers. CVHPI will serve as catalysts for strategic action to improve the health of the valley communities.

The Central Valley Health Policy Institute, California State University, Fresno (CVHPI-CSUF), and the six counties health department directors and/or their designees joined the Place Matters initiative to identify and develop a regional database for the San Joaquin Valley to assess the social determinants of Motor Vehicle Crashes (MVCs) for minority populations in rural areas throughout the project's six counties and to use this data to inform program, practice, and policy development. Other external support from institutions, such as the California Highway Patrol and Emergency Medical Services, has also been particularly valuable for the achievement of the project goals.

PLACE MATTERS: INCORPORATED VS. UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AND DISPARITIES IN MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES

Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. EPA has this goal for all communities and persons across this Nation. It will be achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.

It is with this goal in mind that we approach this proposed project.

Proposed Study Goals

The purpose of this project is to explore Motor Vehicle Accidents in two Fresno County rural communities from the perspective of the residents and community stakeholders.

Objectives

1. To engage low-income Latino and other residents of rural Fresno county communities in understanding the underlying causes of motor vehicle accidents and associated health impacts.
2. To increase public awareness among low-income Latino and other residents of rural communities of CALTRANS/Fresno County transportation service and infrastructure improvement planning process.
3. To engage a small group of deeply committed rural low-income Latino community members, professional planners, and local leaders in developing specific proposals for feasible CALTRANS/Fresno County and other interventions to increase transportation safety for rural residents.

In order to meet these objectives, we are proposing:

- 3) **Community Partners-** We will work with the community based organizations' partners on both communities throughout the process of the project implementation to engage community leaders, members, and stakeholders in the following activities:
 - Identify community members to be included in the focus group
 - Advise on appropriate and culturally acceptable approaches to community engagement.

- Convene on regular basis to address any challenges and advise on solutions
- Engaged in identifying feasible solutions to barriers to safe roads in their community.

4) ***A detailed qualitative investigation*** of the deeper, more primary causes of rural/urban MVA disparities in Fresno County. This investigation is to be guided by the quantitative analysis of the FARS data, as well by a review of relevant literature and input from community agencies such as county and city public works departments. It is our belief that the process of a qualitative research will provide valuable opportunities for raising awareness about the issue of MVA disparities in the Fresno, as well as for encouraging community members to become more involved in the issue. It is anticipated that this method will become a model for similar rural areas in the San Joaquin valley. Specific research activities will include:

- Conducting focus groups, with community members in an unincorporated rural community and in an incorporated rural/urban community in Fresno County (those most significantly impacted by MVAs)
- Conducting community meetings with local stakeholders in an effort to address MVAs

5) ***DISSEMINATION*** focused on engaging and informing community members and policy makers about the causes and disparities of motor vehicle accidents in underserved communities in Fresno County and involving underrepresented groups in working to reduce the number of regional accidents. Dissemination activities will include press releases, community meetings, and publications, among others. Partnerships with relevant stakeholders in the areas of health, social/ethnic justice, and transportation will be created and utilized throughout the project.

Proposed Communities

Unincorporated communities and rural incorporated areas with the highest frequencies of drivers. Drivers from the incorporated city of Kerman (and surrounding area, zip code 93630) and the unincorporated community of Biola were selected as target communities.



The 19th Annual California Transportation Foundation TRANNY Awards

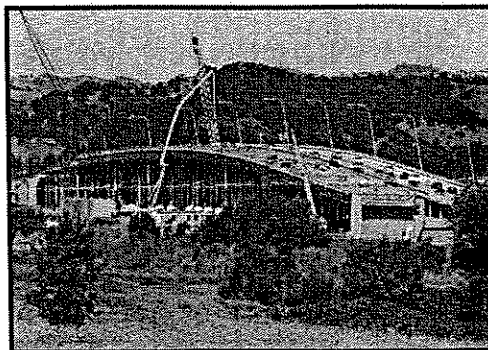
Make sure the outstanding projects, programs and people of 2007 receive the recognition they deserve. Submit your TRANNY Award nomination by March 3. You may complete and submit your nominations online at www.transportationfoundation.org or use the attached registration form. Send backup material including photos on CD to:

**CTF
581 La Sierra Drive
Sacramento, CA 95864**

You have people in your organization or know of others who have done an outstanding job in 2007 - project managers, critical problem solvers, innovators and elected officials - who deserve TRANNY Awards. Take the few minutes necessary nominate them.

Any kind projects open to the public for the first time in 2007 and programs operational for the first time in 2007 are eligible.

Then, mark you calendar for the 19th Annual TRANNY Awards luncheon June 4th in the Sacramento Convention Center. Join us as we announce Person of the Year, Project of the Year, Program of the Year, Organization of the Year and many more awards.



**Last Year's TRANNY
Award Winner**

Project of the Year

**Maxwell Bridge
Replacement**

**City of Napa; URS;
Caltrans District 4;
C.C. Myers, Inc.**



TRANNNY Awards

Recognizing Transportation Excellence in 2007

To enter a person, project or program in the 2008 TRANNNY Awards competition, submit this form and supporting documents via email (swest@westdirections.com) with photos sent via compact disk to CTF at 581 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 no later than March 3, 2008. The Awards Luncheon is June 4. No entry fee is required. CTF will confirm receipt of this form via email. Alternatively, you may submit an application for another recognized transportation awards program. To submit entries in more than one category please complete and submit forms for each entry.

Please tell us how to reach you, the nominator of this entry.

Contact Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Name of Nominated Person, Project or Program: _____

Which type of nomination are you submitting? Check one.

Person of the Year

For statewide transportation accomplishment in 2007.

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Email _____

Elected Official (Congress, Legislature or Local Government) of the Year

In office, and for achievement, in 2007.

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Email _____

Continue next page for more options.

Citizen of the Year

For local and/or regional achievement in 2007. Category is open to all, including Caltrans, CTC private sector, agencies, community activists, etc.

Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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To continue Person award nomination skip to page 4. For Project or Program awards please tell us which type you are submitting.

Project

Must have been open to the public in 2007

Examples include Bikeway/Pedestrian,
Highway, Transit Capitol, etc.

What organization(s), company(s) or person(s)
should win (accept the award) for this project?
Limit is 3.

Program

Must have been operational in 2007

Community Awareness, Highway
Management, etc.

What organization(s), company(s) or
Person(s) should win (accept the award)
for this program? Limit is 3.

Please provide contact information for the above people, organizations and/or companies.

1. _____
Contact Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

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Person, Projects and Program Awards continue next page.

Project or Program Awards continued.

2.	_____	_____
	Contact Name	Organization
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	Contact Name	Organization
	_____	_____
	Address	Zip Code
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	E-Mail	Phone

Supporting Material. Submit digital photographs of Projects, and to the extent possible, Programs via compact disk in the mail. Include a copy of the TRANNY Nomination form. We also encourage digital images of pamphlets, newsletters or other supporting documents. These will not be returned.

Optional Contributing Awards for Projects and/or Programs.

Sometimes people from other organizations contribute significantly to an outstanding Project or Program and deserve recognition. You may, but are not required, to include two companies, organizations and/or people to receive contributing awards to accompany your nomination should it win.

1.	_____	_____
	Organization	Contact Name
	_____	_____
	Address	Zip Code
	_____	_____
	E-Mail	Phone
2.	_____	_____
	Organization	Contact Name
	_____	_____
	Address	Zip Code
	_____	_____
	E-Mail	Phone

All types of nominations proceed to next page.

Page 4. All types of nominations must complete.

Nomination Description

Tell us in the space provided why the Person, Project or Program deserves to win. Tell us what extraordinary achievement the Person accomplished in 2007, or why the Program or Project is exceptional.

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Propositions on the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election Ballot

Summaries of the propositions are below: however, full text and analysis of each initiative are located at the official voter information guide website: <http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>

Proposition 91: Transportation Funding.*

Prohibits retention of funds earmarked for the Transportation Investment Fund (Proposition 42) in the General Fund for use unrelated to transportation after 7/1/08. Requires repayment by 6/30/17 of transportation funds retained in the General Fund in years prior to 2007-08. Eliminates General Fund borrowing of specified transportation funds, except for cash-flow purposes (repayment required within 30 days of adoption of budget); current law allows borrowing for three years where Governor declares transfer would cause significant negative fiscal impact on governmental functions and Legislature enacts authorizing statute.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: No revenue or cost effects. Increases stability of funding to transportation in 2007-08 and thereafter; reduces somewhat the state's flexibility to use specified transportation funds for other (nontransportation) activities.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

A YES vote on this measure means: The state would no longer be able to suspend the transfer of gasoline sales tax revenue from the General Fund to transportation. In addition, the state would be able to loan specified transportation funds, potentially including certain local transportation funds, to the General Fund for essentially short-term cash flow purposes only. The state, however, may be able to loan to the General Fund, without express time limitation for repayment, certain state funds for public transit.

A NO vote on this measure means: The state would still be able to suspend, under certain conditions, the transfer of gasoline sales tax revenue from the General Fund to transportation. Additionally, the state would continue to be able, under certain conditions, to loan specified transportation funds to the General Fund for up to three fiscal years.

***IMPORTANT NOTE**

The proponents of the bill, the California Alliance for Jobs, are now encouraging voters to vote NO ON PROPOSITION 91. The Alliance reports that Proposition 1A, overwhelmingly approved by voters in November 2006, already accomplishes what Proposition 91 sets out to do. Passage of Proposition 1A means that state politicians in Sacramento can no longer take gas tax dollars and use those funds for non-transportation purposes.

The Alliance had the Proposition 91 initiative waiting prior to the November 2006 election, should Proposition 1A have failed. They submitted what they thought was just under the required number of signatures. However, they sent more than the required number, so the proposition has to appear on the ballot.

Proposition 92: Community Colleges. Funding. Governance. Fees.

The main provisions of this constitutional amendment initiative are:

1. Education Funding Level
 - Changes current minimum education funding requirement into two separate requirements: one for K-12 schools and one for community colleges.
2. Education Fees
 - Lowers community college education fees from \$20 per unit to \$15 per unit.
 - Significantly limits the state's authority to increase fee levels in future years.
3. Governance
 - Formally establishes the community colleges in the State Constitution.
 - Increases the size of community colleges' state governing board and the board's administrative authority.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and Local governments:

1. Potential increases in state spending on K-14 education of about \$135 million in 2007-08, \$275 million in 2008-09, and \$470 million in 2009-2010, with unknown impact annually thereafter.
2. Annual loss of fee revenues to community colleges of about \$71 million in 2007-08, with unknown impacts annually thereafter.

Proposition 93: Limits on Legislators' Terms in Office.

Under this measure, an individual could serve a total of 12 years in the Legislature (compared to 14 years currently). Unlike the current system, these years could be served without regard to whether they were in the Assembly or Senate. In other words, an individual could serve six two-year terms in the Assembly, three four-year terms in the Senate, or some combination of terms in both houses. (As under current law, an individual could serve additional time by finishing out less than one-half of another person's term.) Existing Members of the Legislature could serve up to a total of 12 years in their current legislative house (regardless of how many years were already served in the other house). This could result in some current Members serving longer than 14 years in the Legislature.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: This measure would have no direct fiscal effect on state or local governments.

Proponents say it will reduce lobbyists' influence by allowing legislators to gain expertise in one venue. Opponents say it's a method for politicians to keep their seats longer. Currently, state politicians have up to six years in the Assembly and eight in the Senate. Those rules have been in place since 1990

Proposition 94: Gaming Compact Between the State and the Pechanga Tribe

The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians owns a casino in Riverside County with about 2,000 slot machines. The measure ratifies an amendment to the existing gaming compact that would allow the tribe to operate up to 7,500 slot machines. The tribe would make increased payments to the state annually through 2030.

Proposition 95: Gaming Compact Between the State and the Morongo Tribe

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians owns a casino in Riverside County with about 2,000 slot machines. The measure ratifies an amendment to the existing gaming compact that would allow the tribe to operate up to 7,500 slot machines. The tribe would make increased payments to the state annually through 2030.

Proposition 96: Gaming Compact Between the State and the Sycuan Tribe

The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation owns a casino in San Diego County with about 2,000 slot machines. The measure ratifies an amendment to the existing gaming compact that would allow the tribe to operate up to 5,000 slot machines. The tribe would make increased payments to the state annually through 2030.

Proposition 97: Gaming Compact Between the State and the Agua Caliente Tribe

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians owns two casinos in Riverside County with about 2,000 slot machines. The measure ratifies an amendment to the existing gaming compact that would allow the tribe to operate up to 5,000 slot machines. The tribe would make increased payments to the state annually through 2030.

**Propositions on the
June 3, 2008 Statewide Direct Primary Election Ballot**

None At This Time

Propositions on the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot

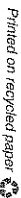
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Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century.*

The act would provide for the issuance of \$9.95 billion of general obligation bonds, \$9 billion of which would be available in conjunction with any available federal funds for planning and construction of a high-speed train system pursuant to the business plan of the High-Speed Rail Authority, and \$950 million of which would be available for capital projects on other passenger rail lines to provide connectivity to the high-speed train system and for capacity enhancements and safety improvements to those lines.

*Note: The Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century was originally scheduled to appear on the November 2, 2004, General Election ballot. Subsequently, Senate Bill 1169, Chapter 71, Statutes of 2004, provided that it appear on the November 7, 2006, General Election ballot. However, most recently, Assembly Bill 713, Chapter 44, Statutes of 2006, provides for the submission of this Act on the November 4, 2008, General Election ballot instead.

From Idea into Law



**The Legislative Platform
of the
San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies**

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November 2007

Introduction

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies consist of the Council of Fresno County Governments, the Kern Council of Governments, the Kings County Association of Governments, the Madera County Transportation Commission, the Merced County Association of Governments, the San Joaquin Council of Governments, the Stanislaus Council of Governments, and the Tulare County Association of Governments. In 2006, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies expanded their Memorandum of Understanding to form a Regional Policy Council, comprised of two elected officials from each of the eight Valley counties, to discuss and build consensus on issues of Valley importance.

The Regional Policy Council, in coordination with the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies, has established a San Joaquin Valley Legislative Platform that reflects the current priorities of the Regional Policy Council in state and federal legislative matters. The Legislative Platform provides guidance to the eight Valley Regional Planning Agencies and to our lobbying partners when taking action on specific legislative proposals. The goal of the Legislative Platform is to represent a unified voice when communicating legislative issues of regional importance to our state and federal legislative members as well as to relevant state and federal agencies.

Transportation Funding

- Support efforts to provide additional funding for all modes of transportation, including road improvements, road maintenance, air and rail travel, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian paths.
- Support an income tax credit to employers for subsidizing employee transit passes or vanpools.
- Support efforts to seek funding for retrofitting or re-powering heavy duty trucks and buses for cleaner engines to attain air quality standards.
- Protect funds granted to improve Highway 99 and support additional funding for this major corridor.
- Oppose unfunded mandates for transportation agencies and local governments in providing transportation improvements and services. (Example: GHG emissions measurement)
- Oppose cost shifts or changes in responsibility for projects funded by the state to the local transportation entities.
- Support eliminating the statute that allows spillover funds to be directed to the General Fund; allow Prop. 42 to receive all gas sales tax revenues.
- Support the following specific points to be included in the funding guidelines for the Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program:
 - * Toll road and bridge toll fees may not qualify as matching funds.
 - * Funds may not be used for road rehabilitation or maintenance.

- * Size of projects to receive State-Local Partnership funding should have a total cost of no less than \$15 million.
- * Decisions on funding should be delayed until 2009-10.
- * Ensure that there is adequate state funding for the regional housing needs process and support efforts to reform the process to coordinate it with regional blueprints and regional planning to ensure that there is consistency with growth forecasting for housing needs.
- * Ensure that federal transportation planning funds are available to regional agencies throughout the year and are not made unavailable due to the state budget.
- * Encourage staff from the eight Valley regional transportation planning agencies to participate in developing guidelines and/or criteria necessary to implement the voter approved infrastructure bond programs.

State Transportation Improvement Program

- * Support reimbursement of project costs advanced with local funds for projects approved by the CTC in the STIP.
- * Allow regions to pool federal, state, and local funds in order to limit lengthy amendment processes and streamline project delivery time.
- * Support the current STIP distribution formula established by SB 45.

Other Transportation Programs

- * Support public-private partnerships as an innovative funding method for improved transportation choices, particularly in the area of corridor capacity.
- * Support legislation authorizing the use of design-build for transportation infrastructure and traffic management technologies.
- * Support efforts to improve Caltrans' effectiveness by increasing the autonomy of districts vesting decision-making authority for projects and design exceptions with project managers at the district level.
- * Support efforts to provide alternative modes of travel that provide a reasonably equitable choice to the car.

Goods Movement

- * Support funding for increased rail movement carrying SJV agricultural goods to reduce number of truck trips on SJV corridors.
- * Encourage legislation that pursues new sources of funding for goods movement infrastructure.
- * Seek mitigation for the impacts of goods movement on local communities, when infrastructure is unable to handle the increasing demands placed on it by the growth in goods movement through the Valley.
- * Support goods movement legislation that includes the entire San Joaquin Valley region as a recipient of any new port container fees collected at the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Oakland in order to mitigate the burden imposed by the overland movement of cargo through the San Joaquin Valley as related to the Ports.
- * Maximize the San Joaquin Valley's regional share of funding from the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund to be used for the Valley's regional goods movement needs and priorities.
- * Encourage and support language that defines the entire San Joaquin Valley (all eight counties) as a goods movement corridor, and identifies all eight SJV transportation planning agencies as stakeholders.
- * Support development of intermodal facilities in the SJV.
- * Seek funding for grade separations that promote safety and faster rail and truck movement.

- Seek funding for development of east-west goods movement connectors.
- Support funding programs dedicated to goods movement.

High Speed Rail

- Support alignment that serves the entire San Joaquin Valley (Bakersfield to Sacramento).
- Support the continuation of Amtrak as a complimentary service.
- Support the Altamont corridor as the preferred route.
- Support the High Speed Rail ballot measure to be placed on the 2008 ballot.
- Encourage the federal government to contribute to the project.
- Encourage the federal government to establish a Federal High Speed Rail Authority.
- Support the integration of high speed rail with the Blueprint regional planning process.

Federal Appropriations Reauthorization

- Actively participate with Caltrans and other interests on the development of state and national consensus principles and priorities for the next Federal Surface Transportation Program due to be enacted in 2009, including the preservation of FTIPs and long range transportation planning.

Environmental Concerns

- Support efforts to integrate state and federal environmental impact studies.
- Support streamlining and simplification of project review processes, without compromising environmental standards, to avoid project cost increases that occur due to the length of the process.

Air Quality

- Partner with the San Joaquin Valley Air District and support their efforts where appropriate.
- Maximize the San Joaquin Valley's regional share of funding from the Proposition 1B Air Quality Mitigation Fund to be used for air quality improvements related to goods movement in the Valley.

Water Quality

- Support legislation and bond proposals that adequately address the water supply, water storage, and water quality needs of the San Joaquin Valley, with special recognition of the importance of agriculture to the Valley's economy.

General

- Support legislation that protects the initiative process as the only means to become a transportation self-help county.
- Seek an equitable share of state and federal funding for the San Joaquin Valley, which traditionally receives 33% less per capita than other California counties.
- Support legislation that lowers the threshold on transportation initiatives to 55%.



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December 4, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: FCRTA Board of Directors;
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COFCG / FCRTA Policy Advisory Committee;
COFCG Transportation Technical Committee;
COFCG Social Service Transportation Advisory Council;
and
The General Public

FROM:  Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

SUBJECT: City of Selma Resolution by City Council of Intent to Withdraw from the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's Joint Powers Agreement effective June 30, 2008.

REVIEW AND COMMENT

On Tuesday, December 4th, I was notified in person by Mikal Kirchner, City of Selma Director of Recreation & Community Services / Selma Transit Supervisor of their City Council's action the previous night at their regular City Council Meeting. He informed me that the Council had approved a Resolution declaring their intent to withdraw from the FCRTA as per the existing Joint Powers Agreement stipulations. They were expressly giving the organization six (6) months notice of their intent. He wanted me to know before I read about it in the Wednesday edition of the Selma Enterprise.

He explained that the City staff had approached MV Transportation (who was currently operating Dinuba Transit), they apparently believe they can save \$50,000 by contracting directly with them. The City Council has authorized the City Manager, D-B Heusser, to negotiate directly with MV Transportation to formulate an agreement for City Council approval. If Contract negotiations with MV Transportation were to fail, the Council could rescind its intent.

On Wednesday, December 5th I went to Selma City Hall to request a copy of the Staff Report. I met very briefly with D-B Heusser. He gave me a copy of the attached Staff Report with Resolution and said that the City Clerk would be sending me an executed copy. The Resolution further directs the City Clerk to mail a copy of the matter to each Member Agency's City Manager or City Administrator, and Administrator of

Fresno County. He simply stated that they may have an opportunity to save some money and that they intend to determine if that is the case. He clearly, indicated if that is not the case that the Council could still rescind their action in February, March or April. He just wanted to give us fair warning as per the current JPA requirements.

I made it clear that I would remain available to assist him, his staff, and Council in their deliberations and negotiations to ensure a smooth transition.

Attached is the copy of the Selma Enterprise article, recounting the City Council action.

Attachments



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December 13, 2007

Mr. Jeffrey D. Webster
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Re: Withdrawal from the FCRTA

Dear Jeff:

The City of Selma, in discussions with staff and the City Council, is looking to expand transportation in the City of Selma.

We appreciate our relationship with the FCRTA but on December 3, 2007 the City Council voted unanimously to remove ourselves from the Agency effective July 1, 2008. A certified copy of the approved Resolution is attached. This letter will serve as official notification. We do wish to continue to work with the FCRTA's Southeast Transit program.

Our Community Services Director, Mikal Kirchner, is available to work with you during the transition period. He may be contacted by telephone at 891-2285 or by email at mikalk@cityofselma.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

D-B Heusser
City Manager

cc: Barbara Goodwin
Mikal Kirchner

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: December 3, 2007

ITEM: 3.
SUBJECT: Consider approving resolution with the intent to withdraw from the transit agreement with Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

DISCUSSION:

Our City Attorney has forwarded a resolution for City Council's consideration of our intent to withdraw from our current agreement with Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

Presently the City of Selma has an agreement with FCRTA for transit service. As part of this agreement, the City of Selma must notify Fresno County of its intention through a resolution to withdraw from the agreement within six months of the end of the fiscal year. With June 30, 2008 being the last day of the fiscal year, the City of Selma prior to January 1, 2008, must forward a resolution of intent to withdraw immediately following the December 3, 2007 City Council meeting.

Staff is also requesting approval for the City Manager to enter into negotiations with MV Transportation. During the next few months staff is requesting approval to formulate an agreement with MV Transportation. City Council must approve the contract agreement with MV Transportation prior to transferring our service on July 1, 2008. If for some reason no agreement can be reached with MV Transportation or City Council does not approve this agreement, based on the resolution, the City of Selma can withdraw our resolution of intent and remain with FCRTA.

To recap:

- Consideration of a resolution be approved informing Fresno County of intent to withdraw from present agreement effective July 1, 2008.
- Permitting City Manager to negotiate directly with MV Transportation and formulating an agreement for City Council approval.
- The resolution of intent to withdraw does allow the City of Selma should negotiations fail, to enter back into an agreement with FCRTA.
- Resolution of intent to withdraw must be submitted to Fresno County prior to January 1, 2008.

COST: No Cost.

BUDGET IMPACT: No impact on Fiscal Year Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Consider approving resolution with the intent to withdraw from the transit agreement with Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).



Mitch Krichman
Department Head

11/20/07
Date

Finance Director

Date

L. B. Messer
City Manager

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Date



RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 73R

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA
OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR A PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY
IN NON-URBANIZED PORTIONS OF FRESNO COUNTY
DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1979**

WHEREAS, the City of Selma is a party to that certain Joint Powers Agreement for a Public Transit Agency in Non-Urbanized Portions of Fresno County dated September 27, 1979, as modified by the First Amendment to Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Joint Powers Agreement executed by the City of Selma on January 23, 1989, establishing Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRT) and providing, generally, for the operation and maintenance of a public transit system within the boundaries of the City, and other cities within the Agency's service area; and

WHEREAS, Section 19 of the aforementioned Joint Powers Agreement for a Public Transit Agency in Non-urbanized Portions of Fresno County provides that the Agreement may be terminated as of the first day of July of any year following six (6) months notice to the other parties to the said agreement by resolution of intent to terminate the Agreement adopted by the Governing Board of the City of Selma; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to explore whether provision of transit services by a private entity under contract with the City of Selma may provide better, more efficient and less costly transit services within the City of Selma and, therefore, wishes to preserve its ability to withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement for a Public Transit Agency in Non-Urbanized Portions of Fresno County as of July 1, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Selma hereby resolves that the City of Selma intends to withdraw as a party to the Joint Powers Agreement for a Public Transit Agency in Non-Urbanized Portions of Fresno County, effective July 1, 2008. The City Clerk is directed to serve a copy of this Resolution of Intent on each and all of the entities that are parties to the Joint Powers Agreement for a Public Transit Agency in Non-Urbanized Portions of Fresno County dated September 27, 1979, by mail to the City Manager or City Administrator of each of the cities who are parties to the aforementioned Joint Powers Agreement and to the Administrator of Fresno County.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 3rd day of December 2007, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: 5 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Lujan, Derr, Avalos, Niswander, Tow

NOES: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

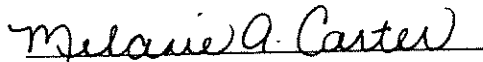
ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: None



Don Tow
Mayor of the City of Selma

ATTEST: _____



Melanie A. Carter
City Clerk of the City of Selma

COPY CERTIFICATION

I, Melanie A. Carter, City Clerk of the City of Selma, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. 2007-73R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR A PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY IN NON-URBANIZED PORTIONS OF FRESNO COUNTY DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1979 the original of which is kept on file in the office of the City Clerk, 1710 Tucker Street, Selma, California, 93662.

Attest:

Date:

Melanie A. Carter

Melanie A. Carter, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Selma

December 13, 2007



General plan update put on hold

By Beth Warmerdam

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Plans to discuss Selma's general plan update in a joint meeting between the City Council and the Planning Commission were put on hold when representatives from the city's consulting firm, Quad Knopf, didn't show up on Monday night.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., but was canceled after 20 minutes of waiting for the consultants. It has been postponed to an undetermined date.

The regular council meeting

went on as planned at 7 p.m., but with little to discuss.

The council voted to withdraw from the city's current transit agreement with Fresno County Rural Transit Agency.

As part of the agreement, the city was required to notify the transit agency of its intent to withdraw within six months of the end of the fiscal year. Because June 30, 2008 is the last day of the fiscal year, the city was required to state its intent before Jan. 1, 2008.

Selma was one of several cities to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement for a public

transit agency in non-urbanized portions of Fresno County in September of 1979.

The transit agency has provided for the operation and maintenance of a public transit system within the boundaries of Selma and other cities within the agency's service area.

The city's agreement with the transit agency will be terminated on July 1, 2008.

The council also approved for City Manager D-B Heusser to enter into negotiations with MV Transportation, a privately held and domestically owned transportation management

company that operates throughout the United States.

The City Council must approve the contract agreement with MV Transportation prior to transferring its service on July 1, 2008.

If no agreement can be reached with MV Transportation or the council does not approve the agreement, the city can withdraw its intent to leave the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and keep its services.

No reason was given at the meeting for the desire to switch agencies.

The council has tentatively canceled its next two meetings, scheduled for Dec. 17 and Jan. 7.

