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Pre-Board
2008 Sacramento "One Voice" Meeting
6:00 p.m., Ash Conference Room

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
AGENDA

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council of Fresno County Governments
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Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

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B. Introduction of New Board Members

- Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno

C. Presentation of Plaques

- Supervisor Bob Waterston, County of Fresno

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. FY 2007-08 Transportation Funding Claim – City of Orange Cove,
Resolution 2008-01 | Yes | Approve |
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Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

B. Delivery of Projects in FY 2006-07 and Projected Delivery in FY 2008-09	Yes	Information
C. FY 2007-08 Annual Listing of Projects	Yes	Information
D. FY 2007-08 & 2008-09 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Call for Projects	No	Information
E. Caltrans Transportation Funding Publication	No	Information
F. Application Submittals for the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Programs, Resolution 2008-02	Yes	Approve
G. Tranny Awards – Call for Nominations	Yes	Information
H. 511 Status Report	No	Information
I. Rail Update	No	Information
III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS		
A. PUBLIC HEARING: Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, Resolution 2008-03	Yes	Approve
B. 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Submittal, Resolution 2008-04	Yes	Approve
C. Greenhouse Gas Update	No	Information
D. Request from Mendota for Measure "C" Funding – 1987-2007 Program	No	Approve
E. Measure "C" Extension Update Development of Strategic Implementation Plan Regional Public Transit Program • Phase II – Public Transportation Infrastructure Study Subprogram • ADA/Seniors/Paratransit Subprogram • Farmworker/Car Vanpools Subprogram • New Technology Reserve Subprogram Alternative Transportation Program • Rail Consolidation Subprogram Environmental Enhancement Program • Transit Oriented Infrastructure for In-Fill Subprogram	Yes	Initiate Review
F. Measure C Extension Local Agency Fund Expenditure Reports	Yes	Info/Discussion
G. Caltrans Monthly Report	No	Info/Discussion
H. Fresno COG Financial Participation in a Short-Haul Intermodal Rail Facilities Study in the San Joaquin Valley	Yes	Approve

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

IV.	REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE	No	Reaffirm
V.	ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS	Approve Calendar Items	
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A.	Executive Minutes of November 29, 2007	Yes	Approve
B.	Authorization to Rent a Safe Deposit Box, Resolution 2008-05	Yes	Approve
C.	FY 2007-08 First Quarter Progress Report	Yes	Accept
D.	Monthly Legislative Update	Yes	Information
E.	Legislative Platform for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies	Yes	Accept
VI.	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS		
A.	Fresno COG's Draft 2008 Legislative Platform	Yes	Approve
B.	Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC	No	Information

C. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update	Yes	Information
D. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Great Valley Center Contract Element	No	Approve
E. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Monthly Update and Contract Award	Yes	Approve
F. 2008 Washington, D.C. “One Voice” Update	Yes	Information
G. 2008 Sacramento “One Voice” and Valley “One Voice” Efforts	Yes	Approve
H. Fiber Optic Connection to City of Fresno Traffic Operation Center	No	Info/Discussion
I. Appointment to the San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust Board of Directors	Yes	Appointment
J. Technical Revisions to Table 19 of the 2007 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan	Yes	Approve

Fresno COG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

VII. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT –FY 2007-08 FIRST QUARTER REPORT	Yes	Accept
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Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

1. San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Fall/Winter Conference, 1-31-08 thru 2-1-08 in Stockton

B. Items from Members

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

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A. FY 2007-08 Transportation Funding Claim – City of Orange Cove, Resolution 2008-01

Summary: Included in your agenda packet is the City of Orange Cove's FY 2007/08 Transportation Development Act Claim. The amounts claimed for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds are:

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

Jurisdiction:	LTF Fund:	STA Fund:	Total Funds:
City of Orange Cove	\$ 342,705	\$ 109,322	\$ 452,027

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

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the funding claims by adopting Resolution 2008-01.

B. Delivery of Projects in FY 2006/07 and Projected Delivery in FY 2008/09

Summary: Two types of federal transportation funding programs are available to Fresno COG's local agencies to spend on transportation projects. These are Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) dollars and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality dollars (CMAQ). In federal fiscal year (FFY) 2006/2007 the Fresno county region had an obligational authority target of \$10,959,906 in combined RSTP and CMAQ. This amount was a minimum delivery target calculated and set by the state. The Fresno County region was able to deliver \$20,455,758 worth of projects in 2006/2007. The region delivered 186.6% of the apportionment target, or \$9,495,852 in additional projects for the fifth highest delivery rate in the state. This additional funding came from two different sources, federal redistribution and the Fresno county region's future FFY 2007/08 apportionment target. We were very successful this year in that we were able to capture \$2,295,523 in federal redistribution. This is money that was not utilized by other areas in the country and has no repayment requirement; it is essentially bonus money to our region. The remaining \$7,200,328 will be subtracted from our FFY 2007/08 apportionment target, representing roughly the same amount subtracted in FFY 2005/06.

Timely delivery of transportation projects benefits our region when dealing with the constraints of Assembly Bill 1012 (AB 1012) where apportionments not spent within three years of their issuance are lost to the region. As can be seen in the enclosure in the package titled Apportionment Status Report, at the beginning of each FFY, each region is provided with their project delivery target and the dollar amount that the region must spend to prevent losing dollars to AB 1012. Fresno COG's current CMAQ unobligated balance is \$9,819,792 which is less than one year's apportionment; therefore, Fresno is not at risk of losing any CMAQ funds to AB 1012. The current RSTP unobligated balance for the region is \$13,916,000 of which \$4,375,645 is subject to AB 1012 if not utilized by the close of the FFY. To insure that our region does not lose any funds to AB 1012 staff will be developing the 2007/08 Obligation Plan to demonstrate the region's anticipated delivery of projects through the rest of the FFY. [DEVERE]

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

C. FY 2007-08 Annual Listing of Projects

Summary: 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.

The report, included in the agenda package, is divided into the funding types administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This report indicates that approximately \$54.3 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects in the region between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007.

Approximately \$2.3 million or 4.2% of the federal funds obligated went to 14 bicycle/pedestrian related projects. \$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. The listing is available for public viewing at www.fresnocog.org under FTIP. [DEVERE]

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

D. FY 2007-08 & 2008-09 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Call for Projects

Summary: Caltrans is currently accepting applications of candidate projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 Federal Fiscal Years (FFY). The approximate amounts of federal-aid highway safety funds available statewide for the HSIP program in FFY 2007/2008 is \$32 million and \$54 million for FFY 2008/2009.

Significant changes to the HSIP program have been made this cycle. Changes are highlighted in the bullets below:

- A larger emphasis has been placed on Safety Index projects (50-70%)
- A smaller emphasis has been placed on Work Type projects (20-30%)
- There is a new category for traffic data collection and analysis systems. The "call" for the (0-20%) category will be announced in a few months. (Application details are still being worked out by Local Assistance staff in Sacramento.)

Applications for HSIP funding are due to the Caltrans District 6 office on Friday, February 29, 2008. Chuck Garabedian is the District 6 HSIP coordinator and can be reached at (559) 445-5590 for questions regarding this program. The HSIP Guidelines and Application form can be found on the Local Assistance website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/hsip.htm> [DEVERE]

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

E. Caltrans Transportation Funding Publication

Summary: The Office of Transportation Economics at Caltrans has made available an updated 2007 publication of *Transportation Funding in California*. The primary purpose of this publication is to act as a visual aid showing the sources and distribution of transportation funds in the state. This publication includes transportation funding charts and associated narrative to help aid in the understanding of transportation finances and funding flows. The 2007 version of this publication is available for viewing at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ote/fundchrt.html> . [DEVERE]

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

F. Application Submittals for the Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Programs, Resolution 2008-02

Summary: In November, the Policy Board voted to preliminarily support the COG submittal of Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Applications on behalf of the City of Fresno. They are as follows:

1. Community-Based Transportation Planning Grant - \$300,000
Project Title: Fresno West Area Community Planning Grant
2. Partnership Planning Grant - \$300,000
Project Title: Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties Multi-Modal System Partnership
3. Statewide Transit Planning Study Grant - \$300,000
Project Title: Transit Corridor/Trails Preservation Study
4. Transit Professional Development Grant - \$50,000
Project Title: Central Valley Transit Professional Development

The City of Fresno will provide the local match required on the above grants.

In addition, we have received a request from the Central Valley Health Policy Institute of Fresno State University to apply for an Environmental Justice grant on their behalf in the amount of \$230,400. 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 on this project. The project partners believe this will be a worthwhile project for our region, and with this in mind, COG management has identified approximately \$12,800 in local transportation funds to contribute to the local match required for this project. A summary of the project, Place Matters: Incorporated vs. Unincorporated Communities and Disparities in Motor Vehicle Fatalities, is included in your agenda packet.

The applications were due to Caltrans by January 11th. Caltrans estimates time of grant award announcements to be sometime in summer of 2008. [DANSBY]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the Policy Board support the submittal of (5) grant applications to Caltrans to compete for funding by adopting Board Resolution 2008-02.

G. Tranny Awards – Call for Nominations

Summary: The California Transportation Foundation (CTF) is accepting nominations for their 19th Annual Tranny Awards. To nominate a Person, Project, or Program for the award, nominators are to complete the three page form included in this packet or they can submit a nomination online at: <http://www.transportationfoundation.org>

Nominations are due March 3, 2008 and can be emailed to swest@westdirections.com or physically mailed to:

California Transportation Foundation
581 La Sierra Drive
Sacramento, CA 95864 [SOBRADO]

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

H. 511 Status Report

Summary: The COGs representing the eight San Joaquin Valley Counties have reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for participation in the Sacramento Council of Government's (SACOG) 511 system sent out a couple of months ago. No changes were suggested or made by any of the participating counties. As a result, SACOG has prepared a final MOU for each participating COG board's approval. Before SACOG staff will release the final MOU for participating in their 511 system, the SACOG Board must approve the MOU. Since January is not in the SACOG Board meeting cycle, the soonest that the final MOU can go before their board is in February of 2008. The soonest that participating Valley COGs can expect to receive the final SACOG 511 MOU is the latter part of February, early part of March. The seven Valley COGs that have expressed their interest in participating include Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Merced Counties. [SOBRADO]

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

I. Rail Update

Summary: At its meeting on December 19, 2007, the California High-Speed Rail Authority accepted the staff recommendation for Pacheco Pass to be the primary route for the high-speed train through the coastal mountains. The Authority will take a formal vote in March when it approves the final environmental impact study, including the identification of Pacheco Pass as the preferred alignment.

Most Bay Area officials favor the Pacheco Pass alignment rather than the competing Altamont Pass alignment. According to Authority staff, Altamont would require construction of a new transbay tube or bridge, a costly project likely to attract opposition from environmentalists, and would necessitate a three-way split in tracks to get trains to San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland. Also, some cities along an Altamont route (Livermore, Pleasanton, Fremont) oppose high-speed rail because it would require up to four tracks, requiring controversial eminent domain proceedings and construction of elevated tracks.

The staff recommendation for Pacheco Pass also includes the formation of a task force with representatives of local governments, the Bay Area Rapid Transit District and commuter rail systems to discuss how to improve train service through the Altamont Pass. Representatives of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors are currently formulating conditions that will determine their participation in the task force. [THOMPSON]

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

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, Resolution 2008-03

Summary: Consistent with federal legislative guidance, Fresno COG and Fresno Area Express staff has completed the development of the Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. The draft Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan was released for 45-day public review on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

The Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan identifies resources currently in use for public transit, surveys needs and expectation of users, and identifies strategies to close gaps in perceived service levels. It will be used in part to prioritize projects eligible for federal funding using money set aside to close the gaps in public transit service levels. The Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan was developed in close cooperation with public transit and human services providers and other stakeholders.

The draft Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan was previously distributed to Fresno COG Committees in November 2007 agenda packets. We have not received any comments on the document. Please contact Todd Sobrado at todds@fresnocog.org or (559) 233-4148 with questions or to request more information. [SOBRADO]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, by adoption of Resolution 2008-03.

B. 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Submittal, Resolution 2008-04

Summary: Consistent with guidance from the California Transportation Commission, Fresno COG in its role as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Fresno County, is responsible for

developing a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) which identifies a region's proposed use of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding.

The STIP is developed biennially (every two years and covers a five year programming period with two new years of programming capacity added each cycle. The STIP consists of two broad programs, the regional program funded by 75% of new STIP funding and the interregional program funded from 25% of new STIP funding. This year COG is developing its RTIP for the 2008 STIP cycle covering the fiscal years 2008-09 through 2012-13.

Through a process known as the STIP Fund Estimate, the California Transportation Commission establishes programming targets for every region in California. The 2008 STIP programming target established for the Fresno County region is \$44.77 million

Given that the State Route 180 East – (Temperance to Academy) project is shelf ready for construction, Fresno COG, Fresno County Transportation Authority and Caltrans staff are in agreement that this project would be the next logical project to utilize available STIP funding and therefore recommend that \$32.8 million of the \$44.77 million available to the Fresno County region in the 2008 STIP be used to construct State Route 180 East (Temperance Avenue to Academy Avenue). This project represents the next easterly segment of the long planned State Route 180 corridor. The \$32.8 million will be combined with \$31.0 million of "old" Measure "C" funding that has been carried over by Fresno County Transportation Authority to fully fund the remaining \$63.8 million cost of the project. This project is six miles in length and consists of a four-lane expressway on six lane right-of-way. The funding will be requested in FY 2008/09 although there is no certainty that the funding will be made available to us in the year we request.

A second component of the 2008 RTIP Submittal is the request for \$6.94 million to fund the SR 180 East (Clovis-Temperance) freeway landscaping project. Our Measure "C" program has historically programmed landscaping projects separately from construction, therefore funding the landscaping portion of the SR 180 (Clovis-Temperance) project (programmed for roadway construction in FY07/08) is consistent with previous practice.

In addition to providing funding for construction of capital projects, the STIP also provides regions funding for Transportation Enhancement projects and Planning, Programming & Monitoring activities. Those amounts are identified below:

Fresno COG Proposed 2008 RTIP Submittal

Project	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13
SR 180-Temperance to Academy-(Construction)	\$32.8 mil. (Const.)				
SR 180-Clovis to Temperance-(Landscaping)				\$6.94 mil.(Landscaping	
Transportation Enhancements Reserve				\$2,717,000	
Planning, Programming & Monitoring		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$316,000	\$316,000

The effort to extend State Route 180 from the national parks to west of Fresno is part of a larger effort to create and maintain necessary economic transportation linkages for the San Joaquin Valley. This will have a positive and vital benefit for Fresno County cities and communities that depend on a well-linked transportation system. Completion of the State Route 180 corridor project provides segments of a long sought after and much needed east-west route that provides connectivity to the only Interstate facility in Fresno County, I-5. Direct benefits of the projects include providing a direct connection to Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks and other recreational opportunities in eastern Fresno County, enhancing the movement of farm-to-market shipping opportunities for the region, improving safety conditions and traffic flows across the San Joaquin Valley and providing connections to our major interregional roads, specifically Interstate 5, State Route 99, and State Route 41. In addition, the SR 180 projects will enhance connectivity for the cities of Sanger, Reedley, Clovis and Fresno, and small communities across the Westside to Interstate 5. [BOREN]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the proposed 2008 RTIP submittal by adoption of Resolution 2008-04.

C. Greenhouse Gas Update

Summary: On November 29, 2007, Fresno COG staff held a workshop to discuss proposals from the Attorney General to reduce greenhouse gases. The workshop was attended by Fresno COG member agencies, other San Joaquin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Caltrans, environmental groups, and the building industry. Staff will provide a summary of the meeting and discuss proposed measures for adoption by the Fresno COG Policy Board. [PAUKOVITS]

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

D. Request from Mendota for Measure "C" Funding – 1987-2007 Program

Summary: In September 2006 the Fresno COG Policy Board entered into an agreement with the Fresno County Transportation Authority to encumber \$26,123,000 in Federal Demonstration funds on SR 180 West Phase II from Brawley to Hughes/West. As part of that agreement the Authority agreed to provide up to \$21 million in funding from the pre-existing Measure "C" program to construct a future segment of State Route 180 West that would provide direct connectivity to Interstate 5. The specific alignment for this project is being developed by Caltrans through a Route Adoption study which is currently underway. The remaining funding was identified to be used to fund transportation improvements in the communities of Mendota and Firebaugh. Specifically, \$1 - \$4 million was identified for Mendota Improvements (SR 180 Bass Ave and 2nd Street Pedestrian Overcrossing), and not to exceed \$2 million for Firebaugh Improvements to SR 33. The remaining \$15.5 million is to be used on constructing the State Route 180 connection to I-5. The overall funding strategy and the projects have been agreed to in concept by the State Route 180 subcommittee as well as TTC, PAC and the Policy Board.

The projects have been amended into the 1987-2007 Measure "C" Expenditure Plan that was recently adopted by the Board and the Authority. Mendota is now requesting the Policy Board to authorize them to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Transportation Authority to implement their project. Due to the fact that the cost estimates for the original project envisioned by Mendota exceeded the available funding, Mendota proposed and the subcommittees supported utilizing the funds for the installation of signalization at two separate locations: SR 33 / Bass Ave. and SR 33/Belmont Ave. The scope of work will consist of: reconstruction and widening of the north leg of the intersection in order to provide for left turn deceleration and storage, widening of the south leg of the intersection to provide for future left turn deceleration and storage, earthwork, installation of a traffic control signal, interconnection with the railroad crossing signal to provide for pre-emption and engineering services. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend authorization for Mendota to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Transportation Authority for up to \$4 million for improvements to SR 33/Bass Ave. intersection and SR 33/Belmont Ave. intersection.

E. Measure "C" Extension Update

Development of Strategic Implementation Plan

Summary: Over the last several months COG staff in conjunction with a variety of Measure "C" Steering Subcommittees have been meeting in an effort to develop implementation policies and guidelines for the various programs identified in the Measure "C" Expenditure Plan. That effort has now been completed for a majority of the Measure "C" programs (listed below) and the time has come to release the draft Guidelines/Policies for these programs for a 45 day public review and

comment period prior to formal Policy Board adoption at their February 28, 2008 meeting. The complete package of draft Guidelines/Policies are included as attachments.

Regional Public Transit Program

- Phase II -- Public Transportation Infrastructure Study Subprogram
- ADA/Seniors/Paratransit Subprogram
- Farmworker/Car Vanpools Subprogram
- New Technology Reserve Subprogram

Alternative Transportation Program

- Rail Consolidation Subprogram

Environmental Enhancement Program

- Transit Oriented Infrastructure for In-Fill Subprogram

Once the Guidelines/Policies for each of these programs are adopted in February 2008 that will leave only the Regional Transportation Program, School Bus Replacement Program and the Transit Oriented Development Guidelines/Policies remaining to be completed. Development of the Regional Transportation Program component is well underway with a target date of late Spring, 2008 for adoption. FCTA staff is in the process of developing the School Bus Replacement Program with input from the California Highway Patrol, with finalization of the guidelines/policies tentatively scheduled for February or March 2008. Development of the Transit Oriented Infrastructure guidelines is dependent upon completion of the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study which is anticipated to take eighteen months to two years to complete. [BOREN]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend initiation of the 45 day public review and comment period on Measure "C" Programs.

F. Measure C Extension Local Agency Fund Expenditure Reports

Action: The 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan states that: "The cities and the County of Fresno each provide to the Citizen Oversight Committee, on an annual basis for a specific time period prescribed, and in a timely fashion at least two weeks prior to the meeting of the Citizen Oversight Committee, a specific report on the local jurisdiction's planned budget for Measure C fund expenditures and financial report on the use of those funds. The precise format of the report may be based on similar report formats for other jurisdictional monitoring, but must be separate from the comprehensive agency budgets and general and enterprise fund financial reports of the cities and the County of Fresno and will be prescribed by the Citizen Oversight Committee."

With this policy guidance in mind, a subcommittee of the Citizen Oversight Committee met with Fresno COG and FCTA staff to develop a reporting form as per the Measure C requirement. The form was emailed to PAC members in December. At the January TTC meeting COG staff received a request from County staff to include an explanation of the reason for the reporting form and the difference between it and other FCTA Claim Forms on the January PAC Agenda. A copy of the reporting forms is included in your agenda packet. [LAUCHNER]

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

G. Caltrans Monthly Report

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

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

H. Fresno COG Financial Participation in a Short-Haul Intermodal Rail Facilities Study in the San Joaquin Valley

Summary: The San Joaquin Valley COG Directors have agreed to fund an intermodal rail facilities study in support of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Plan. The purpose of the study is to estimate the change in truck vehicle miles of travel that would be expected as a result of operating short haul rail freight service between the Port of Oakland and several intermodal terminals located in the San Joaquin Valley.

Given the air quality challenges facing the San Joaquin Valley and the potential benefits that a short-haul rail network could potentially provide in terms of goods movement and air quality benefits, Cambridge Systematics, currently under contract for development of the San Joaquin Valley Truck Model, will adapt the truck model to accommodate the diversion analysis. Included in your agenda packet is the scope of work for the Short Haul Intermodal Rail Facility Study.

Fresno COG's financial participation is anticipated to range from \$13,800 to \$23,000 depending on the number of Valley COGs that participate. [BITNER]

Action: Staff recommends financial participation in the project in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 and authorization to amend the contract with Cambridge Systematics, adding \$50,000 for the Short Haul Study.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

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

No

Reaffirm

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

Approve Calendar Items

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

A. Executive Minutes of November 29, 2007

B. Authorization to Rent a Safe Deposit Box, Resolution 2008-05

Summary: In the interest of having offsite back-up for data on our computer, we've contacted the Bank of the West to rent a Safe Deposit Box. They require a resolution from the Board authorizing us to rent the box. This item was taken to PAC as a staff informational item because the issue was brought up after the PAC agenda went out. PAC concurred with the request to take this request directly to the Board, rather than wait to put it on February's agenda.

Action: Staff and PAC recommend approval of the request by acceptance of Resolution 2008-05.

C. FY 2007-08 First Quarter Progress Report

Summary: Included in your agenda packet is the FY 2007-08 First Quarter Progress Report which is a listing of staff time expended and funds expended by work element for the First Quarter 2007-08. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend acceptance of the report as presented.

D. Monthly Legislative Update

Summary: The state legislature will begin the 2008 legislative session on January 7th. Any carry-over bills from 2007 will need to be reintroduced at the start of the legislative session and then passed out of their respective house of origin by January 31, 2008 to be considered by the full legislature during the year. February 22nd is the last day for new bills to be introduced.

To kick-off the 2008 legislative session, staff has put together a number of items to help navigate the area of legislation:

1. "The Life Cycle of Legislation: From Idea Into Law". This is a chart that provides the essential steps for passage of a bill.
2. A listing of the San Joaquin Valley Federal and State Representatives and their key staff and contact information.
3. A summary of the initiatives that have qualified for the 2008 Presidential Primary, Direct Primary, and General Election ballots.

To locate current and past year **state bill information** go to the Official California Legislative Information webpage at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>

To locate current and past year **federal bill information** go to THOMAS, The Library of Congress's bill information website (in the spirit of Thomas Jefferson) at: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

In February, staff will provide our committees with an update on the implementation of the Proposition bond monies approved in 2006. In the meantime, you can locate bond information on Proposition 1B (Transportation), Proposition 1C (Housing), Proposition 1D (Education), Proposition 1E (Flood Control), and Proposition 84 (Natural Resources) on the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan website located at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/bonds/gmbond/gmbond.htm> [DANSBY]

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

E. Legislative Platform for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies

Summary: The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, which consists of two elected officials from each of the eight Valley counties, has established a San Joaquin Valley Legislative Platform. The Legislative Platform reflects the current priorities of the Regional Policy Council in state and federal legislative matters. The goal of the 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.

Highlights from the Valley Platform are:

- Protect and enhance transportation-related funding.
- Secure additional state and federal monies to advance goods movement projects of regional significance.
- Maximize the Valley's share of Proposition 1B, Proposition 1C, and Proposition 84 funds.
- Support High Speed Rail that serves the entire San Joaquin Valley (Bakersfield to Sacramento).
- Support legislation that lowers the threshold to pass transportation initiatives to 55%.
- 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.

The full text of the Legislative Platform for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies is enclosed for your review.

The Regional Policy Council adopted the SJV Legislative Platform at their November meeting. [DANSBY]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the Policy Board support the decision of the Regional Policy Council and accept the San Joaquin Valley Legislative Platform.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno COG's Draft 2008 Legislative Platform

Summary: Over the past few months the Policy Board's Ad-Hoc Legislative Subcommittee have met at the direction of the Policy Board to develop the **Council of Fresno County Government's Draft 2008 Legislative Platform** (included in your agenda package). The platform outlines the current legislative priorities of Fresno COG that will provide guidance to staff and our lobbying partners when advocating for improvements in legislation and policy during the coming year. To ensure that the document stays current, Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the Policy Board revisit the Legislative Platform at a minimum, on an annual basis, or as needed.

Staff will summarize the draft document at the committee meeting. [DANSBY]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend adoption of the Council of Fresno County Government's Draft 2008 Legislative Platform.

B. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC at the Board on 1-24-08

Summary: California Consulting staff will provide an update to the Policy Board on January 24, 2008. [SAMUELIAN]

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

C. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update

Summary: On Tuesday December 11, 2007, Fresno COG and key stakeholders held the Model Farmland Conservation Program (MFCP) Advisory Committee kick-off meeting at the Fresno COG offices. Nineteen individuals that know firsthand the agricultural issues impacting Fresno County were selected from the public and private sector. This group will meet every six to eight weeks and provide the MFCP Steering Committee with input on information created as part of the project development process. It is also hoped that that members of this group will serve to spread the word about the MFCP to the public when the Steering Committee starts the public outreach phase of this project. The December meeting lasted for two and a half hours and the MFCP Steering Committee received a lot of very good feedback from members. The next meeting for the advisory committee is being planned for the end of January.

The Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee had previously been looking for a person to represent metropolitan interests on the Advisory Committee. Requests for the names of candidates to fill this role had previously been made to the Fresno COG Policy Board. Keith Berghold of the City Of Fresno has been kind enough to fill the role of representing metropolitan interests on the Farmland Conservation Model Program Advisory Committee.

The next major milestone for the Model Farmland Conservation Program was on January 16 and 17, 2008 in Fresno and Parlier. On these dates the Steering Committee held public outreach meetings to the community to inform, as well as solicit feedback on work completed to date.

Please contact Todd Sobrado at todds@fresnocog.org or (559) 233-4148 with questions or to request more information. [SOBRADO]

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

D. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Great Valley Center Contract Element

Summary: The San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Program, in its second year, is being prepared cooperatively through agreements among the eight valley Councils of Governments and an agreement with the Great Valley Center (GVC). The Program is being funded from grants from Caltrans and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District with matching funds from each of the COGs. The Merced County Association of Governments administers these agreements.

At the November 2, 2007 meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council, the Council approved a budget and work program proposal from the Great Valley Center in the amount of \$325,000 that equates to the \$250,000 from the Blueprint Grant from Caltrans plus \$75,000 from the SJVAPCD. The first \$125,000 has already been deducted from each of the COG's budgets. The second \$125,000 is to be apportioned on a per capita basis among the eight valley COGS. Fresno COG's share is \$29,423. The Great Valley Center plays an important role in the Blueprint Program and is recognized in the State and the San Joaquin Valley for its leadership.

Staff concurs with the action of the Policy Council and recommends that Fresno COG allocate funding for the GVC proposal consistent with the action of the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council. [STECK]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval to allocate \$29,423 from the Blueprint Program Element of the Fresno COG Work Program and Budget to the Great Valley Center.

E. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Monthly Update & Contract Award

The San Joaquin Valley Blueprint is an eight county regional planning process that will provide a vision for sustainable growth in the Valley to the year 2050. The Blueprint will provide local agencies with tools to implement this vision in a manner intended to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Summary: During the past two months we have been providing updates on the Blueprint planning process to all our member agencies at their city council and board meetings. On many occasions we have been accompanied by Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) and Fowler City Councilmember, Rico Aguayo. Kirk Hunter, Chairman of the Blueprint Roundtable has also participated. Our presentation provided segue to City of Fresno Assistant Development Director Keith Bergthold's presentation of the Metro Rural Loop (which is one of several alternative growth scenarios that will be analyzed for the Blueprint). Our visits were intended to inform and engage our members and the community in this unique planning process because the choices we make today will have an enormous impact on our children and our grandchildren.

In the upcoming months we will be refining and testing the six alternative growth scenarios that are included in your packet in order to understand their impacts on traffic congestion and air quality. These preliminary scenarios were developed by the Blueprint technical committee and accepted by the Blueprint Roundtable. We hope to take this information to the public for their feedback in April. As we move forward in our analysis of options, we need an involved citizenry

and electorate. Please join us at the monthly Blueprint Roundtable meetings on the 4th Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the Sequoia Conference Room at COG. Our website www.fresnocog.org has information on all aspects of the Blueprint. Or contact Barbara Steck at 559-233-4148 or by email at bsteck@fresnocog.org.

As we move into Phase III alternatives analysis of the Blueprint planning activities, we recognize the need to ramp up our public outreach activities. To that end, we have circulated a Request for Bids to local advertising and marketing firms. The tasks include:

1. Blueprint "branding"

The selected firm will work with staff to develop a recognizable symbol for use on Blueprint outreach products. The current Blueprint logo is included on the cover letter of this proposal. However, the selected firm will work with staff to identify appropriate uses of the logo, and develop an enhanced message.

2. Printed Materials

The selected firm will work with staff to develop the text and graphics needed for brochures, electronic mailers, website content and other purposes as indicated.

3. PowerPoint Presentation

Community leaders, elected officials and COG staff members will need materials to conduct a speaker's bureau for presentations to elected bodies, businesses and community organizations regarding the Blueprint Scenarios. Working with COG staff, the selected firm will develop a compelling and succinct power point presentation to explain the scenarios and their possible effects on our quality of life.

4. Develop Media Materials

The selected firm will develop media materials for all purchased and leveraged media.

5. Develop Advertising Budget

The selected firm will develop a recommended strategy for multi-media advertising and outreach that includes strategies for leveraging our limited resources. Proposed budget will not exceed \$100,000 for all completed tasks associated with this request for bid and purchased printing and media advertising.

This request for bids was on a very short turn around, with bids due on January 15th. We will be interviewing four prospective bidders on Thursday, January 24th and will make a recommendation for hiring the preferred firm that evening to the COG Policy Board. [STECK]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend that the COG Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the preferred advertising or marketing firm to conduct tasks identified in the Request for Bids dated December 21, 2007. Advertising budget, which includes all tasks, printing and purchased media advertising associated with this activity, is not to exceed \$100,000.

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

Summary: At its meeting in November, the COG Policy Board approved the list of regional projects submitted by the One Voice project selection committee. In addition, the Board advanced another project from the initial list so that the Fresno County Gang Prevention Initiative is now included in the priorities. The list (included in your agenda package) includes nine projects asking for earmarks from various appropriations bills totaling \$17,150,000. The list also contains three policy priorities that do not include monetary requests. The Board noted that the number one regional transportation project was State Route 180 East – Temperance to Academy and the number one social services project was Fresno County Gang Prevention Initiative.

Thus far we have 36 One Voice delegates from a broad cross section of the community registered for the February 2008 trip. We will hold a briefing session on two separate occasions in late January in order to distribute trip materials and provide project briefings to the delegates.

To date, our One Voice efforts have secured over \$13 million in earmarks for Fresno County projects. But the fruits of One Voice are greater than just funding. The relationships we have and will continue to develop back in Washington and among our One Voice delegation are an invaluable benefit of this undertaking. [STECK]

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

G. 2008 Sacramento "One Voice" and Valley "One Voice" Efforts

Summary: It is time to kick-off the 2008 Sacramento "One Voice" advocacy effort. This will be the third consecutive year that the Fresno COG will lead a delegation of elected officials, city managers, agency staff, and community leaders to Sacramento to advocate for State support for regional priorities.

The 2008 Sacramento "One Voice" will provide another opportunity for our local delegation and our State Assembly and Senate members as well as key staff from State agencies to meet and discuss a number of regional priorities (selected in advance) that will require State support to come to fruition. The **five priorities for the past 2007 Sacramento "One Voice"** were:

1. Support for the San Joaquin Valley's regional share of Proposition 1B (Transportation Bond of 2006) funding.
2. Support for the Reliable Water Supply Bond Act –SB 59 (this is now a 2-year bill).
3. Support for increased state funding of High Speed Rail.
4. Valley Blueprint Project Update.
5. Support for AB 27 (Parra), which calls for the continued existence of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (this is now a 2-year bill).

The dates for the Sacramento trip are Monday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 11th, which is approximately three weeks after the Federal "One Voice" contingency returns to Fresno.

Staff will hold a meeting of the Policy Board's Ad Hoc Sacramento "One Voice" Subcommittee to discuss the upcoming trip at 6:00 pm on January 24th, prior to the Policy Board meeting. An agenda has been emailed to the PAC and Policy Board members and included in the meeting packages. Besides the agenda, you will find a preliminary list of Sacramento advocacy issues, recommended by our state lobbyist, Steve Samuelian, and based on issues we have outlined in our Draft Fresno COG Legislative Platform (to be presented to the TTC, PAC and Board this month for adoption). This list is to be used as a base for discussion at the Sacramento "One Voice" subcommittee meeting mentioned above. We have asked the PAC to rank them by priority and to provide comments and/or suggestions for additional issues that are in need of advocacy at the state level.

Staff will bring an updated list of recommended advocacy issues to the Board for final adoption at their January meeting.

In recent developments, a Valley "One Voice" effort is underway and scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th in Sacramento to introduce the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council to our Valley legislative representatives in Sacramento. Supervisor Judy Case and Councilmember Rico Aguayo represent Fresno County on the Regional Policy Council, Councilmember Henry T. Perea is an alternate.

If you would like more information about the 2008 Fresno COG Sacramento "One Voice" or Valley "One Voice" efforts please contact Jennifer Dansby by phone: (559) 233-4148 or email: jenniferd@fresnocog.org. [DANSBY]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the recommended list of Sacramento "One Voice" advocacy issues.

H. Fiber Optic Connection to City of Fresno Traffic Operation Center

Summary: In 2005, Fresno COG assisted the City of Fresno in funding and launching its Traffic Operation Center (TOC) Project. As part of the original agreement between Fresno COG and the City of Fresno, it was decided that Fresno COG would serve as an alternate-location facility to provide system backup and redundancy in case of technical difficulties.

As part of ongoing project development, the City of Fresno has finalized a bid with a telecommunications contractor to bring the required Fiber Optic Cable (FOC) from the City of Fresno into the Fresno COG IT server room. Fresno COG's share of the cost is \$25,000 of which 100% of the funding has already been approved by the COG Board and has been set aside specifically for this project. [TWEBSTER]

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

I. Appointment to the San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust Board of Directors

Summary: The formation of a San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust is proposed by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's Strategic Action Proposal. The Housing Trust is envisioned to be the Partnership's and the Regional Blueprint's principle arm for promoting housing in the Valley that is both affordable to the Valley's workforce and is developed in such a way as to meet the land use goals of the Partnership and Blueprint. In November, information was provided to the PAC and Board on the formation of a San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust, including the composition of the Housing Trust Board of Directors. The Partnership Board anticipates the roster of the Housing Trust Board of Directors and the Housing Trust bylaws will be presented to the Partnership Board at its February meeting.

The Housing Trust Board of Directors, in addition to representatives from several Partnership Working Groups includes nonprofit developers of affordable housing, housing advocates, and others, includes one representative each from the eight San Joaquin Valley Councils of Government (enclosure). The alternate to each COG representative is recommended to be the Executive Director of the agency or her/his designee. Rollie Smith, Field Office Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Coordinator of the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Taskforce, will be present to make a brief presentation on the Housing Trust and to answer questions. [THOMPSON]

Action: Select a member of the Fresno COG Policy Board to represent Fresno County on the San Joaquin Valley Housing Trust Board of Directors.

J. Technical Revisions to Table 19 of the 2007 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

Summary: The Fresno COG approved the 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan on November 29, 2007. Government Code Section 65584.01 states that within 60 days of adoption by the council of governments, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) shall determine whether or not the final allocation plan is

consistent with the existing and projected housing need for the region. The department may revise the determination of the council of governments if necessary to obtain this consistency.

HCD has reviewed the 2007 Fresno County RHNA and notes that the housing need figure determined for Fresno County of 52,142 units has been fully allocated to the jurisdictions within the County. HCD further notes, however, that the total County allocations by income group are not consistent with the figures provided by HCD, as they must be pursuant to statute. Total County allocations by staff are somewhat lower than HCD allocations within the very-low and low income categories and somewhat higher within the moderate and above-moderate income categories. Consequently, staff must make minor adjustments to the income group calculations for each jurisdiction, which can additionally affect very slightly the total allocation for each jurisdiction (from 5 additional units to 14 fewer units). The enclosure for this item indicates the minor adjustments that must be made to Table 19 of the 2007 RHNA.

Although, as noted above, HCD has the authority to revise the final allocations, staff would rather be up-front and honest with our member agencies and avoid any future confusion. At this point it is not clear to staff how the total County allocations by income category in the final RHNA Plan came to vary from the HCD allocations, except that during the negotiation of revisions staff was focused on maintaining the total allocation figure of 52,142 units and lost sight of the shifts occurring in the income group allocations. [THOMPSON]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend approval of the technical revisions to Table 19 of the 2007 RHNA.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

VII. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT –FY 2007-08 FIRST QUARTER REPORT

Summary: 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 enclosures for this item indicate level of activity and the distribution of funding to the member agencies. For the first quarter of FY 2007-08, a total of \$188,115.94 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 \$205,868.35 conducting AVA activities and the Fresno COG claimed \$2,375.00 for program administration. A total of 1,332 vehicles were abated this quarter, compared to 1,019 vehicles abated during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, a substantial increase in vehicle abatements.

Action: Staff and PAC recommend acceptance of the report as presented.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

1. San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Fall/Winter Conference,
1-31-08 thru 2-1-08 in Stockton

B. Items from Members

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

**All enclosures are available on our website at www.fresnocog.org – Committees and Agendas

