



BOARD ACTIONS

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Council of Fresno County Governments

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OUR MISSION

A Region of Diverse Partners Building a Progressive Future as One Voice

Pre-Board Workshop – 2008 Sacramento “One Voice” Meeting

Members met prior to the Board meeting to discuss the plans for the 2008 Sacramento “One Voice” trip scheduled for March 10-11. The preliminary list of advocacy issues was reviewed. The Board approved the list during the formal meeting. If you have questions regarding the trip, please contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby.

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2008, the Policy Board of the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) took action or was briefed on the following items.* Formal minutes of this meeting will be included in the next meeting package.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC introduced Vanessa Wiseman, Field Representative from the Fresno Field Office of the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Ms. Wiseman spoke briefly advising the Board members that the Governor is interested in the Valley and to contact her if assistance is needed.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan: Resolution 2008-03

Fresno COG Board voted to approve the Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan by adoption of Resolution 2008-03. This 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 Plan is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information contact staff person, Todd Sobrado.

2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Submittal: Resolution 2008-04

Fresno COG Board voted to approve the proposed 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program submittal by adoption of Resolution 2008-04. The submittal includes funding for SR 180-Tempeprance to Academy (Construction) FY 2008-09. For more information contact Tony Boren.

Request from Mendota for Measure “C” Funding – 1987-2007 Program

Fresno COG Board authorized Mendota to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Fresno County Transportation Authority for up to \$4 million for improvements to SR 33/Bass Avenue intersection and SR33/Belmont Avenue intersection. For more information contact staff person, Les Beshears.

Measure “C” – Development of Strategic Implementation Plan

Fresno COG Board initiated public review and comment period for the draft Guidelines and Policies. Adoption will take place in February. For more information regarding the Measure “c” Implementation Plan contact Tony Boren.

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

Fresno COG Board approved financial participation with the Valley COGs to fund an intermodal rail facilities study in support of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Goods Movement Plan. The Board also authorized an amendment to the contract with Cambridge Systematics to provide a Short Haul Intermodal Rail Facility Study. For more information on this study contact staff person, Mike Bitner.

Fresno COG sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Fresno COG's Draft 2008 Legislative Platform

Fresno COG Board voted to adopt the 2008 Legislative Platform. An amendment will be submitted in February with more specific wording on the water issues section. For more information on the Legislative Platform contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby.

San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Great Valley Center Contract Element

Fresno COG Board voted to approve allocation of \$29,423 from the Blueprint Program element of the Fresno COG Work Program and Budget to the Great Valley Center. For more information on the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint see our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact staff person, Barbara Steck.

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

Fresno COG Board voted to accept the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement – FY 2007-08 First Quarter Report. For more information on the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program contact staff person, Clark Thompson.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Lopez asked that a resolution commending efforts of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa in seeking solutions to California's Water Issues be approved by the Fresno COG Board. Mayor Lopez also wanted to express the Board's desire to work together on matters of mutual interest and concern. The resolution was approved.

February meeting dates: Transportation Technical Committee – February 6, 2008

Policy Advisory Committee – February 15, 2008

COG Board/FCRTA – February 28, 2008

Other important dates: Fresno COG Washington DC "One Voice" trip – February 9-14

Blueprint Roundtable – February 27, 2008 – 9:30 am

Fresno COG Sacramento "One Voice" trip – March 10-11

***Complete Agenda, Annotated Agenda and meeting package is available on our website under Committees & Agendas and also by clicking on the event on the website Calendar.**

****Please see the Fresno COG website Calendar for upcoming meetings for various Committees and Sub Committees.**

Fresno COG Board Members

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FIREBAUGH – Mayor Craig Knight

FOWLER – Councilmember Rico Aguayo

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