



BOARD ACTIONS

February 2008

Council of Fresno County Governments

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OUR MISSION

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

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 28, 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

The Fresno COG Board recognized Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director for 35 years of service.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

Measure C Local Agency Handbook, Other Revenue Program Funding - PUBLIC HEARING

Fresno COG Board voted to approve the Measure C Local Agency Handbook, Other Revenue Program Funding. The document contains policies and guidelines for the following 2007 Measure C Extension Funding Subprograms: 1) Public Transportation Infrastructure Study/Transit Consolidation; 2) ADA/Seniors/Paratransit; 3) Farmworker/Car/Vanpools; 4) New Technology Reserve; and 5) Rail Consolidation. The complete document is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

Public Transportation and Infrastructure Study (PTIS) Phase II Request for Proposals

Fresno COG Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposals to conduct Phase II of the Public Transportation and Infrastructure Study. The release of the RFP is contingent upon the Fresno County Transportation Authority approval of the Local Agency Handbook Guidelines at their April meeting. For more information contact staff person John Downs.

Advanced Funding and Call for Projects

Fresno COG Board voted to approve issuing a formal "Call for Projects" per SAFETEA-LU Subcommittee recommendations. For more information contact staff persons, Renee DeVere or Jason Paukovits.

Greenhouse Gas Plan, Resolution 2008-08

On February 27, 2008, the day prior to the Policy Board meeting, staff received comments on the policies from the Attorney General's Office. Due to the nature of the comments, adoption of the policies has been delayed to get additional feedback from the committees. This resolution will be brought back to the Policy Board in March for approval. For more information contact staff person, Jason Paukovits.

Route 99 as an Interstate

Information was given to the Policy Board on a technical study and an economic study that Caltrans suggests are needed prior to Route 99 being further pursued as an Interstate. Fresno COG Board voted to suggest to Caltrans that the economic study be done first. Staff will update the Board as more information is received. For more information contact Tony Boren.

Fresno COG sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Fresno COG's 2008 Legislative Platform

Fresno COG Board voted to adopt Amendment #1 with more specific wording on the Water Supply, Storage and Quality. For more information on the Legislative Platform contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby.

San Joaquin Valley Blueprint

Five alternative growth scenarios were distributed to the Policy Board for review. Staff will be scheduling presentations at all city council meetings, the Board of Supervisors and LAFCo to present these scenarios during the month of April. For more information on the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint see our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact staff person, Barbara Steck.

2008 Washington D. C. and Sacramento "One Voice" Report

Fresno COG Board received folders with all information that was distributed to our legislators in Washington, DC during the trip February 9-14. A meeting will be held in March prior to the Board meeting to give a brief presentation to the Board on all the projects presented in Washington and a report on the Sacramento "One Voice" trip. The Fresno COG Board will recognize our "One Voice" sponsors; Granville Homes; Quad Knopf; Central Valley Community Bank; VRPA Technologies, Inc.; Hatch Mott MacDonald; Omni-Means; Mendoza Associates; Economic Development Corp., serving Fresno County; Provost & Pritchard and Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian Accountancy Corporation.

The Sacramento "One Voice" trip will be March 10 and 11. For more information on this trip contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby.

FY2008-09 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget

The 45 day review and comment period for the FY2008-09 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget began on February 15. Adoption is scheduled for May 2008. The draft document is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information contact Tony Boren.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

March meeting dates: Transportation Technical Committee – March 5, 2008 – 8:30 am
Policy Advisory Committee – March 14, 2008 – 10 am
COG Board/FCRTA – March 27, 2008 – 7 pm

Other important dates: Fresno COG Sacramento DC "One Voice" trip – March 10-11
Blueprint Roundtable – March 26, 2008 – 9:30 am

***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.**

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