

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CONSENT ITEMS

AGENDA ITEMS II. A-Q.



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POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Executive Minutes

Date: Friday March 14, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Jose Ramirez, City of Firebaugh
Ron Manfredi, City of Kerman
Steve Julian, City of Coalinga
Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County
Alan Bengyel, City of Huron
Gabriel Gonzalez, City of Mendota
Don Pauley, City of Kingsburg

Ralph Kachadorian, City of Sanger
Rocky Rogers, City of Reedley
Steve Curti, Caltrans
Ray Forsyth, City of Reedley
John Holt, City of Clovis
Roseann Galvan, City of Selma
Shun Patlan, City of Parlier
Jon Baker, California Highway Patrol

Others Attending:

Bruce Anderson, Fresno Sheriff Department
Lori Gutierrez, Fresno Sheriff Department
Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural
Transit
Jeff McMullen, City of Fresno
Gary Joseph, Fresno County Economic
Opportunities Commission
Andrew Valles, City of Fresno
Barbara Goodwin, Fresno COG
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG

Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Renee DeVere, Fresno COG
Jeff Long, Fresno COG/FAX
Jennifer Dansby, Fresno COG
Jason Paukovits, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jose Ramirez (Firebaugh).

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.

Jose Ramirez (Chairman) and Ron Manfredi (Kerman) presented a "Service of Above Self Award" to Jeffery Webster (FCRTA) in recognition of outstanding service from the Rotary Club of Fresno Latino 2008.

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.

A. Executive Minutes of February 15, 2008

Call for Projects Information – HRisk Rural Roads & Regional Surface

Approve
Information

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

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| Transportation Program & Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality | |
| C. Land Buffer Task Force Update | Information |
| D. Monthly Legislative Update | Information |
| E. FY 2007-08 Second Quarter Progress Report | Accept |
| F. San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Indirect Source Rule Upheld | Information |
| G. 25 th Anniversary Recognition of the Creation of the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies in Fresno County by Fresno COG | Information |
| H. Support for UC Merced Medical School | Approve |
| I. Regional Clearinghouse | Information |

	Project	Applicant
1.	Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) Rehabilitate Taxiway B6-2/3 (Const); Rehabilitate Taxiway B (Design); Rehabilitate Taxiway C (Design); Rehabilitate Commercial Aviation Apron AC/PCC (Design); Install enhanced Taxiway Center Markings	City of Fresno, Airports

For a complete summary of these items please see the March 14, 2008 Annotated Agenda.

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

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. National Surface Transportation Policy & Revenue Study Commission Report

Tony Boren (COG) reported that on the August 10, 2005, President Bush signed the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU), providing \$286.4 billion in guaranteed funding for federal surface transportation programs over five years through FY 2009.

Under SAFETEA-LU, Congress created The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission in 2005 to study the current condition and future needs of the national surface transportation system and also, the short and long-term alternatives to replace or supplement the fuel tax as the principal revenue source to support the Highway Trust Fund over the next 30 years.

In January, the Commission submitted a report to Congress with their study findings titled ***Transportation for Tomorrow: Report of the National Surface Transportation Policy & Revenue Study Commission***. The report is expected to provide information that would be useful as Congress considers the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU in 2009.

Mr. Boren called attention to the following items pertaining to the report:

1. The Executive Summary of the ***Transportation for Tomorrow: Report of the National Surface Transportation Policy & Revenue Study Commission***.
2. A PowerPoint presentation from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) summarizing the Report. Steve Heminger, Executive Director of MTC, was one of the 12-members on the Commission.

The PowerPoint presentation noted above contains the names of the twelve members of the Commission as well as the twelve major recommendations from their report.

For more information on the Commission's activities or to download the full text of the report please go to the following website: <http://www.transportationfortomorrow.org/>.

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

B. FY 2008 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program -- Call for Projects-FTA Sections 5310, 5311(f), 5316 & 5317

Todd Sobrado (COG) reported that the Fresno COG was announcing the call for projects for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs for federal fiscal year 2008. These programs provide the funding for the implementation of the Fresno County Social Services Public Transit Plan recently adopted by the Fresno COG Policy Board. Fresno COG is administering the urban component of the programs whereas Caltrans will provide program administration for the rural programs.

Todd Sobrado (COG) attended a Caltrans workshop on Friday March 7, 2008 in Oakland California on the design and implementation of a program to administer the urban component and will report the findings at PAC and Policy Board meetings.

The specific FTA grant programs are as follows:

Section 5310 – Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program – Estimated funding is \$12.1 million

- Website for additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html>
- Toll free assistance line: 1-888-472-6816
- Application due to Fresno COG by June 2, 2008
- Application due to Caltrans on or before August 29, 2008

Section 5311(f) – Non-Urbanized Area Intercity Bus Program – Estimated funding is \$2.9 million

- Website for additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5311.html>
- Application due to Caltrans on or before August 29, 2008

Section 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program

- Estimated funding for small-urbanized projects is \$5.6 million
- Estimated funding for rural projects is \$2.7 million
- Website for additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5316.html>
- Application due to Fresno COG by June 2, 2008
- Application due to Caltrans on or before August 29, 2008

Section 5317 – New Freedom Program

- Estimated funding for small-urbanized projects is \$3.2 million
- Estimated funding for rural projects is \$1.3 million
- Website for additional information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5317.html>
- Application due to Fresno COG by June 2, 2008
- Applications due to Caltrans on or before August 29, 2008

Fact sheets were included in the agenda packet.

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

C. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update

Todd Sobrado (COG) reported that on Thursday, February 28, 2008, Fresno COG and the American Farmland Trust hosted two public outreach meetings directed at elected officials and employees of the incorporated cities in Fresno County.

The purpose of these meetings was to solicit feedback on the maps and the work completed thus far as part of the Model Farmland Conservation Program. Comments and suggestions will be incorporated into the work completed to date.

Turnout at the February 28, 2008 meeting was much lower than expected giving staff the opportunity to engage in one-to-one discussion with decision-makers. Fresno COG staff was very happy with the quality of feedback provided by participating municipal staff. As a result, the decision was made to meet individually with the leadership of participating municipal agencies to solicit feedback about how the Farmland Conservation Model Program will affect their communities. These meetings are in the process of being booked the latter part of March 2008.

Mr. Sobrado reported that the Farmland Conservation Model Program Advisory Committee also met on March 10, 2008 at the Fresno COG offices to review progress on the Farmland Conservation Model Program. The Steering Committee continues to meet to oversee development of the program. Currently, American Farmland Trust staff is developing a 'toolkit' which includes best practices currently in use throughout the United States and the world that are applicable for agricultural conservation in Fresno County. Development of the Farmland Conservation Model Program is on track for completion in August of 2008.

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

D. Proposition 1B – Traffic Light Synchronization Grant Application for the City of Fresno

Todd Sobrado (COG) introduced John Stambouljian (City of Fresno). Mr. Stambouljian gave a PowerPoint presentation on Traffic Light Synchronization. This presentation is available on the website at www.fresnocog.org. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B on November 7, 2006, included a \$250 million program to fund traffic light synchronization projects and other technology-based improvements to improve safety, operations and the effective capacity of local streets and roads.

The City of Fresno is asking for a total of approximately \$13,500,000 from this program and would provide matching funds of \$1,350,000.

The City of Fresno with support from the Fresno COG is applying for Proposition 1B funds for the following projects:

- Traffic light synchronization along Clovis Avenue, from Dakota Avenue to Jensen Avenue - \$4,000,000.
- Traffic light synchronization along Shaw Avenue, from Fresno Street to SR 168 - \$3,000,000.
- Traffic synchronization along Jensen Avenue, from Clovis Avenue to Elm Avenue - \$4,000,000.
- Safety equipment such as weather stations, CMS signs and other items that will be used to decrease the number of fog-related incidents along SR 99 through the City of Fresno - \$2,500,000.

Mr. Stambouljian (City of Fresno) introduced Andrew Valles Designer of the Phase 3 ITS project and Jeff McMullen, Chief of Operations for the traffic operation center.

A motion was made by Ron Manfredi (Kerman) and seconded by Lynn Gorman (Fresno County) to recommend the Policy Board approve a letter of support for the City of Fresno's Proposition 1B-Traffic Light Synchronization Grant Application. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

E. Local Preference Policy

Tom Webster (COG) reported that at the request of the COG Policy Board, Fresno COG is currently researching local procurement preference policies. Such a policy, where legally applicable, would grant some degree of preferential consideration to local firms and consultants when contracting for their services. Mr. Webster will report back.

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

F. Measure C Regional Transportation Sub Committee Update

Tony Boren (COG) provided an update on the progress of the Committee. Staff is in the process of developing a billion dollar program of projects for the Regional Transportation Program for major streets and highways. The Sub-Committee has been meeting on this project for the last 4 months and has been making progress. Mr. Boren called attention to the different alternatives and scenarios staff is looking at and emphasized the importance of all members participating in the process. This is developing at a technical level and the analysis is very focused. As the process moves forward it is very important for everyone to participate. Staff will report back on this item in April.

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

G. Statewide and San Joaquin Valley 511 Project Update

Todd Sobrado (COG) reported that the Fresno COG, in cooperation with Caltrans District 6, sponsored and hosted the California 511 Conference #7 at Caltrans Manchester Center on March 3 and 4, 2008. The agenda for the conference was included in the agenda packet. Attended by 35 traveler information system or 511 professionals from throughout California and the United States, the group met for one and a half days to share information on the latest developments and implementation of Traveler Information Systems statewide.

Highlights from the conference include:

- Discussion on how the 511 systems in the Bay Area and San Diego emerged and performed as key disseminators of information during the Mace Bridge collapse in the Bay Area last year and the San Diego wildfires in October of 2007.
- Update and lessons learned on the one year anniversary of the public release of the San Diego 511 system.
- Announcement of awarding of the contract to build out the 511 system for Los Angeles, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange Counties.
- Recent findings from a study performed by the California Center for Intelligent Transportation at UC Berkeley on the optimal placement of roadway sensors for traffic monitoring.

A great deal of advice was also given by participants on how to plan for and implement a 511 or Traveler Information System. This information will be very helpful if and when the San Joaquin Valley decides to build out its own system.

Fresno COG staff also recently received an update from the Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG) regarding the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 'Baseline 511'. The MOU has been approved by the SACOG Policy Board. Participating San Joaquin Valley COGs can expect to receive a copy of the MOU to take before their Boards for approval shortly.

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

H. 2008 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council's "Valley Voices" Advocacy Effort

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director reported that in January, the Policy Board accepted The Legislative Platform of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies, which outlines the common issues amongst the Valley COG's for State and Federal legislative advocacy.

The San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, made up of two elected officials from each of the eight Valley counties and the Directors from each of the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies traveled to Sacramento on Wednesday, March 12th to meet with State legislative representatives, the Governor's office, the California Transportation Commission, and key staff from State agencies.

The purpose of the trip was to introduce the Regional Policy Council as a unified political body representing the Valley and to highlight key issues from the Valley Legislative Platform for State legislative advocacy. This delegation called themselves Valley Voices during the trip to distinguish themselves from other similar advocacy efforts.

The following items were provided to the committee members with updated information on the March 12th trip:

1. List of confirmed trip participants.
2. Draft trip schedule.
3. List of advocacy issues from the Valley Legislative Platform that will be the focus of discussions during the scheduled meetings in Sacramento.

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

I. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Monthly Update

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.

Barbara Steck (COG) explained that Staff is now in the midst of Phase III of the Blueprint planning process which refines and tests the five alternative growth scenarios in order to understand their impacts on land consumption, traffic congestion and air quality. These preliminary scenarios were developed by the Blueprint technical committee and are being edited by the Blueprint Roundtable. Staff hopes to take this information to the public for their feedback in April. As part of that effort, staff is scheduling presentations at all city council meetings in conjunction with community workshops, and at the Board of Supervisors and LAFCO. As staff moves forward in analysis of options, an involved group of citizens and electorate is needed.

Ms. Steck reported that staff will be on an extremely tight schedule during this phase as they coordinate outreach activities with the other seven COGs in the Valley to move local preferences on to UC Davis so that they can be considered in the Valleywide regional analysis. Staff will need the help of all of member agencies and community partners to make this a truly successful endeavor. COG staff has hired Jeffrey Scott Advertising to assist us with the marketing efforts over the next several months.

Ms. Steck encouraged the Committee members to attend the monthly Blueprint Roundtable meetings on the 4th Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the Sequoia Conference Room at COG. COG website www.fresnocog.org has information on all aspects of the Blueprint.

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

J. 2008 Sacramento "One Voice" Update

Barbara Steck (COG) gave an update on this item. Ms. Steck was happy to announce that the "One Voice" trip to Sacramento was very successful and that there were 34 delegates including 7 elected officials, several city managers and representatives from community organizations that traveled to Sacramento to promote the issues that were of concern to the group.

Listed below are items that were included in the agenda packet to provide the committee members with updated information on the trip:

1. List of confirmed trip participants.
2. Draft trip schedule.
3. List of advocacy issues ranked by regional priority that will be the focus of discussions during the scheduled meetings in Sacramento.

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

K. Greenhouse Gas Plan Update, Resolution 2008-08

Jason Paukovits (COG) reported that last month the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2008-08, which identified greenhouse gas policies for Fresno COG. On February 27, 2008, the day prior to the Policy Board meeting, staff received comments (included in the package) on the policies from the Attorney General's Office. Due to the nature of the comments, adoption of the resolution has been delayed to get additional feedback from the committees.

The Attorney General also provided a letter indicating that their office will be holding a series of workshops throughout the state from March through May to address issues related to climate change. This item was discussed at the February Policy Board meeting and will be included as a consent item only on that agenda.

Consensus from the Committee recommended delaying the adoption of Resolution 2008-08 and the greenhouse gas policies until after the Attorney General's workshops. Mr. Paukovits will report back to the Committee.

L. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement - FY 2007-08 Second Quarter Status Report and Adjustments to City of Sanger Hourly Rate and Standard Hourly Rate

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 enclosures for this item indicated the level of activity and distribution of funding to member agencies. For the second quarter of FY 2007-08, a total of \$183,751.77 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 \$118,562.38 conducting AVA activities and the Fresno COG claimed \$2,375.00 for program administration.

A total of 783 vehicles were abated this quarter, compared to 939 vehicles abated during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, a substantial decrease in vehicle abatements. This decrease was largely due to the City of Fresno focusing inspectors on other priorities during the quarter and is expected to return to the more typical pattern of year over year growth in vehicle abatements

The City of Sanger has submitted the enclosed letter dated March 4, 2008 requesting an increase in its hourly rate to \$68.00 and has submitted additional information in support of the requested increase. Sanger has nearly doubled the pay of Code Enforcement Officers since July 2006 and cost recovery calculations for the AVA program include an hourly vehicle rate fee and an administrative fee which are not captured by either the current or proposed (see following paragraph) standard hourly rate. Therefore, Staff and TTC recommended approval of Sanger's request.

Staff also recommended an increase from \$47.00 to \$62.00 in the current standard hourly rate. The \$47.00 amount has been in effect since program inception and is the same as the Special Inspection Rate included originally in the 1997 Uniform Building Code and subsequently incorporated into the 2001 California Building Code. Staff has been advised that the 2007 update of the Uniform Building Code, now called the International Building Code, no longer includes the Fee Tables from the earlier codes. The \$62.00 recommendation is instead based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index since 1997.

Lori Gutierrez and Bruce Anderson from the Fresno County Sheriffs Department gave a brief presentation on the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program.

A motion was made by Bruce Rudd (City of Fresno) and seconded by Alan Beyngel (Huron) to recommend acceptance of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2007-08 Second Quarter Summary Report and further recommended approval of the City of Sanger's request to increase its hourly rate to \$68.00 and the staff request to increase the standard hourly rate to \$62.00. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

M. Contract Increase for VRPA Technologies

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director reported that on June 30, 2007 Fresno COG entered into a \$75,000 contract with VRPA to provide Measure "C" planning support and guidance during the development of implementation strategies for Measure "C". The contract runs through June 30, 2008. VRPA was selected because they have been intricately involved in the Measure planning process from the beginning. VRPA also completed the environmental impact report for our Regional Transportation Plan and was instrumental in developing and maintaining the criteria by which projects are cleared and prioritized for inclusion in the document.

COG is currently in the process of developing a Strategic Plan for the billion dollar Regional Highway projects which must dovetail with the development of the Regional Transportation Mitigation fee. The process has been complicated by the dynamics of financing the project list. VRPA will need an additional \$22,500 to continue through June 30, 2008. The contract cost increase will be paid from our budget contingency for Measure planning funds.

A motion was made by Bruce Rudd (City of Fresno) and seconded by Alan Bengyel (Huron) to recommend that the Board authorize a \$22,500 increase in VRPA's contract for Measure "C" planning support and guidance, to be funded from the budget contingency for Measure planning funds. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

N. Caltrans Monthly Report

Steve Curti (Caltrans) provided an update on Caltrans activities. Mr. Curti reported on the braided ramp. A schedule provided by Neil Bretz, Caltrans project manager, informed the Committee that the PSR is to be completed by the end of July and the actual capital work can start in 4 years.

Other Caltrans items included:

- Caltrans will be having a shoveling opportunity for Highway 180, Caltrans will be breaking ground on Friday March 21st, at 10:00 am., for Highway 180 East.
- Clovis to Temperance construction begins in March and plans to be completed by 2010
- The Veterans Avenue project PSR is to be completed by May
- SR 99 - Kingsburg to Goshen construction will begin by 2010 and be completed by 2013

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

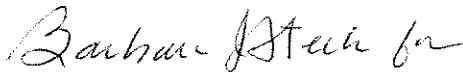
Barbara Goodwin (COG) informed the committee that staff would like to honor the sponsor's for "One Voice". Staff will present the sponsor's with recognitions at the Policy Board meeting in March. There will be a pre-board "One Voice" workshop at 6:00pm on March 27th where staff and members of the 2008 delegation will re-enact a typical Washington "One Voice" presentation.

B. Items from Members

Jose Ramirez (Chairman) reminded the Committee that PG&E representatives will be meeting with the City Managers after the PAC meeting on April 18th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12

In the Matter of:)
)
MEASURE "C" REGIONAL)
SUB-CATEGORY CLAIMS)
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION)
INFRASTRUCTURE)
ADA/SENIORS/PARATRANSIT)
FARMWORKER VANPOOLS)
CARPools/VANPOOLS)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
MEASURE "C" REGIONAL TRANSIT
PROGRAM SUB-CATEGORY CLAIMS

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

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

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Transportation Authority has adopted a Resolution of Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2007/08's estimated revenue of \$62,200,000 of which Regional Public Transit Program Sub-Category funds are available to claimant, and

WHEREAS, estimated 2007/08 revenue for Public Transportation Infrastructure is \$180,380; and

WHEREAS, estimated 2007/08 revenue for ADA/Seniors/Paratransit is \$491,380; and

WHEREAS, estimated 2007/08 revenue for Farmworker Van Pools is \$360,760; and

WHEREAS, estimated 2007/08 revenue for Carpools and Vanpools is \$360,760; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Fresno County Governments hereby adopts the Regional Public Transit Program Sub-Category funds Claim and authorizes the Executive Director to sign the Certification and Claim Form.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

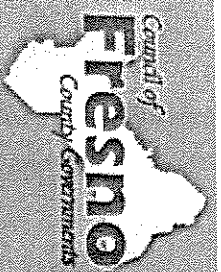
ABSENT:

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 April, 2008.

Signed: _____
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director



Legislation Summary April

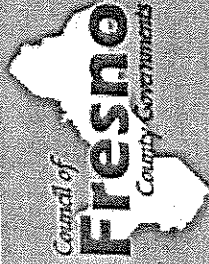
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<u>AB 842</u> Jones	Regional plans: traffic reduction.	2nd Policy													2	
<u>AB 901</u> Nunez	Transportation: Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006.	2nd Fiscal													2	
<u>AB 981</u> Ma	Vehicles: abatement of abandoned vehicles: costs recovery.	2nd Policy													3	
<u>AB 995</u> Nava	Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006: trade corridors.	2nd Floor													3	
<u>AB 1077</u> Lieber	State Air Resources Board: plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.	2nd Fiscal													4	
<u>AB 1129</u> Arambula	San Joaquin Valley Regional Affordable Housing Trust.	2nd Policy													5	
<u>AB 1209</u> Karnette	State Air Resources Board: emission reduction projects and measures.	2nd Fiscal													5	

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<u>AB 1252</u> Caballero	Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2007.	2nd Floor													6
<u>AB 1350</u> Nunez	Transportation bond funds.	2nd Fiscal													7
<u>AB 1358</u> Leno	Planning: circulation element: transportation.	2nd Floor													7
<u>AB 1815</u> Feuer	California Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force.	1st Policy													8
<u>AB 1845</u> Duvall	Railroad-highway grade separations.	1st Desk													8
<u>AB 1850</u> DeVore	Office of Public-Private Partnerships.	1st Policy													9
<u>AB 1904</u> Torrico	Transportation: programming of projects.	1st Policy													9
<u>AB 2063</u> Parra	Smog check program: biennial inspection.	1st Policy													10
<u>AB 2182</u> Caballero	Local land use planning.	1st Policy													10
<u>AB 2295</u> Arambula	Transportation capital improvement projects.	1st Policy													11

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<u>AB 2342</u> Parra	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.			1st Policy											11
<u>AB 2388</u> Feuer	Vehicle License Fee Law: passenger vehicles.			1st Desk											12
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<u>AB 660</u> Galgiani	Railroad-highway grade separations. Existing law provides for the Department of Transportation to include \$15,000,000 in its annual proposed budget for highway-railroad grade separation projects. Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish an annual priority list for expenditure of these funds, which may be allocated by the California Transportation Commission for various kinds of projects, including alteration of existing grade separations, construction of new grade separations for existing or proposed grade crossings, and removal or relocation of highways or railroad tracks to eliminate existing grade crossings. Existing law provides that allocations from these funds may not exceed 80% of project costs, and generally limits the maximum total allocation amount for a single project to \$5,000,000 unless there is specific legislative authorization, with certain exceptions. Existing law requires that an amount equal to a portion of the funds received by cities and counties for grade separation projects shall be deducted by the Controller from apportionments to those cities and counties of specified fuel tax revenues. This bill would revise the program to delete funding eligibility for a grade separation at a proposed new grade crossing or for removal or relocation of highways or railroad tracks to eliminate existing grade crossings. The bill would provide for a maximum allocation of 80% of project costs for all projects funded but would modify the provisions limiting the maximum amount that may be allocated to a single project to \$5,000,000 , unless	02/07/2008-Referred to Com. on T. & H.	Watch	KERN COG- oppose

	there is specific legislative authorization . The bill would also modify the calculation of the amount of funds deducted from the apportionments of the fuel tax revenues, delete provisions requiring the reduction of cost to a party to a grade separation project when the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) contributes towards a specified amount of the project, and delete provisions authorizing a local agency to construct a grade separation project, and retain eligibility for subsequent project priority lists, prior to the time that the project reaches a high enough priority for funding.			
<u>AB 842</u> Jones	Regional plans: traffic reduction. Existing law authorizes the California Transportation Commission to establish guidelines for the preparation of regional transportation plans. This bill would require the commission to update its guidelines for the preparation of regional transportation plans, including a requirement that each regional transportation plan provide for a 10% reduction in the growth increment of vehicle miles traveled. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/07/2008-Referred to Com. on T. & H.	Watch	CALCOG-support
<u>AB 901</u> Nunez	Transportation: Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B), authorizes \$19.925 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes. The act requires that, among other things, \$3.6 billion of the proceeds from those bonds be deposited in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account for allocation to public transit operators and transportation planning agencies by formula. This bill would require the Department of Transportation to provide the Department of Finance and the Assembly and Senate budget committees by September 30 of each year with information describing the total amount of verified project	01/18/2008-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/20/2007 hearing)	Watch	

	funding needed in the budget year and the amount required by each agency seeking funding. The bill would also require the department, on a quarterly basis, to provide the Controller with instructions regarding funds to be allocated to each sponsoring entity and would require the Controller to allocate those funds accordingly. The bill would define "sponsoring entity" and "eligible project" for purposes of allocating these funds. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to include information in its annual report to the Legislature regarding its activities relative to these funds. The bill would also impose specified auditing requirements and enact other related provisions.			
<u>AB 981</u> Ma	Vehicles: abatement of abandoned vehicles: costs recovery. Existing law holds the registered owner of an abandoned vehicle responsible for the costs of abating and disposing of the vehicle, and any other past due fees and penalties. This bill would prohibit the Department of Motor Vehicles from renewing the registration of any vehicle owned by a registered owner of an abandoned vehicle for which there are unreimbursed outstanding costs when the public agency that abated or caused the abatement of the abandoned vehicle has given notice to the department of the outstanding costs. After deducting its administrative costs, the Department of Motor Vehicles would be required to transmit to the public agency the outstanding costs collected. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/31/2008-Re-referred to Com. on T. & H.	Watch	
<u>AB 995</u> Nava	Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006: trade corridors. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B in the November 2006 general election, establishes the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury. Existing law requires specified moneys in the fund to be	02/13/2008-To inactive file on motion of Senator Ducheny.	Watch	

deposited in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature, for certain purposes. The act requires \$1,000,000,000 from the account to be made available to the State Air Resources Board for emission reductions, not otherwise required by law or regulation, from activities related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. The act requires \$2,000,000,000 to be transferred to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund for infrastructure improvements along designated trade corridors. This bill would provide that projects eligible for funding from the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund would receive priority if they meet specified requirements. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to coordinate with the state board for technical assistance in evaluating project applications.

AB 1077
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State Air Resources Board: plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Existing law grants to the State Air Resources Board primary authority for the control of air pollution from vehicular sources. Existing law authorizes the state board to adopt and implement motor vehicle emissions standards and motor vehicle specifications. This bill would enact the California Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Leadership Act of 2007. The bill would establish the California Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council, with specified membership, to develop and carry out a strategy of coordination and collaboration between entities and organizations engaged in activities relating to plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. The bill would require the council, on or before October 1, 2008, to identify the percentage or number of plug-in hybrid vehicles that could reasonably be added to the state vehicle fleet in the future. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

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<u>AB 1129</u> Arambula	San Joaquin Valley Regional Affordable Housing Trust. The Planning and Zoning Law requires each city, county, or city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan for its jurisdiction that contains mandatory elements, including a housing element. The housing element is prepared for the purposes of, among other things , fostering cooperation among local governments in order to address regional housing needs. This bill would establish the San Joaquin Valley Regional Affordable Housing Trust as a voluntary organization for the purposes of fostering the regional collaboration of San Joaquin Valley cities, counties, developers, financial institutions, and community-based organizations to meet affordable housing needs in the region.	02/07/2008-Referred to Com. on T. & H.	Support	Tulare COG-support PARTNERSHIP-support
<u>AB 1209</u> Karnette	State Air Resources Board: emission reduction projects and measures. Existing law creates the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 to authorize \$19.925 billion of state general obligation bonds for specified purposes. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 requires \$3,100,000,000 of these funds to be deposited in the California Ports Infrastructure, Security, and Air Quality Improvement Account within the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006, and requires \$1,000,000,000 of these funds to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Air Resources Board for emissions reductions, not otherwise required by law or regulation, from activities related to the movement of freight along California's trade corridors. This bill would require the state board to develop guidelines meeting specified requirements for the allocation of the \$1,000,000,000 in funding. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the state board to allocate funds on a competitive basis to projects and measures that are shown to achieve the greatest emission reductions from activities	01/28/2008-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/20/2007 hearing)	Support	CALCOG-support

	related to freight movement along California's trade corridors. The projects and measures would be required to result in emission reductions not otherwise required by law or regulation in effect at the time the state board issues a notice of funding availability. The bill would specify that the funds only be used to implement strategies described in a required emissions reduction plan included in funding applications. The bill would require the state board to report annually to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on the status of the projects and measures being funded. The bill would require the administrative costs of the state board to be paid in an appropriation in the annual Budget Act and limit those costs to \$15,000,000 for the duration of program funding.		
<u>AB 1252</u> Caballero	Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2007. The Urban Park Act of 2006 (act) requires the Department of Parks and Recreation (department) to establish a local assistance program to offer grants, on a competitive basis, to various local entities and nonprofit organizations, as defined, for the acquisition or development, or both, of urban parks and recreational areas and facilities. Heavily urbanized counties are authorized to apply for these grants. This bill would change the name of the act to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2007. A city, regional park district, district, joint powers authority, or county, in addition to specified nonprofit organizations, would be authorized to apply for local assistance program grants. The term "critically underserved community" would replace the term "heavily urbanized county" for purposes of the act and would be defined to include a community with less than 3 acres of usable parkland per 1,000 residents or is a disadvantaged community, as defined, and can demonstrate to the Department of Parks and Recreation that the community has insufficient or no park and recreation facilities. The bill would	02/13/2008-To inactive file on motion of Senator Ducheny.	Watch CALCOG-support

	revise the criteria for awarding grants, and require the department on or before April 1, 2009, to adopt guidelines to amplify or clarify the grant criteria or develop a procedural guide for the administration of the act and the guidance of applicants. The department would be required to offer technical assistance to all applicants and potential applicants for both grant preparation and project development to encourage full participation in the grant program. This bill contains other related provisions.			
<u>AB 1350</u> Nunez	Transportation bond funds. Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, approved by the voters as Proposition 1B in the November 2006 general election, establishes the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury. Specified moneys in the fund are required to be deposited in the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account to be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for capital projects that provide increased protection against a security and safety threat, and for capital expenditures to increase the capacity of transit operators to develop disaster response transportation systems. This bill would require these funds to be allocated to transit operators for eligible projects, as defined, based on various formulas, and would require funds to be allocated by the Office of Emergency Services in consultation with the Office of Homeland Security. An eligible applicant would be required to annually advise the Office of Emergency Services of the applicant's need for funding in the following fiscal year, and the office would submit a request to the Department of Finance and to the legislative budget committees in that regard. The bill would enact other related provisions .	01/28/2008-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 8/20/2007 hearing)	Watch	
<u>AB 1358</u> Leno	Planning: circulation element: transportation. Existing law requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of	02/13/2008-To inactive file on motion of Senator Ducheny.	Watch	

	the county or city with specified elements, including a circulation element consisting of the general location and extent of existing and proposed major thoroughfares, transportation routes, terminals, any military airports and ports, and other local public utilities and facilities, all correlated with the land use element of the plan. This bill would require, commencing January 1, 2010, that the legislative body of a city or county, upon any revision of the circulation element of the general plan, modify the circulation element to accommodate the safe and convenient travel of users of streets, roads, and highways, defined to include motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, seniors, movers of commercial goods, and users of public transportation , in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan . By requiring new duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
AB 1815 Feuer	California Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force. Existing law provides various sources of revenue to fund state highway and local road maintenance, operation, and improvement, including a state-imposed per-gallon fuel tax of 18 cents. This bill would create, until January 1, 2010, the California Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force, with 14 members appointed by the Legislature, Governor, California Transportation Commission, city and county organizations, and other specified entities. The bill would require the task force to hold at least 3 public hearings around the state and to report to the Legislature and Governor by January 1, 2010, on alternatives to the current system of taxing road users through per-gallon fuel taxes. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations in that regard.	02/07/2008-Referred to Com. on TRANS. 04/07/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch	LEAGUE OF CITIES-support
AB 1845 Duvall	Railroad-highway grade separations. Existing law provides for the Department of Transportation to include \$15,000,000 in its annual	01/29/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 28.	Watch	

AB 1815 Feuer	California Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force.	Existing law provides various sources of revenue to fund state highway and local road maintenance, operation, and improvement, including a state-imposed per-gallon fuel tax of 18 cents. This bill would create, until January 1, 2010, the California Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force, with 14 members appointed by the Legislature, Governor, California Transportation Commission, city and county organizations, and other specified entities. The bill would require the task force to hold at least 3 public hearings around the state and to report to the Legislature and Governor by January 1, 2010, on alternatives to the current system of taxing road users through per-gallon fuel taxes. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations in that regard.	02/07/2008-Referred to Com. on TRANS.	04/07/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch	LEAGUE OF CITIES-support
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<u>AB 1845</u> Duvall Railroad-highway grade separations. Existing law provides for the Department of Transportation to include \$15,000,000 in its annual	01/29/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee January 28. Watch
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	proposed budget for highway-railroad grade separation projects. Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish an annual priority list for expenditure of these funds, which are allocated to specific projects by the California Transportation Commission. Existing law, pursuant to Proposition 1B, approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006 general election, provides for the allocation of \$250,000,000 in general obligation bond funds to grade separation projects. It requires \$150,000,000 of these funds to be available pursuant to the above-described priority list process, with certain exceptions, and the remaining \$100,000,000 to be available for allocation by the California Transportation Commission to projects that are not part of that process. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to transfer the responsibility for developing the priority list for the annual \$15,000,000 grade separation program from the Public Utilities Commission to the California Transportation Commission upon completion of the expenditure of the \$150,000,000 in Proposition 1B general obligation bond funds that are to be allocated pursuant to the priority list process.			
<u>AB 1850</u> DeVore	Office of Public-Private Partnerships. Existing law authorizes various methods to finance public facilities that are necessary to meet the needs of the state. This bill would, until January 1, 2019, create the Office of Public-Private Partnerships within the office of the Governor and a process for the Office of Public-Private Partnerships to develop formal public-private partnership agreements to facilitate the construction and maintenance of the state's infrastructure, as defined. This bill would require the Director of the Office of Public-Private Partnerships to provide the Legislature with 90 days' notice before committing the state to participate in any partnership agreement.	02/21/2008-Referred to Com. on B. & P. 04/01/08 9 a.m. - Room 447 ASM BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS	Watch	
<u>AB 1904</u> Torrico	Transportation: programming of projects. Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission to program interregional and regional	02/21/2008-Referred to Com. on TRANS.	Watch	

	transportation capital improvement projects through the State Transportation Improvement Program process, consistent with estimated available funding. Existing law requires regional improvement projects nominated by regional agencies to be programmed by the commission pursuant to certain formulas, known as the north-south split and county shares. Existing law provides for county shares to be calculated based 75% on the population of a county and 25% on the total state highway miles in a county. This bill, for purposes of calculation of state highway miles in a county for the county shares formula, would provide that the total number of nonfreeway miles in a county shall be calculated so that it is not less than the total number of nonfreeway miles that existed in the county on January 1, 2008.	04/07/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION		
AB 2063 Parra	Smog check program: biennial inspection. Existing law establishes a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program (smog check), administered by the Department of Consumer Affairs, that provides for the inspection of motor vehicles upon registration, biennially upon renewal of registration, upon transfer of ownership, and in certain other circumstances. Violations of smog check requirements are a crime. This bill would subject all vehicles registered within the state to biennial inspection, except as specifically exempted, regardless of where in the state the vehicle is registered. By requiring additional owners of vehicles to be subject to smog tests, this bill would expand the scope of a crime and therefore create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/28/2008-Referred to Com. on TRANS. 04/07/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch	
AB 2182 Caballero	Local land use planning. Existing law, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 , allocates \$580,000,000 for revitalizing communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks, and urban greening, and specifically authorizes	03/13/2008-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.	Watch	

	\$90,000,000 for planning grants and incentives to encourage, among other things, the development of specified regional and local land use plans. The act also requires that these funds be made available upon appropriation by the Legislature. This bill would establish the Urban and Community Center Revitalization Program within the Department of Conservation, and would allocate unspecified sums from the \$90,000,000 made available under the act to the Director of Conservation for distribution in the form of grants to local governments that meet specified criteria. The bill would authorize the director to award grants for, among other things, specific plans, master environmental impact reports, and charettes. This bill contains other related provisions.			
AB 2295 Arambula	Transportation capital improvement projects. Existing law generally provides for allocation of transportation capital improvement funds pursuant to the State Transportation Improvement Program process. Existing law provides for 75% of funds available for transportation capital improvement projects to be made available for regional projects, and 25% for interregional projects. Existing law describes the types of projects that may be funded with the regional share of funds, and includes local road projects as a category of eligible projects. This bill would state that local road rehabilitation projects are eligible for these funds.	03/05/2008-Referred to Com. on TRANS. 04/07/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch	
AB 2342 Parra	California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, including any federal department or state or local agency, to enter into an agreement for the purpose of exercising any power common to the contracting parties for specified purposes, including acquiring or constructing specified public facilities and improvements. This bill would, until January 1, 2010, inclusive, create the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, composed of the heads of specified state agencies and departments, and local government members, subject to specified criteria,	03/05/2008-Referred to Com. on J., E.D. & E. 04/08/08 9 a.m. - Room 447 ASM JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE ECONOMY	Support	

	to coordinate and improve existing local, state, and federal efforts for the valley to increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley. The bill would also create the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Fund in the State Treasury to receive federal, local, and private funds and continuously appropriate these funds to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for purposes of the partnership. This bill contains other related provisions.			
<u>AB 2388</u> Feuer	Vehicle License Fee Law: passenger vehicles. The Vehicle License Fee Law establishes, in lieu of any ad valorem property tax upon vehicles, an annual license fee for any vehicle subject to registration in this state in the amount of 0.065% of the market value of that vehicle, as provided. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to revise the Vehicle License Fee Law to include fees on passenger vehicles for weight and carbon dioxide emissions.	02/22/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.	Watch	
<u>AB 2522</u> Arambula	San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Existing law authorizes air pollution control districts and air quality management districts, except as provided, to levy a fee up to \$2 on motor vehicles, and authorizes the districts to increase this fee up to \$6 if certain conditions are met. This bill would authorize the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District to increase this fee by up to but not exceeding \$30 for incentive-based programs to achieve surplus emissions reductions, as specified. The bill would require the Bureau of State Audits to audit the assessment of fees and expenditure of funds pursuant to these provisions and require the state board to assess the use of these fees in achieving and maintaining state and federal ambient air standards. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	03/24/2008-Referred to Coms. on TRANS. and L. GOV. 04/07/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch	

AB 2596 Jones	California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: cities and counties: projected emissions. Existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Existing law, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, designates the state board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming in order to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The act requires the state board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020, as specified, and requires the state board to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective greenhouse gas emission reductions, as specified. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms to comply with the regulations. This bill would require the state board, on or before January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2020, to quantify the projected annual greenhouse gas emissions generated by each city and county, based on land use and transportation activity data from 2009. The bill would authorize a city or county, to the extent it reduces its greenhouse gas emissions by 25% of the state board projections, to sell, exchange, or auction its incremental emissions reduction in any open market-based compliance mechanism established by the state board.	03/13/2008-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES. 04/07/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 447 ASM NATURAL RESOURCES	Watch
AB 2638 Coto	California Air Quality and Environmental Health Act of 2008. Existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution. This bill would require the State Board of Equalization to collect a fee in an amount determined by the State Air Resources Board on the	03/25/2008-Re-referred to Com. on TRANS. 04/14/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch

	sale or lease of a new passenger motor vehicle that, among other things, has a federal fuel economy rating of 15 miles per gallon or less. The bill would create the California Air Quality and Environmental Health Fund, and would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the State Air Resources Board to finance projects and programs that will mitigate or prevent the air pollution harm caused by vehicles subject to the fee.		
<u>AB 2650</u> Carter	Department of Transportation: environmental review process: reports. Existing law gives the Department of Transportation full possession and control of state highways and associated property. Existing federal law requires the United States Secretary of Transportation to carry out a surface transportation project delivery pilot program, as specified. The secretary has authorized California to participate in that program, and California has agreed to that participation. A 3-year memorandum of understanding was negotiated between the parties for purposes of state assumption of responsibility for categorical exclusions. This bill would require the department to submit that report to the Legislature by January 1, 2009, and again by January 1, 2010. The bill would also extend the operation of the above-described pilot program provisions and instead make those provisions inoperative upon specified circumstances, including, but not limited to, upon program termination or upon the end of the 3-year memorandum of understanding described above. This bill contains other existing laws.	03/13/2008-Referred to Com. on TRANS. 04/14/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch CALTRANS-support
<u>AB 2870</u> DeSaulnier	Land use: environmental quality. Existing law, the Planning and Zoning Law, requires that a State Environmental Goals and Policy report be prepared and regularly reviewed and revised. Under existing law, the report's purpose is to record approved goals, policies, and decisions of state government related to statewide growth and development and the preservation of environmental quality. This bill would create the California Blueprint Implementation Commission, consisting of	03/13/2008-Referred to Com. on L. GOV. 04/16/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 447 ASM LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Watch

AB 3034 Galgiani	designated members, that would, in part, facilitate implementation of regional footprint projects. Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century. Existing law, Chapter 697 of the Statutes of 2002, as amended by Chapter 71 of the Statutes of 2004 and Chapter 44 of the Statutes of 2006, provides for submission of the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century to the voters for approval at the November 4, 2008, general election. Subject to voter approval, 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. This bill would make various revisions to the bond act to be submitted to the voters. The bill would refer to construction of a high-speed train system consistent with the authority's certified environmental impact report of November 2005, rather than with the final business plan of June 2000. The bill would revise the descriptions of route segments of the proposed high-speed train system. The bill would require excess revenues from operation of the high-speed train system beyond the amount needed for high-speed train purposes, as defined by the authority, to be deposited in the General Fund. The bill would require that not more than 10% of bond proceeds be used for environmental studies, planning, and engineering activities, and would require the authority to have a detailed funding plan for each segment of the system that identifies the full cost of construction and the sources of revenues for that segment, prior to awarding a construction contract for the segment. The bill would require the authority to	03/13/2008-Referred to Com. on TRANS. 04/14/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch
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	give priority in selecting each specific segment for construction to those segments that require the least amount of bond funds as a percentage of total cost of construction, among other considerations. This bill contains other related provisions.			
AB 3064 Committee on Transportation	Transportation. The Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion in general obligation bonds for various transportation improvements, of which \$2 billion are to be allocated to cities and counties for specified local street and road improvements. Existing law requires a city or county to reimburse the state for funds it receives if it fails to comply with certain conditions applicable to the expenditure of the bond funds. This bill would require any interest or other return earned by a city or county from investment of bond funds received under these provisions to be expended or reimbursed under the same conditions as are applicable to the bond funds themselves. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	03/13/2008-Referred to Com. on TRANS. 04/14/08 1:30 p.m. - Room 4202 ASM TRANSPORTATION	Watch	
ACA 10 Feuer	Bonded indebtedness: local government: transportation infrastructure. The California Constitution prohibits any ad valorem tax on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit on ad valorem tax on real property for a city, county, or city and county to pay for bonded indebtedness, incurred to fund specified transportation infrastructure, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as appropriate. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/08/2008-From printer. May be heard in committee February 8.	Watch	
SB 27 Similtian	Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Act of 2008. Under existing law, various bond acts have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water	03/06/2008-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on	Watch	

	projects, facilities, and programs. Under existing law, various state agencies administer programs relating to water supply, water quality, and flood management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This bill would enact the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Act of 2008, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize, for the purposes of financing a water quality, environmental enhancement, and water supply reliability program, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in the amount of \$4,000,000,000. The bill would require the Secretary of State to submit the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2008, statewide general election. This bill contains other related provisions.	W., P. & W.		
<u>SB 286</u> Lowenthal	Transportation enhancement funds: conservation corps. Existing federal law, as part of the comprehensive surface transportation program, allocates transportation funds to each state for transportation enhancement projects. This bill, with respect to federal funds made available to the state for transportation enhancement projects, would require transportation planning agencies, county transportation commissions or authorities, and congestion management agencies to adopt criteria that give priority in the selection of these projects to the sponsors of eligible projects that partner with, or commit to employ the services of, a community conservation corps, as defined, or the California Conservation Corps to construct or undertake the project. The bill would authorize these agencies and the Department of Transportation to enter into cooperative agreements, grant agreements, or procurement contracts with community conservation corps pursuant to certain simplified contract requirements. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission, when developing guidelines for the state transportation improvement	01/18/2008-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Watch	MERCED COG-support LEAGUE OF CITIES-support CSAC-support

	program and the state highway operations and protection program, to include guidance to encourage the allocation of funds for transportation enhancement projects to community conservation corps and the California Conservation Corps as partners with applicants that commit to employ the services of corps members in the construction of those projects. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.			
SB 375 Steinberg	Transportation planning: travel demand models: sustainable communities strategy: environmental review. Existing law requires certain transportation planning activities by the Department of Transportation and by designated regional transportation planning agencies, including development of a regional transportation plan. Existing law authorizes the California Transportation Commission, in cooperation with the regional agencies, to prescribe study areas for analysis and evaluation. This bill would require the commission, by July 1, 2009, to adopt guidelines for travel demand models used in the development of regional transportation plans by certain transportation planning entities. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to assist the commission, on request, in this regard, and would impose other related requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	01/28/2008-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	Oppose Unless Amended	TULARE COG - oppose MERCED COG -oppose RCRC-oppose LEAGUE OF CITIES-oppose CSAC-oppose
SB 445 Torlakson	Greenhouse gas mitigation fee. Existing law provides various sources of revenue to fund transportation operations and capital improvements, including certain revenues derived from fees or taxes imposed at the local or regional level at the option of the administering agency. This bill would authorize specified regional transportation agencies to impose a greenhouse gas mitigation fee on vehicles subject to registration within the jurisdiction of the agency implementing the fee. The bill would require the fee to be implemented pursuant to a plan, which would be required to contain an expenditure plan describing specified	03/06/2008-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.	Watch	

	transportation projects and programs to be funded from fee revenues. The fee would be subject to majority approval of the governing board of the implementing agency and majority voter approval of a ballot measure containing the expenditure plan and the proposed fee in the jurisdiction where the fee is to be imposed. The fee would be collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles.		
SB 494 Kehoe	Vehicular air pollution control: clean alternative fuels. Existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Existing law generally designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution. Existing law requires the state board to establish, by regulation, various standards for gasoline and motor vehicle fuel. This bill would require the state board, by June 30, 2009, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Food and Agriculture, and other relevant state agencies, to develop and adopt regulations that would become operative no later than January 1, 2010, that will ensure that commencing January 1, 2015, 25% of new passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks sold in California each year are clean alternative vehicles, as defined, and that commencing January 1, 2020, 50% of new passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks sold in California each year are clean alternative vehicles. The bill would require the state board to submit a report to the Legislature on the progress passenger vehicle and light-duty truck manufacturers have made in meeting these requirements, the progress the state has made in increasing the use of alternative fuels and reducing the state's dependence on imported petroleum and petroleum fuels, and any improvements in public health and the environment attributable to the use	02/14/2008-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 7/9/2007 hearing)	Watch

	of clean alternative fuels, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.			
SB 974 Lowenthal	Ports: congestion relief: air pollution mitigation: regulatory fee. Existing law regulates the operation of ports and harbors. This bill would require the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland to collect a user fee on the owner of container cargo moving through the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, or the Port of Oakland at a rate of \$30 per twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU). This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/26/2008-From inactive file to third reading file. 04/01/08 30 ASM THIRD READING FILE	Support w/Amendments	
SB 1363 Perata	Transportation projects: comprehensive development lease agreements. Existing law, until January 1, 2012, authorizes the Department of Transportation and regional transportation agencies to enter into up to 4 comprehensive development lease agreements with public and private entities for transportation projects primarily designed for improvement of goods movement that may charge users of those projects tolls and user fees, subject to various terms and conditions. This bill would extend that date to January 1, 2013. This bill contains other related provisions.	03/12/2008-Set for hearing April 8. 04/08/08 1:30 p.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SEN TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING	Watch	
SB 1548 Flores	San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District: city selection committee. Existing law establishes the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District formed by the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare, and consisting of the Counties of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare, and that portion of the County of Kern that is within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, as a single integrated agency with all staff under one centralized management structure that is able to implement programs on a basinwide basis. Existing law requires the district to be governed by a district board composed of a total of 15 voting members.	03/28/2008-Set for hearing April 16. 04/16/08 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Watch	

	Of those members, existing law requires 5 members to be appointed by cities within the territory of the district, based on region and population. This bill would require the cities within the territory of the unified district to organize as a city selection committee to appoint these members, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.		
<u>SBX2.1</u> Perata	Water quality, flood control, water storage, and wildlife preservation. Under existing law, various bond acts have been approved by the voters to provide funds for water projects, facilities, and programs. The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, a bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4,090,000,000 for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, and resource protection program. The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, approved by the voters at the November 5, 2002, statewide general election, authorizes, for the purposes of financing a safe drinking water, water quality, and water reliability program, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,440,000,000. This bill, with regard to those bond funds, would appropriate \$610,890,000 as follows: of the funds made available pursuant to the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, \$50,000,000 to the Department of Water Resources for essential emergency preparedness supplies and projects, and \$150,000,000 to the department for stormwater	01/07/2008-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 23. Noes 11. Page 20.) To Assembly.	Watch

flood management project grants; of the funds made available pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, \$50,000,000 to the State Department of Public Health for grants and loans for small community drinking water systems infrastructure improvements and related actions, \$50,400,000 to the State Department of Public Health for grants for projects to prevent or reduce the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water, \$40,000,000 to the department for administrative costs, planning grants, and local groundwater assistance grants, \$50,000,000 to the department for projects to relocate existing Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water intake facilities, \$60,000,000 to the department for expenditures to increase the department's ability to respond to levee breaches and to reduce the potential for levee failure, \$100,000,000 to the department for the acquisition, preservation, protection, and restoration of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta islands, \$12,000,000 to the department to complete planning and feasibility studies associated with new surface storage under the California Bay-Delta Program, \$15,000,000 to the department for planning and feasibility studies to identify potential options for the reoperation of the state's flood protection and water supply systems, \$10,000,000 to the department to update the California Water Plan, \$10,000,000 to the department for planning and feasibility studies for projects to reduce ecosystem conflicts in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and \$10,000,000 to the State Coastal Conservancy for projects on the Santa Ana River; and of the funds made available under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, \$3,490,000 to the department for planning and feasibility studies associated with surface storage under the California Bay-Delta Program.

SBX3 5	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	Highway Users Tax Account. Existing law requires state excise fuel tax revenues to be deposited in various accounts and to be allocated, in part, for various purposes, including the cost of collection and authorized refunds. Existing law requires the balance of these funds remaining after authorized deductions to be transferred to, and deposited monthly in, the Highway Users Tax Account in the Transportation Tax Fund. Existing law provides for annual and monthly apportionment by the Controller of specified revenues in the Highway Users Tax Account to counties and cities for the transportation purposes authorized by Article XIX of the California Constitution. This bill would require transfers of those revenues from the Highway Users Tax Account to counties or cities that would otherwise be made during certain months of 2008, to instead be made in September of 2008, as specified. The bill would allow those counties or cities to make use of any cash balance in any county or city account that is designated for the receipt of state funds allocated for local streets and roads maintenance, including specified bond funds, during the period of this suspension, without the use of this cash being reflected as an expenditure of bond act funds, provided the cash is replaced once this suspension is repaid in September of 2008. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	02/19/2008-From SECOND READING: Read second time and amended.To THIRD READING. (Enrolled Text Pulled.) 04/01/08 4 SEN THIRD READING FILE	Watch
Total Position Forms: 38				

California Legislature **2007-08 Regular Session Calendar**

January 2008 1 Statutes take effect 7 Legislature reconvenes 8 Governor's State of the State Address 10 Budget must be submitted by Governor 25 Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel	July 3 Summer recess begins upon adjournment, provided budget bill has been passed
February 22 Last day to introduce bills	August 4 Legislatures reconvenes from summer recess 15 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor 18-31 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose. 22 Last day to amend a bill on the Floor 31 Last day for any bill to be passed. Final Recess begins upon adjournment.
March 13 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment 24 Legislature reconvenes	September 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before September 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after September 1
April 18 Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees	October 2 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect Jan. 1, 2009
May 2 Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced to the Floor 16 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 2 23 Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor. Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 2. Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose. 27-30 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose. 30 Last day to pass bills out of house of origin	November
June 2 Committees may resume 15 Budget bill must be passed by midnight 27 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills	December

110th United States Congress
2008 Session Calendar

January 3 21	110 th Congress convenes Martin Luther King Jr. Day	July 4	Independence Day
February 18 18-22	Presidents' Day Congressional District Work Period	August 11-Sept. 5	Congressional District Work Period, Summer
March 17-28	Congressional District Work Period, Easter	September 1 4 8 26	Labor Day Senate reconvenes House reconvenes Senate and House Target Adjournment Date
April		October 13	Columbus Day
May 26 26-30	Memorial Day Congressional District Work Period, Memorial Day	November 4 11 27	Election Day Veterans' Day Thanksgiving Day
June 30-July 3	Congressional District Work Period, Independence Day	December 22 25	Hanukkah Christmas Holiday

SECTION 5316 / 5317 – Job Access Reverse Commute(JARC) / New Freedom (NF) FACT SHEET Federal Fiscal Year 2006/2007

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The JARC program provides funding to support projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low income individuals to and from employment activities and employment related activities, particularly to suburban and rural job locations.

The New Freedom program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies to provide new transportation services for individuals with disabilities, above and beyond the minimum required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

COORDINATED PLANNING

All projects selected for funding must be derived from a coordinated public transit human services transportation plan as required by federal guidance.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Private non-profit organizations
- State or local governmental authority
- Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.
- Tribal governments

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Expenses that support development and maintenance of transportation services include: Capital; Planning; Operating and Mobility Management.

LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Federal share of eligible capital and planning costs may not exceed 80 percent of the net cost Activity.

The federal share of the eligible operating costs may not exceed 50 percent of the net operating costs of the activity.

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Projects will be awarded through a competitive selection process. The COG will evaluate all JARC project applications through the SSTAC review committee to determine the extent to which the proposed projects meet the overall program goals and objectives to the programs.

PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for funding, JARC projects in urbanized areas must be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan prepared and approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) approved jointly by the MPO and the Governor, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) developed by a State and jointly approved by the FTA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Preliminary Estimate

Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response

California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF)

APPORTIONMENT TO TRANSIT AGENCIES

04/02/08

PUC 8879.55(a)(2) POPULATION 723,461
PUC 8879.55 (a)(3) OPERATOR 98,478

2007/08 Fund Estimate Per State Controller 821,939

MEMBER	CENSUS POPULATION 01/01/07	PERCENT	GROSS AMOUNT AVAILABLE	NET FOR 8879.55(a)(3) OPERATOR	NET FOR 8879.55(a)(2) POPULATION	Clovis Transit	FAX	FCRTA
Clovis	92,269	10.04%	73,542	914	72,628	73,542		14,217
Coalinga	18,061	1.97%	14,217		14,217			5,268
Firebaugh	6,692	0.73%	5,268		5,268			4,166
Fowler	5,293	0.58%	4,166		4,166			
Fresno City	481,035	52.34%	471,887	93,248	378,639		471,887	
Huron	7,493	0.82%	5,898		5,898			5,898
Kerman	13,591	1.48%	10,698		10,698			10,698
Kingsburg	11,234	1.22%	8,843		8,843			8,843
Mendota	9,426	1.03%	7,420		7,420			7,420
Orange Cove	10,544	1.15%	8,300		8,300			8,300
Parlier	13,080	1.42%	10,296		10,296			10,296
Reedley	24,909	2.71%	19,607		19,607			19,607
Sanger	24,877	2.71%	19,582		19,582			19,582
San Joaquin	3,870	0.42%	3,046		3,046			3,046
Selma	23,194	2.52%	18,257		18,257			18,257
Fresno Co.	173,535	18.86%	136,596		136,596 *	1,076	105,737	29,783
FCRTA			4,316	4,316				4,316
TOTALS	919,103	100.0%	821,939	98,478	723,461	74,618	577,624	169,697

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*Basis - County contribution to Transit 2007/08	LTF/STA	TSSDRA	821,939	98,478	723,461			821,939

Clovis	22,271	1,076
FAX	2,187,710	105,737
FCRTA	616,207	29,783
Total	2,826,188	136,596



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April 2, 2008

Lynn Jacobs, Director
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RE: Letter of Support for Fancher Creek - Infill Infrastructure Grant Program

Dear Director Jacobs:

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is pleased to submit this letter of support for Proposition 1C Infill Infrastructure Grant Program ("Program") funding for capital improvements for the Fancher Creek residential mixed-use development project. This project is consistent with the objectives of regional housing needs allocation as defined in statute:

- (1) Increases the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability;
- (2) Promotes infill development and socioeconomic equity, protection of environmental and agricultural resources, an encouragement of efficient development patterns;
- (3) Promotes an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, and
- (4) Balances the distribution of households by income category.

Fancher Creek will be an urban destination for all of Central California, providing approximately one million square feet of retail, 120,000 square feet of offices, and over 600 high-density affordable units, a new library, a new police station, and a major transit hub. Fancher Creek's economic impact on South-East Fresno will be substantial and sustained.

As our region continues to experience high population growth and sustainable development, increasing the inventory of affordable housing continues to be a priority for the growth of our community. Fancher Creek is a fine example of a mixed-use development with its pedestrian friendly design; efficient land use; proximity to transportation. Of particular importance is the substantial contribution to the supply of affordable housing. All of these factors indicate the Fancher Creek project is consistent with many of the goals and policies of the current Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan, adopted on May 31, 2007.

Once again, the Fresno COG is pleased to extend our support for funding under the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program for the Fancher Creek project. Please feel free to contact me at (559) 233-4148 or by email at bgoodwin@fresnocog.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

cc: Eugene Lee, Chief for the Infill and TOD Program, HCD

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



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RE: Letter of Support for Campus Pointe - Infill Infrastructure Grant Program

Dear Director Jacobs:

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is pleased to submit this letter of support for Proposition 1C Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funding for capital improvements for the Campus Pointe residential mixed-use development project to be located on the California State University, Fresno campus. This project is consistent with the objectives of regional housing needs allocation as defined in statute:

- (1) Increases the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability;
- (2) Promotes infill development and socioeconomic equity, protection of environmental and agricultural resources, an encouragement of efficient development patterns;
- (3) Promotes an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, and
- (4) Balances the distribution of households by income category.

In addition to providing a unique retail and educational experience, Campus Pointe will provide over 500 high-density affordable units for our local workforce. Our region continues to experience high population growth and sustainable development, both locally and regionally, is a priority. Campus Pointe is a fine example of a mixed-use development with its pedestrian friendly design; efficient land-use; proximity to educational resources, employment opportunities, and entertainment; and, easy access to public transportation. Of particular importance is its substantial contribution to the supply of affordable housing. All of these factors indicate the Campus Pointe project is consistent with many of the goals and policies of the current Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan, adopted on May 31, 2007.

Once again, the Fresno COG is pleased to extend our support for funding under the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program for the Campus Pointe project. Please feel free to contact me at (559) 233-4148 or by email at bgoodwin@fresnocog.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
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cc: Eugene Lee, Chief for the Infill and TOD Program, HCD

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**Del Rey Villas Subdivision in Orange Cove, California-Determination of Consistency with the
Council of Fresno County Governments' Blueprint Plan**

Dear Sirs:

It is our understanding that the City of Orange Cove is working with the developer who is submitting a Proposition 1C grant application for the Del Rey Villas Subdivision project located in Orange Cove. As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Fresno County, Fresno COG is pleased to report that the Del Rey Villas Subdivision project is consistent with the Fresno County Blueprint Planning process which is currently underway in Fresno County. Although the final Fresno County Blueprint vision has yet to be formally adopted (formal adoption is anticipated to occur in early 2009), Fresno COG staff and the Blueprint Steering Committee feel strongly that the land use design principles incorporated into the subdivision are consistent with the "Smart Growth" themes that will be a predominant feature of the Fresno County Blueprint. The project design also includes incorporation of a bus transit station to encourage community members to utilize public transportation as an alternative to the automobile. This will significantly help reduce vehicle miles traveled in Fresno County and thereby improve our air quality.

In closing, if you should have any questions regarding the issue of Blueprint consistency, please feel free to call COG Deputy Director, Tony Boren at 559 233-4148.

Sincerely,

BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
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RE: Letter of Support for Del Rey Villas Subdivision – Orange Cove – Infill Incentive Grant Program – Proposition 1C

Dear Sirs:

The Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) is pleased to submit this letter of support for Infill Incentive Grant Program – Proposition 1C funding for capital improvements for the *Del Rey Villas Subdivision in Orange Cove, California*. The project is located at the southwest corner of Jacobs and South Aves. in Orange Cove, CA. (map attached). The property has been annexed into Orange Cove and is positioned as a southern entrance into the community, directly adjacent to public schools and urban development with water, sewer and utilities immediately available to the site. The site is designated as Medium Density Residential in the Orange Cove General Plan, suitable for housing development.

The Del Rey Villas Subdivision project includes a number of Proposition 1C eligible infrastructure improvements including:

- Streets, roads, parking structures, transit linkages and traffic shelters;
- Water, sewer and other utility service improvements;
- Sidewalks and streetscape improvements;

In addition, the goals of this project are also consistent with the Department of Housing and Community Development's overall housing objectives:

- Increases the housing supply and mix of housing types;
- Increases the supply and mix of affordable housing types
- Promotes infill development, socioeconomic equity, protection of environmental and agricultural resources and encouragement of efficient development patterns;
- Balances the distribution of households by income category

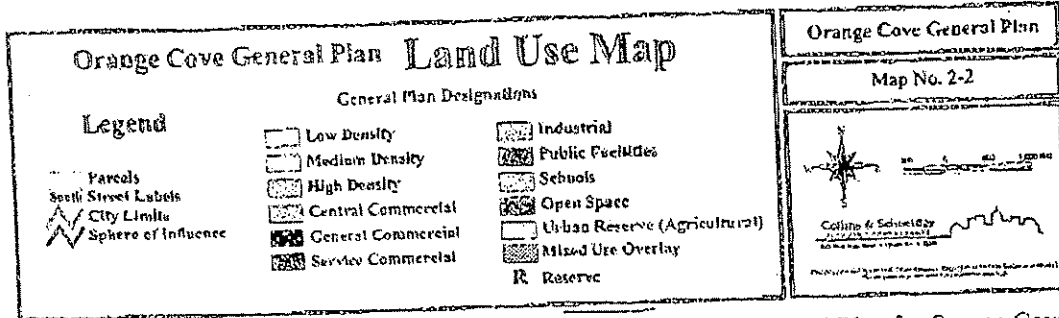
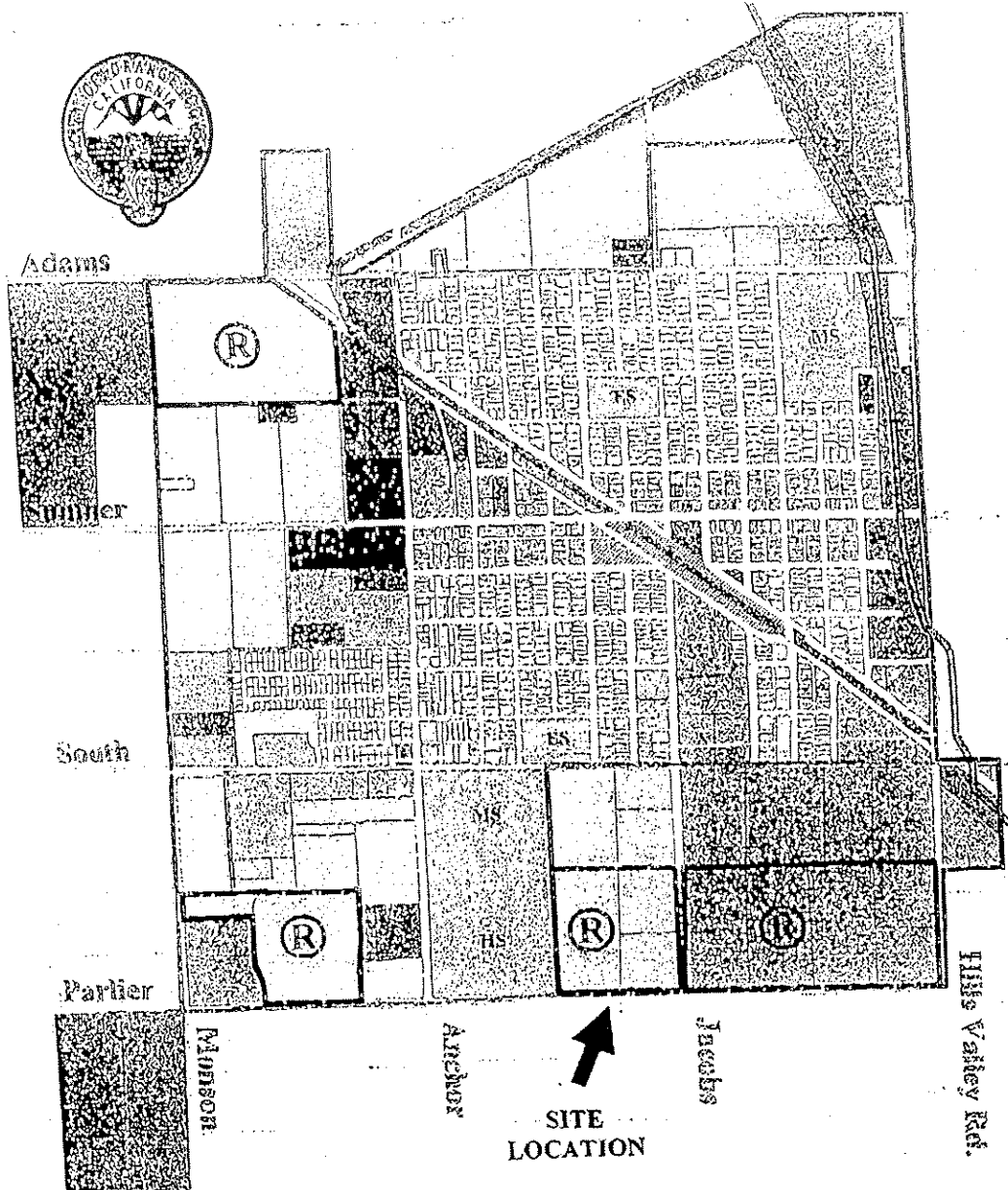
In closing, Fresno COG is a strong supporter of the Del Rey Villas Subdivision project as it promises to provide much needed affordable housing for a Fresno County community that has a severe shortage of affordable housing units. If you have any questions regarding our support for this worthwhile project please feel free to call Fresno COG Deputy Director, Tony Boren at 559 233-4148.

Sincerely,

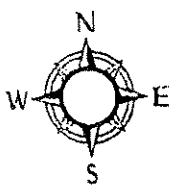
BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

Attachment

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Source: General Plan for Orange Cove



General Plan Land Use Map MAP 2

Valle del Rey - Orange Cove, California



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2008
To: Policy Advisory Committee
COG Policy Board
FROM: Todd Sobrado, Planner
SUBJECT: Regional Clearinghouse Consent Calendar

RECOMMENDATION: Per Board procedure, unless an item is pulled from the Consent Calendar, tacit authorization is given for staff to forward any comment(s) received, or any Committee/Board comment(s) generated as a result of this informational item, to the appropriate agency. It is understood that if in the event any item should be pulled from the consent calendar, discussion and comment by the Committee members and the public will be taken.

DISCUSSION: The Regional Clearinghouse is a process of informing local agencies of federal grant requests, providing an opportunity to comment, and potentially avoid duplication of effort. Clearinghouse items are brought before the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and, if appropriate, the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) for review and comment. Any resulting TTC/PAC comments, and any comments received from other agencies as a result of the Clearinghouse notification process, are noted on a monthly report brought forward to the Fresno COG Policy Board.

COG Policy Board action would be to authorize staff to forward any comments received or any Board comments to the State Clearinghouse and other appropriate agencies. The applicants have been notified of this meeting. While participation by the agency is optional, they have been personally requested to attend the Policy Board meeting in case there should be any questions. It should be noted that if in the event any of these items should be pulled from the consent calendar, that discussion and comment by the Committee/Board members and the public will be taken. *Project Notification and Review Reports* describing these projects are attached.

FUNDING: Proposed funding levels are as shown below:

Project	Applicant	Federal Funds	Other/ Applicant Funds	Total Funds
USDA Rural Development for Fiscal Year 2008 Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant	Self-Help Enterprises	\$110,000	\$220,000	\$360,000
Rural Business Enterprise Grant	Southeast Asian Institute for Advancement	\$72,800		\$72,800
Rural Business Opportunity Grant	Southeast Asian Institute for Advancement	\$50,000		\$50,000
Rural Development Community Facilities Grant - Security Cameras	City of San Joaquin	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
State Planning and Research Program	State of California, DOT	\$6,059,625	\$1,514,906	\$7,574,531
Transit Planning and Research Program	State of California, DOT	\$14,690,877	\$1,903,359	\$16,594,236
MPO Highway Planning	State of California, DOT	\$39,522,228	\$5,120,523	\$44,642,751
Community Facilities Grant - Fire Dept.	City of Firebaugh	\$24,750	\$20,250	\$45,000
Total		\$60,560,280	\$8,789,038	\$69,379,318

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

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2008-131*
Project Title: *USDA Rural Development for Fiscal Year 2008 Section
533 Housing Preservation Grant*
Applicant Agency: *Self- Help Enterprises*
Contact Person: *Mr. Fernando Bella*
Address: *8445 West Elowin Court, Visalia , CA 93290*
Phone: *559-651-1000 Ext. 647*
Federal Catalog #: *10-433*
Status: *New*
Area of Impact: *Huron, CA, Kings, Madera, Merced and Tulare Counties*
Federal Funding Agency: *USDA Rural Development*

FUNDING:

\$110,000 Federal
\$0 Applicant
\$0 State
\$250,000 Local
\$0 Other
\$360,000 TOTAL

Fiscal year 2008 Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant to be used in the city of Huron's 2005 HOME investment Partnerships Program target areas as well as in other Valley jurisdictions.

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2008-132*
Project Title: *Rural Business Enterprise Grant*
Applicant Agency: *Southeast Asian Institute for Advancement*
Contact Person: *Mr. La Vang*
Address: *2904 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno, CA 93703*
Phone: *559-394-2217*
Federal Catalog #: *10-769*
Status: *New*
Area of Impact: *Biola, Easton, Sanger, Selma, Parlier (Fresno County)*
Federal Funding Agency: *USDA Rural Development*

FUNDING:

\$72,800 Federal
\$0 Applicant
\$0 State
\$0 Local
\$0 Other
\$72,800 TOTAL

A Marketing Study, to identify direct-marketing opportunities, to develop a do-it-yourself marketing guide and to provide a direct-marketing training workshop for limited resources Hmong farmers in Fresno County.

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2008-133*
Project Title: *Rural Business Opportunity Grant*
Applicant Agency: *Southeast Asian Institute for Advancement*
Contact Person: *Mr. La Vang*
Address: *2904 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno, CA 93703*
Phone: *559-394-2217*
Federal Catalog #: *10-769*
Status: *New*
Area of Impact: *Biola, Easton, Sanger, Selma, Parlier (Fresno County)*
Federal Funding Agency: *USDA Rural Development*

FUNDING:

\$50,000 Federal
\$0 Applicant
\$0 State
\$0 Local
\$0 Other
\$50,000 TOTAL

A feasibility and business study for the establishment of an "Agricultural Leadership Institute"

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2008-135*
Project Title: *Community Facilities Grant – Security Cameras*
Applicant Agency: *City of San Joaquin*
Contact Person: *Ms. Cruz Ramos*
Address: *21900 Colorado Avenue/PO Box 758, San Joaquin, CA*
93660
Phone: *559-693-4311*
Federal Catalog #: *10-766*
Status: *New*
Area of Impact: *San Joaquin, CA*
Federal Funding Agency: *USDA Rural Development*

FUNDING:

\$30,000 Federal
\$10,000 Applicant
\$0 State
\$0 Local
\$0 Other
\$40,000 TOTAL

Security Camera System for public safety

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2008-136*
Project Title: *State Planning and Research Program*
Applicant Agency: *State of California, Dept. of Transportation*
Contact Person: *C. Garth Hopkins*
Address: *P.O. Box 942874, MS 32*
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001
Phone: *916-654-6175*
Federal Catalog #: *20-515*
Status: *Continuation*
Area of Impact: *State of California*
Federal Funding Agency: *DOT, Federal Highway Administration, Region IX*

FUNDING:

\$6,059,625 Federal
\$0 Applicant
\$0 State
\$1,514,906 Local
\$0 Other
\$7,574,531 TOTAL

FY2008-09 State Planning and Research Studies, \$1,059,625 in Partnership Planning Grant Program, \$5,000,000 in CA Regional Blueprint Planning Program

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2008-137*
Project Title: *Transit Planning and Research Program*
Applicant Agency: *State of California, Dept. of Transportation*
Contact Person: *C. Garth Hopkins*
Address: *P.O. Box 942874, MS 32*
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001
Phone: *916-654-6175*
Federal Catalog #: *20-514*
Status: *Continuation*
Area of Impact: *State of California*
Federal Funding Agency: *DOT, Federal Highway Administration, Region IX*

FUNDING:

\$14,690,877 Federal
\$0 Applicant
\$0 State
\$1,903,359 Local
\$0 Other
\$16,594,236 TOTAL

FY 2008 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program - \$12,177,822;
FY 2008 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 Section 5304 State Planning & Research Program - \$2,390,046

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2008-138*
Project Title: *Transit Planning and Research Program*
Applicant Agency: *State of California, Dept. of Transportation*
Contact Person: *C. Garth Hopkins*
Address: *P.O. Box 942874, MS 32*
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001
Phone: *916-654-6175*
Federal Catalog #: *20-205*
Status: *Continuation*
Area of Impact: *State of California*
Federal Funding Agency: *DOT, Federal Highway Administration, Region IX*

FUNDING:

\$39,522,228 Federal
\$0 Applicant
\$0 State
\$5,120,523 Local
\$0 Other
\$44,642,751 TOTAL

FY 2008/09 Federal Planning Funds; \$39,522,228 in FHWA PL Funds (Estimate)

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT

Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 05-2008-139*
Project Title: *Community Development Grant – City of Firebaugh
Breathing Air Refill Station and Citywide Siren Warning
System*
Applicant Agency: *City of Firebaugh, Fire Department*
Contact Person: *John Borba*
Address: *1575 11th St., Firebaugh, CA 93622*
Phone: *559-659-2061*
Federal Catalog #: *10-766*
Status: *new*
Area of Impact: *City of Firebaugh, Madera and Fresno Counties*
Federal Funding Agency: *USDA – Rural Development*

FUNDING:

\$24,750 Federal
\$20,250 Applicant
\$0 State
\$0 Local
\$0 Other
\$45,000 TOTAL

Breathing Air Refill Station and Citywide Siren Warning System



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March 28, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: FCRTA Board of Directors;
COFCG Policy Advisory Committee;
COFCG Transportation Technical Committee; and
The General Public.

FROM:  Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

SUBJECT: FCRTA Board of Director Authorization and Support, by Resolution 2008-02,
for One Submitted Application in Responses to the Fresno COG's "Call for
Projects" - Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality Funding.

ACTION SUMMARY

The Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) developed a Call of Projects Application Package for the latest Cycle for the possible authorization from the new pending Transportation Act.

Staff will review the matter with the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's Board of Directors during their April 24, 2008 Meeting. Staff has been responsive to the Fresno COG's Call for Projects by submitting projects previously identified in adopted planning documents.

The FCRTA has prepared, and submitted, one (1) Applications for possible Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ) funding including:

Replacement of up to ten (10) twenty-two passenger CNG powered modified cut-away vans. We are programmed to replace sixteen (16) existing fourteen (14) passenger 1997 CNG modified vans.

The Fresno COG has stipulated that such Applications require authorizing Resolutions from the respective governing boards. Attached is FCRTA Resolution 2008-02. It has been prepared for FCRTA Board of Director consideration, during their April 24, 2008 Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends, following an expressed opportunity for public comment, that the Board of Directors consider adoption of Resolution 2008-02.

Attachment

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency this 24th day of April, 2008.

(RESOLUTION NO. 2008-02, Continued)

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Trinidad Rodriguez Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true copy of a resolution of
the Fresno County Rural Transit
Agency duly adopted at a meeting
thereof held on the 24th day of
April, 2008.

Signed: _____
Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager