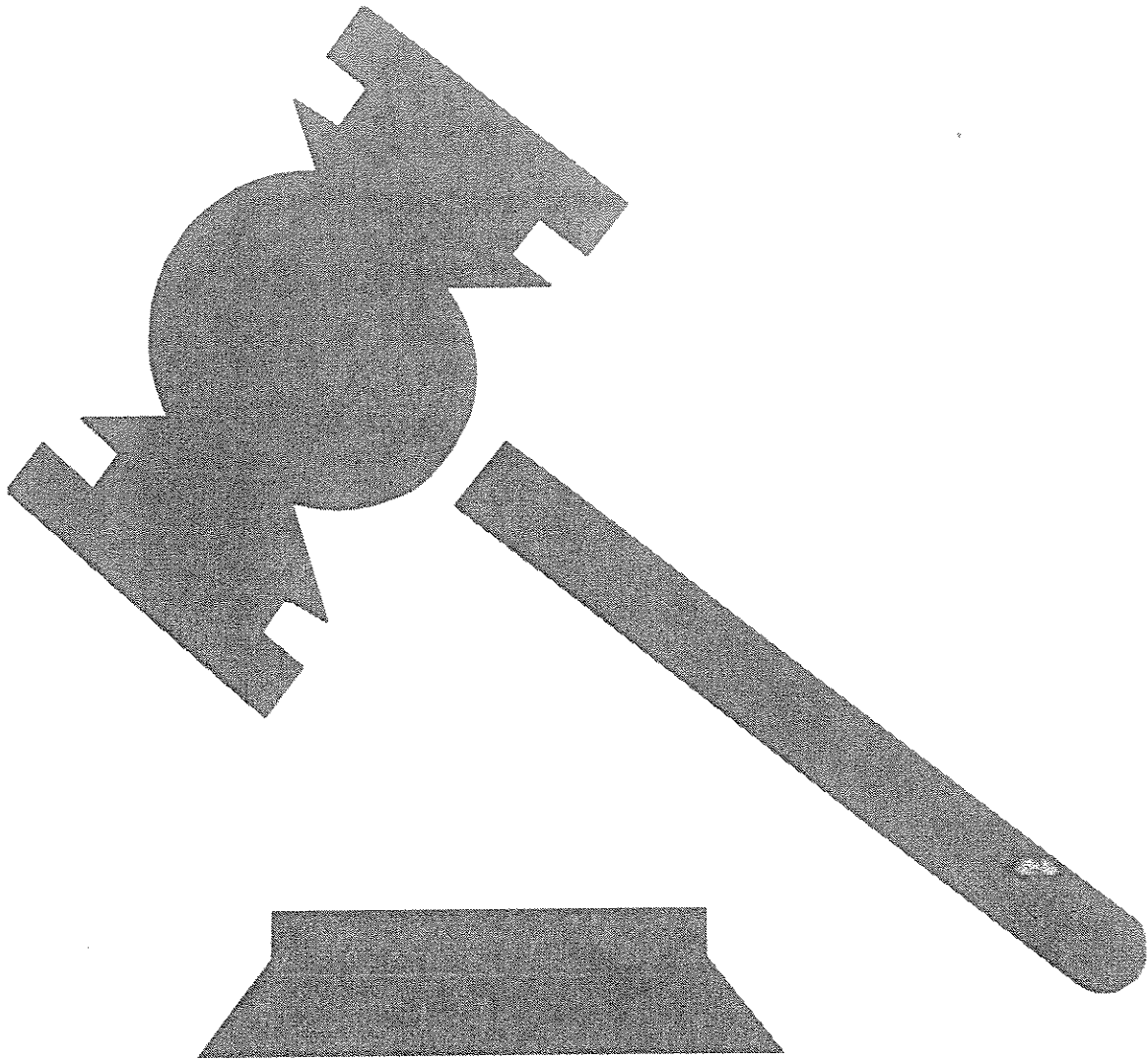




ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS
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**PRE-BOARD ONE VOICE PRESENTATION
FRESNO COG BOARD, ONE VOICE DELEGATES AND SPONSORS
6:00 P.M.**

Fresno COG staff and members of the 2008 Washington DC One Voice delegation re-enacted a presentation given in Washington outlining the 2008 Recommended Regional Priorities. The 2008 One Voice sponsors and COG Board members were invited to attend to learn more about the One Voice advocacy effort and the projects that were focused on during the trip.

**COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
Executive Minutes**

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lujan, City of Selma, Vice Chair
Mayor Trish Hill, City of Coalinga
Mayor Craig Knight, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
Councilmember Henry Perea, City of Fresno
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Leland Bergstrom, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Councilmember Scott Brockett, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Mike Montelongo, City of Sanger
Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno

Sharri Ehlert, Caltrans
Kevin Briggs, Legal Counsel
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director

Quorum: At the start of the meeting there were 14 members present representing 88.48% of the population and there was a quorum. (Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County)

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the COG on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the COG on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

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

B. Recognition of 2008 "One Voice" sponsors

The Fresno COG Board recognized the 2008 One Voice sponsors with plaques of appreciation: Granville Homes, Quad Knopf, Hatch Mott MacDonald, Provost & Pritchard and Mendoza & Associates. Other sponsors that were recognized but not in attendance are: Central Valley Community Bank, Economic Development Corp. serving Fresno County, Omni-Means, VRPA Technologies, Inc. and Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian Accountancy Corporation.

C. Staff Recognition – 20 Years of Service – Mary Lopez, Administrative Assistant

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director announced that Mary Lopez had completed 20 years of service with Fresno COG. She will be awarded a plaque in recognition.

D. 25th Anniversary Recognition of the Creation of the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies in Fresno County by the Fresno COG.

Twenty-five (25) years ago, the Fresno COG designated three (3) entities to implement their adopted Assembly Bill 120 (1979) Social Service Transportation Improvement Act Action Plan. Three (3) Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies (CTSA) were designated: The Fresno Urban Area was co-designated to be the City of Fresno and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (FCEOC), The Clovis Urban Area was designated to be the City of Clovis; and the Rural Area was co-designated to be the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and FCEOC. The co-designated agencies have done an exemplary job in realizing the original objectives of the legislation.

A similar initiative was envisioned nation-wide by the SAFETEA-LU program that mandated the development and adoption of Human Service Transportation Coordination Plans. The Fresno COG recently adopted such a document in January of this year. One of just a half dozen that have been completed so far for each of the fifty-eight (58) counties in the State of California.

The Fresno COG Policy Board recognized the CTSA and their respective staffs for the excellent work done these last twenty-five (25) years for and in behalf of those that they have, and will continue to service in meeting the social service transit service needs of clients of over two dozen social service agencies and programs in Fresno County.

Gary Joseph, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (FCEOC) presented a plaque to Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency in recognition of the 25th anniversary.

E. Mario Santoyo, Friant Water Authority addressed the Fresno COG Board,, updating the group on current water issues that affect the Valley.

Quorum: Supervisor Perea, County of Fresno left the meeting and did not return leaving a quorum of 13 members 69.62%.

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. Call for Projects Information – High Risk Rural Roads & Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and Proposition 1B: Traffic Light Synchronization Signal Program | Information |
| B. San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Indirect Source Rule Upheld | Information |
| C. Greenhouse Gas Plan Update | Info/Action |

For a complete summary of these items, please see the March 27, 2008 annotated agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Bergstrom (Kingsburg) to approve the Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. National Surface Transportation Policy & Revenue Study Commission Report

Barbara Steck reported on this item. On 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.

Included in the agenda packet are 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/>.

Barbara Goodwin pointed out that this report will be important in the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU in 2009.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

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

John Stambouljian, City of Fresno handed out information to the Board on the Traffic Light Synchronization – Traffic Operations Center and gave a brief powerpoint presentation on the subject. 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.

At the TTC meeting, COG staff made a recommendation to the TTC that the Fresno COG Policy Board provide a Letter of Support for the grant application, which was supported unanimously. PAC concurred with the recommendation.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Perea (Fresno) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to 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.

C. Measure C Regional Transportation Sub Committee Update

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director gave a brief update on the work that is being done by this sub committee. Staff is working on various scenarios for the Tier 1 projects. The sub committee is meeting regularly to review these scenarios. There will be a report on progress at the April Board meeting.

This was an Information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

D. Caltrans Monthly Report

Shari Bender Ehlert (Caltrans) provided an update on Caltrans activities. Ms. Ehlert reported on the Safe Routes to School list of successful projects. Information is available at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/SafeRTS2School/7thCycleProgramPlan.xls>

Fowler	Fresno County	Marshall and Fremont ES, Fowler HS	ADAMS AVE. BETWEEN VISTA AVE. AND DEE ANN AVE.; 1ST ST. BETWEEN ADAMS AVE. AND MERCED ST.	CONSTRUCT CURB, GUTTER, AND SIDEWALK	\$215,500	\$193,950
Fresno	Fresno County	Olmos ES	INTERSECTION OF CHESTNUT AVE. AND BALCH AVE.	INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL	\$502,240	\$447,020
Orange Cove	Fresno County	Orange Cove HS; Citrus MS; Sheridan ES	INTERSECTION OF S. ANCHOR AVE. AND E. SOUTH AVE.	INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL	\$332,000	\$298,800
San Joaquin	Fresno County	San Joaquin ES	CALIFORNIA AVE. FROM 9TH ST. TO MAIN ST.; 6TH ST. BETWEEN NEVADA AVE. AND COLORADO AVE.; 7TH ST. BETWEEN NEVADA AVE. AND COLORADO AVE.; MAIN ST. FROM CALIFORNIA AVE. TO PUNJAB	CONSTRUCT CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALKS AND CURB RAMPS	\$173,000	\$155,700
Sanger	Fresno County	Jefferson and Ronald Reagan ESs, Sanger Academy Charter School	IN THE VICINITY OF THREE SCHOOL SITES	CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK GAP CLOSURES; INSTALL RAISED CROSSWALKS	\$141,200	\$127,080
Selma	Fresno County	Roosevelt, Jackson, Wilson, and Washington ESs; Lincoln MS	FLORAL AVE. AT B ST.; WRIGHT ST. AT BURNHAM ST.; STILLMAN ST. 75' WEST OF DOCKERY AVE.; SECOND ST. AT WILSON ST.; ORANGE AVE. AT LEWIS ST.	INSTALL IN-PAVEMENT CROSSWALK LIGHTS WITH ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS; CONSTRUCT CURB RAMPS	\$184,800	\$166,320

Ongoing construction projects:

SR 41/Herndon – construction will finish by summer

SR 180 Ground breaking was held on March 21st. This section of SR 180 East is to be completed by Fall 2009.

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) thanked Caltrans for the work they are doing.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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

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| A. Executive Minutes of February 28, 2008 | Approve |
| B. Land Buffer Task Force Update | Information |
| C. FY 2008 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Programs--
Call for Projects-- FTA Sections 5310, 5311, 5316 & 5317 | Info/Discussion |
| D. Monthly Legislative Update | Information |
| E. FY 2007-08 Second Quarter Progress Report | Accept |
| F. Support for UC Merced Medical School | Approve |
| G. 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 summary of these items, please see the March 27, 2008 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to approve the administrative consent items as presented with the exception of Item B. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update

Todd Sobrado (COG) gave an update on this item. Mr. Sobrado 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.

Mr. Sobrado went on to report that turnout at the meetings scheduled for February 28, 2008 was much lower than expected which gave staff the opportunity to engage in one-to-one discussion with decision-makers. Fresno COG staff was pleased 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 scheduled to take place in the latter part of March 2008.

The Farmland Conservation Model Program Advisory Committee met on March 10, 2008 at the Fresno COG offices to review progress. Mr. Sobrado pointed out that the Steering Committee is continuing 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/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

B. 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 50 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,
- And much more.

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 enhance its own planned but basic system.

Mr. Sobrado reported that he 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.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

C. 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 provide an update on this policy during the April meeting cycle.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

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

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director updated the Board on the recent advocacy effort in Sacramento. 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.

Also in January, staff informed our committees that the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, made up of two elected officials from each of the eight Valley counties and the Directors from the each of the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, would be going to Sacramento on Wednesday, March 12th to meet with our State legislative representatives, the Governor's office, the California Transportation Commission, and key staff from State agencies.

The Valley Voices delegation of 27 consisted of members of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and Directors and staff from the eight Valley COGs. Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler), a member of the Regional Policy Council, gave a brief analysis of the trip. 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. Ms. Goodwin reported that a survey was completed by the delegation following the trip and was very positive. COG staff will update the Policy Board on upcoming events that are being planned.

A complete packet of information about the trip was provided to the Policy Board at their meeting.

If you would like more information about the 2008 Regional Policy Council's Valley Voices advocacy effort please contact Jennifer Dansby by phone: (559) 233-4148 or email: jenniferd@fresnocog.org.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

E. 2008 Sacramento "One Voice" Update

Barbara Steck (COG) gave an update on Fresno COG's "One Voice" advocacy effort in Sacramento that took place on Monday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 11th. A delegation of 30 elected officials, local agency staff, and members of the community met with State legislators promoting several issues that are important to Fresno County.

A complete packet of information about the trip was provided to the Policy Board at their meeting.

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

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

F. 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) reported that the Blueprint process is now in the midst of Phase III of the planning process. Refining and testing of the five alternative growth scenarios is being done 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. Fresno COG staff plans to take this information to the public for their feedback in April. As part of that effort, staff will again be scheduling presentations at all city council meetings in conjunction with community workshops, and at the Board of Supervisors and LAFCo. Ms. Steck emphasized that as the Roundtable moves forward in its analysis of options, involved citizens and electorate are needed. Staff will be on an extremely tight schedule during this phase as outreach activities are coordinated with the other seven COGs in the Valley to move local preferences on to UC Davis so that the preferred scenarios can be considered in the Valleywide regional analysis. Ms. Steck stated that the help of all of our member agencies and community partners will be needed to make this a truly successful endeavor. Jeffrey Scott Advertising has been hired to assist staff with the marketing efforts over the next several months.

Ms. Steck invited the Policy Board to attend the monthly Blueprint Roundtable meetings on the 4th Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the Sequoia Conference Room at COG. Our website www.fresnocog.org has information on all aspects of the Blueprint. Or contact Barbara Steck at 559-233-4148 or by email at bjsteck@fresnocog.org.

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

G. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC

Steve Samuelian, California Consulting provided an update on Sacramento Lobbying Activities. A copy of the handout will be emailed to all Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board members.

Mr. Samuelian announced the City of Coalinga and California Consulting, LLC is inviting the Policy Board to an Invitation Only Roundtable on Friday, April 11th, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant in Coalinga, California featuring special guest speaker James E. Tilton, Secretary of Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Invitations will be sent to the Policy Board members.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Board.

H. Contract Increase for VRPA Technologies

Les Beshears (COG) reported that on June 30, 2007 Fresno COG entered into a \$75,000 contract with VRPA Technologies 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 "C" 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 staff and the Fresno County Transportation Authority are 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. Councilmember Brockett asked the reason for the increase. Mr. Beshears explained the developing the Measure "C" priority list has taken more time than expected.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) 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.

VII. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Barbara Goodwin (COG) opened the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to retain Mayor Rodriguez (Kerman) as Chair and Mayor Pro Tem Lujan (Selma) as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brockett (Reedley). Nominations were closed. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director, called for a moment of silence in memory of Roberta Boren, wife of Fresno COG Deputy Director Tony Boren.

Ms. Goodwin advised the Policy Board of the recent request by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for Fresno COG to consider accepting administration of Airport Land Use Commission. A copy of the letter from the Board of Supervisors was handed out. This item will be placed in the April meeting cycle for review and action. Councilmember Brockett (Reedley) asked that the County bring back other options for the financing the administration.

Ms. Goodwin reminded the Policy Board that the May Board meeting time is being changed so that members can attend the Retirement Party at the Downtown Club that evening. It was decided that the Board meeting will start at 3:30 pm on May 29th.

Mayor Hill (Coalinga) mentioned that the Policy Board members should be receiving invitations to the League of Cities meeting.

B. Items from Members

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) announced at a new 47 single family housing development will be built in Orange Cove. Mayor Lopez will notify the Policy Board members of ground breaking ceremony.

Mayor Montelongo (Sanger) thanked the Policy Board for their support of 180 East. The groundbreaking was very well attended and this segment of 180 East is a much needed project. Councilmember Brockett (Reedley) thanked Mayor Montelongo for his hard work on the project.

Mayor Montelongo also handed out a request from the Governor Schwarzenegger's California Dream Team for letter of support from the cities for the Budget Stabilization Act.

Mayor Knight (Firebaugh) asked for ideas from other cities on how to clean up property left uninhabited by the sweeps that have taken place.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

IX. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT – FY 2006-07 SECOND QUARTER STATUS REPORT AND ADJUSTMENTS TO CITY OF SANGER HOURLY RATE AND STANDARD HOURLY RATE

Clark Thompson (COG) updated the Policy Board 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. Mr. Thompson stated that 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 submitted a letter dated March 4, 2008 (included in the meeting package) requesting an increase in its hourly rate to \$68.00 and 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 PAC recommended approval of Sanger's request.

Staff and PAC also recommended an increase from \$47.00 to \$62.00 in the current standard hourly rate for all participants. 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.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Montelongo (Sanger) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to accept the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2007-08 Second Quarter Summary Report and approve 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.

X. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Government Code Section 54957 Public Employment – Title: Executive Director

Due to the fact that the City of Clovis, City of Kerman and Fresno County were not in attendance and the City of Fresno had to leave for another engagement, the Closed Session was postponed until April.

XI. OPEN SESSION

A. Discussion & Approval of Amendment to Executive Director Employment Contract

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director

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

Others Attending:

Manuel Barrios, Mendoza & Associates
Manny Barrios, Mendoza & Associates
Michael Knopf, Quad Knopf
Lydia Zabrycki, Quad Knopf
Michael Taylor, Provost and Pritchard
Cara Strom, Hatch Mott
Jeffrey Roberts, Granville Homes
Cal Rossi, McMillin Development
Rocky Rodgers, City of Reedley
Dana Ritchel, City of Reedley
John Mulligan, City of Sanger
Blong Xiong, City of Fresno
Kathy Millison, City of Clovis
Richard Fosse, I5 BDC
Jeff McMullen, City of Fresno
D. Andrew Valles, City of Fresno
John Stambouljian, City of Fresno
Rigelio J. Fonseca, Public
Russ Clemings, Fresno Bee
Steve Samuelian, California Consulting
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG
Renee DeVere, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG



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AB 660 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 Lieber	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.	08/30/2007-In committee: Set, first hearing. Held under submission. Watch

AB 1129 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
AB 1209 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.			
AB 1252 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	

	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	
<u>AB 2063</u> 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
<u>AB 2182</u> 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	

	designated members, that would, in part, facilitate implementation of regional footprint projects.			
AB 3034 Galgiani	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	

	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 Simition	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.				
<u>SB 375</u> 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	
<u>SB 445</u> 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.			
<u>SB 974</u> 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	
<u>SB 1363</u> 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	
<u>SB 1548</u> 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.		
SBX2.1 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. 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

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

