



BOARD ACTIONS

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Council of Fresno County Governments

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OUR MISSION

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

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

San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Presentation

The Fresno COG Board participated in the Clicker Technology presentation that COG staff has been presenting at the city council meetings and workshops throughout the county during the month of April. These workshops have been conducted to obtain feedback from the community on the five scenarios currently being considered. The next Blueprint Roundtable meeting will be held on May 1st at Fresno COG. This will be a workshop for the committee. For more information on the Blueprint process please go to our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact staff person Barbara Steck.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

Measure C Regional Public Transit Program Sub Category Claim – Resolution 2008-12

Fresno COG Board voted to approve claims for Public Transportation Infrastructure, ADA/Seniors/Paratransit, Farmworker Van Pools, Car/Van Pools by adopting Resolution 2008-12.

California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF), Resolution 2008-14

Fresno COG Board voted to authorize the allocation of funds totaling \$821,939 from the California Transit Assistance Fund for Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response purposes to Transit Operators by approval of Resolution 2008-14. The funding will go to: Local transit applications totaling \$719,757; Clovis Transit Security Cameras - \$70,000; FAX On-Bus Video Surveillance Equipment - \$484,376; FCRTA On- Board Vehicle Video Surveillance Recording System - \$165,381 and \$98,478 in 8879.55 (a) (3) will be submitted directly to Homeland Security per the regulations. For more information please contact staff person Les Beshears.

Fiscal Years 2008-09 through 2010-11 Towing Service Contract Recommendation for the Freeway Service Patrol

Fresno COG Board approved the Curtis Towing service contract for fiscal years 2008-09 through 2010-11. For more information on the Freeway Service Patrol program, please contact staff person Clark Thompson.

Recommended 2009 Federal Transportation Act Cycle / Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects

Fresno COG Board voted to approve the list of projects recommended. The list of recommended projects is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information on these projects please contact staff person Jason Paukovits.

Clovis and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement (PTMISEA) Application, Resolution 2008-11

Fresno COG Board voted to authorize the City of Clovis application for \$735,257 for Rolling Stock Procurement and the FCRTA application for \$43,146 for CNG Pumps and \$377,542 for Rolling Stock Replacement Vans by approving Resolution 2008-11.

FY 2006 Section 5316 and 5317 Funds and Formal Amendment No. 13 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Resolution 2008-13

Fresno COG Board voted to approve the recommended projects: 5316 Funds – Fresno Area Express – Trip Planning Software - \$439,766. 5317 Funds – Fresno Area Express – Travel Training - \$20,000 and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency – Purchase (4) Accessible Vans - \$114,804. Applications for the FY2007/08 funds are due June 2, 2008. Fresno COG Board also approved the related Formal Amendment No. 13. The projects included in the amendment are Section 5316/Job Access Reverse Commute

(JARC) projects and Section 5317 New Freedom projects. For more information on these grant programs please contact staff person Todd Sobrado.

Joint High-Speed Rail/Rail Consolidation Study

Fresno COG Board voted to approve its \$250,000 share of a jointly funded high-speed rail / rail consolidation study to be conducted by URS. The studies will include the future alignment of high-speed rail through the City of Fresno along the Union Pacific (UP) corridor in order to provide for a downtown Fresno station location. The future consolidation of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and UP railroads is also likely to occur along the UP corridor. It is important to move forward quickly to determine right-of-way requirements needed to accommodate both projects along the UP corridor, and other factors, as this will affect projects currently submitted and under review by the City of Fresno adjacent to the UP corridor. For more information on this study please contact staff person Clark Thompson.

Tulare County Rail Abandonment

The Fresno COG Board voted to support the Tulare County Association of Governments' opposition to the abandonment of the Exeter Branch feeder railroad line. For more information please contact staff person Clark Thompson.

Caltrans SR 99 Economic Study

Fresno COG Board voted to support Fresno COG serving as the recipient of the Caltrans FY2007/08 funding for the study by participating in the Fund Transfer Agreement. For more information on this study please contact staff person Tony Boren.

Fresno COG sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Request by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for Fresno COG to Consider Accepting Administrative Responsibilities for the Airport Land Use Commission.

Fresno COG Board voted to support the transfer of administrative/staffing responsibilities from the County of Fresno to Fresno COG. There will be a review after a 12-month trial period to determine if administration by COG staff will continue. For more information please contact staff person Tony Boren.

FY2007/08 Overall Work Program and Budget Amendment #2 – Video Conferencing

Fresno COG Board authorized Amendment #2 for Video Conferencing Equipment. Fresno COG is seeking grants from the Air District to assist in funding. As a condition of the grant all Valley COGs must agree to acquire their own equipment and participate. Fresno COG will host the system for the Valley. COG staff will also research the cost of equipment for future inclusion of Fresno COG local agencies. For more information please contact staff person Tom Webster.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and Councilmember Brockett (Reedley) commented on the success of the recent "Water Day" in Sacramento.

March meeting dates: **Transportation Technical Committee – May 7, 2008 – 8:30 am**
 Policy Advisory Committee – May 16, 2008 – 10 am
 COG Board/FCRTA – May 29, 2008 – 3:30 pm
 (Retirement Dinner for Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director will follow)

Other important dates: **Blueprint Roundtable Workshop – May 1, 2008 – 8 am – 12**
 Blueprint Roundtable Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 9:30 am

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

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

Fresno COG Board Members

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COALINGA – Mayor Patricia Hill
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FRESNO CITY – Mayor Alan Autry
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