



BOARD ACTIONS

June 2008

Council of Fresno County Governments

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OUR MISSION

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

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 26, 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.

Carmine Iadarola, INVENERGY, gave a presentation regarding a possible hybrid power plant on the Westside of Fresno County.

Tony Boren, Executive Director introduced new Fresno COG staff members, Laural Fawcett, Demographer and Melissa Garza, Rideshare/Vanpool Coordinator.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Transit Planning Documents

The Fresno COG Board voted to approve the Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency Operations Program and Budget and Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Program and Budget.

Unmet Transit Needs Staff Report and Recommendations

The Board also approved the Unmet Transit Needs Staff Report and Recommendations, making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County. Please contact staff member, Jeff Long if you would like more information on this item.

Adoption of Annual Availability Advisory Percentages for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation

The Fresno COG Board voted to adopt Resolution 2008-17 setting Fresno COG's 2008/09 Voluntary Annual Anticipated DBE Participation Level at 13% to be obtained by Race Neutral Methods. For more information on this item please contact staff member, Les Beshears.

Draft FY 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Regional Transportation Program Amendment, Conformity Analysis and Interim TIP

Public review of these documents has started. Adoption of these documents is to occur in July or August. These documents are available for review on our website.

OTHER TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

AB 2522 (Arambula)

The Fresno COG Board voted to remain neutral and not issue a letter of support for AB 2522 which, if passed, would give the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District the authority to increase the surcharge on vehicle licensing fees from the current limit of \$6 to up to \$30 annually, per motor vehicle. For more information on this bill, please contact staff member Jennifer Dansby.

SB1507 (Orpeza) – Highway Construction Near Schools

The Fresno COG Board voted to send letter of opposition to this bill. For more information on this bill please see the June 26, 2008 Annotated Agenda on our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact staff person Jennifer Dansby.

Greenhouse Gas Policies – Resolution 2008-08

The Fresno COG Board voted to approve Resolution 2008-08 adopting proposed Greenhouse Gas Policies. The Land Use section addressed the Attorney General's comment that the Blueprint should encourage General Plan, Community Plan and Specific Plan updates to include Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Plans. (The complete resolution included in the meeting package is available on our website.) For more information on this item, please contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

Request from City of Firebaugh for Measure “C” funding – 1987-2007 Program.

The Fresno COG Board voted to authorize Firebaugh to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Fresno County Transportation Authority for up to \$2 million for improvements to SR 33. The scope of work includes lighting, landscaping, irrigation, signage and sidewalks. For more information on this item, please contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

AB 3034 – Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century

The Fresno COG Board voted to authorize a letter of support for adoption of AB 3034. For more information on this bill please see the meeting package on our website or contact staff person, Clark Thompson.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS****Transportation Funding Claims**

The Fresno COG Board voted to approve funding claims for Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) in the amount of \$5,791,807; FCRTA and Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (FCEOC), acting as Rural CSTA, Transportation Development Act claim of \$664,167 and FCEOC acting as the Urban CTSA, Transportation Development Act claim of \$1,999,801.

Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Project Management Plan

The Fresno COG Board voted to concur with the initiation of 45 day public review of the Plan. The Plan is available on our website. For more information on this item please contact staff member, Todd Sobrado.

Adoption of FY2008-09 Measure “C” Rail Consolidation Sub Program claim authorizing \$250,000 for a Joint High-Speed Rail Study

The Fresno COG Board voted to approve the claim. For more information on this study, please contact staff person, Clark Thompson.

FY 2007/08 Overall Work Program Budget Amendment #3

The Fresno COG Board voted to authorize the amendment increasing the budget \$152,654 for personnel changes created by the recent retirement of the Executive Director and staff realignment and to create Work Element 212 – Measure “C” Carpool/Vanpool. The 2007/08 Overall Work Program is available on our website.

FY 2008/09 Overall Work Program Budget Amendment #1

The Fresno COG Board voted to approve increasing the budget \$2,008,261 to implement Measure “C” related programs including Rideshare, ADA/Seniors and Farmworker Vanpool. The 2008/09 Overall Work Program is available on our website.

Fresno COG Policy Board Consideration of Utilizing Strategy Research Institute, Inc. for FY 2008/09 Work Activities

The Fresno COG Board voted to approve a one-year contract with Strategy Research Institute, Inc. to work with Fresno COG on Measure “C” related activities.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Fresno COG Board voted to change the starting time for the Policy Board meetings to 5:30 pm from 7 pm starting July 31.

There will be a joint TTC/PAC meeting on August 15 and regular COG Board/FCRTA meeting on August 28.

Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) announced an Open House at the new VFW Hall in San Joaquin on July 2nd. Everyone is invited.

July meeting dates: **Transportation Technical Committee – July 9, 2008 – 8:30 am**
 Policy Advisory Committee – July 18, 2008 – 10 am
 COG Board/FCRTA – July 31, 2008 – 5:30 pm [PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE]

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

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

Fresno COG Board Members

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FIREBAUGH – Mayor Craig Knight
FOWLER – Councilmember Rico Aguayo
FRESNO CITY – Mayor Alan Autry
HURON – Mayor Ramon Dominguez
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SANGER – Mayor Michael Montelongo
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