



BOARD ACTIONS

September 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, September 18, 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.

The Fresno COG Board remembered Reedley Councilmember Scott Brockett who passed away on September 15. Mr. Brockett served on the Fresno COG Policy Board as the representative for the city of Reedley for the past 4 years.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

PRESENTATIONS

High-Speed Rail

Eric Von Berg, URS, gave a brief presentation on the future of High-Speed Rail. The Board instructed staff to send a letter of support for this issue. For more information on High-Speed Rail contact staff person, Clark Thompson.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Trust FY2007-08 Declaration of Surplus

The Fresno COG Board approved distribution of the 2007/08 Transportation Development Act Trust Surplus per the 2007/08 adopted TDA claims contingent on payment of 3rd and 4th quarter State Transit Assistance once the state budget is adopted. The surplus balance is \$1,010,474. For more information on this item contact staff person, Les Beshears.

2008-09 Transportation Funding Claims

The Fresno COG Board approved the following Transportation Development Act Claims: City of Kerman - \$624,659; City of Orange Cove - \$484,940; City of Sanger - \$1,127,951 and City of Clovis - \$5,550,912.

Measure "C" Extension Update

A Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Workshop will be held on Monday, September 29 at 10 am. A joint meeting of the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board and the Fresno County Transportation Authority Policy Board will be held on October 9 at 5:30 pm at the Fresno COG offices to discuss the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee. For more information on this item contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

Blueprint Related Sole Service Contract

The Fresno COG Board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a sole source contract (not to exceed \$10,000) with the Local Government Commission to develop a Community Image Survey to assist member agencies with implementing the smart growth principles of the Blueprint Planning Process. For more information on this item contact Deputy Director, Barbara Steck.

Airport Land Use Commission Memorandum of Understanding

The Fresno COG Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding transferring administrative/staffing responsibilities for the Airport Land Use Commission from the County of Fresno to Fresno COG. For more information on this item contact staff person, Tom Webster.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Legislative Update

The Fresno COG Board voted to change its position from "oppose" to "neutral" on the smart growth bill AB375. The Board also instructed staff to send a letter to the Governor asking him to veto SB974. For more information on legislative issues contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby.

2009 Washington DC "One Voice" Call for Projects

The Call for Projects for the upcoming "One Voice" advocacy trip to Washington DC is being issued. Deadline for projects is October 10, 2008. The application form is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information on this item contact Deputy Director, Barbara Steck.

Valley COGs Fall Policy Conference

The annual Valley COG'S Fall Policy Conference will be held on October 2-3 at Visalia Convention Center. You may register for this event at www.tularecog.org or contact their office at 559-733-6653.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Staff will be contacting the City Clerks to set lunch meetings for the Executive Director and Deputy Director to meet with the City Managers and Mayors.

Reedley Councilmember Steve Rapada will replace Councilmember Scott Brockett as the city of Reedley representative on the Fresno COG Policy Board.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

FY 2007-08 Fourth Quarter Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Summary Report

The Fresno COG Board voted to approve the fourth quarter report. A total of \$176,157.92 of AVA revenues was received. Member agencies expended \$178,712.53 conducting AVA activities and Fresno COG claimed \$2,375 for program administration. A total of 1,156 vehicles were abated this quarter.

Adjustment of Hourly Rate for the City of Fresno

The Fresno COG Board voted to approve the City of Fresno's request to increase the hourly rate from \$85 to \$100 to cover costs of investigation and enforcement of Public Nuisance violations per the Fresno City Municipal Code. For more information on the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program contact staff person, Clark Thompson.

Meeting Dates:

Housing Element Meeting – Thursday, September 25 – 10 am

Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Workshop – Monday, September 29 – 10 am

Valley Blueprint Professional Planners meeting – Tuesday, September 30 – 10:30 am – 3 pm

Transportation Technical Committee – Wednesday, October 8 – 8:30 am

Freeway Deficiency Study – Wednesday, October 8– 1:30 pm

Joint COG Board/Fresno County Transportation Authority Board meeting – Thursday, October 9 – 5:30 pm

Rail Committee Meeting – Friday, October 10 – 1:30 pm

BBSP Census Workshop – Tuesday, October 14 – 1:30 pm

SR 99 Business Plan/Valley Goods Movement Reauthorization Meeting – Wednesday, October 15 - 10 am

San Joaquin River Crossing Study – Thursday, October 16– 1:30 pm

Policy Advisory Committee – Friday, October 17 - 10 am

Farmland Conservation Model – Monday, October 20 – 9 am

Land Buffer Task Force – Monday, October 20 – 10:30 am

Blueprint Roundtable – Wednesday, October 22 – 9:30 am

Quarterly Trails and Bikeways Meeting – Thursday, October 23 – 10 am

COG Board/FCRTA Meeting – Thursday, October 30 – 5:30 pm

***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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