



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, October 30 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 Measure C Fresno County Mayor's Selection Committee approved the appointment of Tom Lang, Executive Director Aquarius Aquarium Institute, to the Citizen Oversight Committee to complete the 2 year term of the Community Organization representative that resigned. The term will expire on June 30, 2009.

The Fresno COG Board recognized Dottie Wright, Secretary, who is retiring in November after 31 years of service to the Council of Fresno County Governments. The COG Board presented Ms. Wright with a mantel clock and Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and the Board members thanked for her efforts and wished her a happy retirement.



Supervisor Perea (County of Fresno) informed the Policy Board that a Workshop will be held on December 9th to discuss the General Plan. More details will follow.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

San Joaquin Valley Blueprint, Resolution 2008-45

Fresno COG will be taking on the responsibility of lead agency for the eight Valley COGs Blueprint planning activities. As a result, we are in the process of filing a grant application for fourth year funding for the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint. Each of the eight COG partners will be passing a resolution to include with the application in support of continued participation in the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program. A presentation will be made to the interview panel on November 6th in Sacramento. Notification of grant funding is due in December.

The Fresno COG Policy Board approved Resolution 2008-45 in support of fourth year participation in the California Regional Blueprint Planning Process. For more information on the Blueprint process contact Barbara Steck or visit our website at www.fresnocog.org.

Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination Contract

The Council of Fresno County Governments has historically coordinated air quality issues on behalf of the eight Regional Planning Agencies (RPA) in the San Joaquin Valley. In 2004, Fresno COG entered into two separate contracts to provide technical air quality planning, modeling and policy services to facilitate consistency, compliance, and coordination in Valley-wide regional air quality planning issues. This coordination of effort involves not only the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies, but also includes Caltrans (Headquarters, and Districts 6 and 10) Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, the California Air Resources Board, the Environmental Protection Agency as well as local transportation entities. These existing contracts will expire on December 31, 2008.

The COG Policy Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Cari Anderson Consulting to provide Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination Services. The total amount of \$124,641.80 is budgeted for the first year with Fresno COG's prorated share set at \$29,336 per year. For more information on this item, contact staff person Lauren Dawson.

Measure "C" Extension Update - Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Update

A joint meeting of the Fresno COG Policy Board and the FCTA Policy Board was held on October 9, 2008. Each of the Boards voted to support Option 2 (\$1,727 per new single family house) with the phase-in as recommended by the BIA and RTMF Steering Committee.

The phase-in is as follows:

- Year 2009--\$1,200
- Year 2010--\$1,450
- Year 2011--\$1,727

For more information on Measure C please contact Tony Boren or visit our website at www.fresnocog.org

Fresno COG, sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Local Housing Element Issues

On Thursday, October 30, 2008 representatives from HCD attended a luncheon meeting at Fresno COG. Progress is being made to address issues of concern raised by our member agencies. Some of the concerns addressed were: HCD Attitudes and Assumptions, Zoning and Annexation challenges, Special Districts and Interagency Agreements, Funding, Conflicting Goals, Current Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan Allocations and preparation for the next RHNA Plan Cycle. For more information on this item, please contact Clark Thompson.

FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment #2 [BESHEARS]

The Policy Board voted to approve 2008/09 Overall Work Program Amendment #2 increasing the budget \$62,600 for two Caltrans Transportation Grants. Work Element 124 Transit Professional Development will address this \$56,500 project consisting of three workshops in Fresno presented by world wide experts, to develop a comprehensive region-wide approach to Transit Oriented Development. The project is funded with a \$50,000 grant from Caltrans and \$6,500 match provided by the City of Fresno.

Video Conferencing Presentation

Tom Webster (COG) gave a presentation on the new video conferencing capabilities at COG. This system is part of a valleywide effort to use technology to save money and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Phase One of the videoconferencing system installation, which includes point-to-point systems in the Ash and Sequoia Rooms has been completed. Phase Two will include the programming of multipoint unit to connect up to 20 multipoint sessions (end users) at a time, as well as bring operational the remaining Valley COGs. Currently, Fresno COG, San Joaquin COG, and the Merced County Association of Governments have operational systems. There will be a meeting at 9:30 am on November 14th prior to the Policy Advisory Committee meeting to provide members with information on video conferencing. For more information, please contact Tom Webster.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Tony Boren announced that there will be December meetings. The Joint TTC/PAC meeting will be held on December 12 at 10 am and the Policy Board/FCRTA meeting will be held on December 18 at 5:30 pm. Please mark your calendars.

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) announced that work has started on a new Library in Orange Cove.

Meeting Dates:

Transportation Technical Committee – Wednesday, November 5 at 8:30 am

One Voice Reauthorization Meeting – Thursday, November 13 at 9:30 am

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee – Thursday, November 13 at 5 pm

Policy Advisory Committee – Friday, November 14 at 10 am

(meeting at 9:30 on November 14 for PAC members interested in video conferencing information)

AB 1234 Ethics Training for Policy Board, Council Members and PAC – November 14th – immediately following PAC meeting

Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 Meeting – Friday, November 14 at 2 pm

Blueprint Roundtable meeting – Wednesday, November 19 at 10:30 am

Farmland Model Conservation Meeting – Thursday, November 20 at 9 am

Fresno COG Policy Board/FCRTA meeting – Thursday, November 20 at 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.**

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