



BOARD ACTIONS

November 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, November 20, 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.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Leroy H. Brown addressed the Policy Board regarding the need for Skilled Training in the Building and Construction Trades. Mr. Brown handed out information regarding his concerns.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

December Public Hearing Notification: Formal Amendment #3 to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Formal Amendment #2 to the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and Associated Conformity Determination

Fresno COG Board was notified that the public review and comment period for the amendments commenced on November 19, 2008 and will close on December 18, 2008 at 5:30 pm. All documentation is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. The Policy Board will be asked to adopt the amendments at the January 29, 2009 meeting. For more information regarding the amendments contact Renée DeVere-Oki or Lauren Dawson.

Fiscal Year 2006 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 (Jobs Access Reverse Commute, JARC) and 5317 (New Freedom Grant Program Update

Fresno COG Policy Board authorized Fresno COG to enter into contracts with Fresno Area Express and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency for the 2006 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and 5317 grants. For more information on these grants contact staff person Todd Sobrado.

Blueprint Update

Barbara Steck, Deputy Director reported that staff is preparing a Fresno County Blueprint Progress Report that details the progress for the county level effort. The Valleywide Blueprint Summit will be held in Fresno on Monday, January 26th. For more information on this event and the Blueprint program please see our website at www.fresnocog.org or www.valleyblueprint.org or contact Ms. Steck.

Request by City of Sanger for COG Policy Board Support for Using Prop 1B-State and Local Partnership Funds for SR180 East – Temperance to Academy – Resolution 2008-47

Fresno COG Policy Board approved Resolution 2008-47 in support for using future Proposition 1B-State and Local Partnership Program funding estimated at \$23.5M (distributed over 5 years) to construct State Route 180 E. Funds will be administered by the Fresno County Transportation Authority. For more information on this item contact Tony Boren, Executive Director.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Fresno COG's 2009 Legislative Platform

Fresno COG Policy Board was informed that the Draft 2009 Legislative Platform will be presented in December for review. For more information on legislative issues, contact staff person Jennifer Dansby.

FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program Amendment #3

Fresno COG Policy Board approved a transfer of \$5,000 in FHWA PL funding and match from WE 170 Regional Transportation Plan to WE 172 Congestion Management Plan. The Policy Board also approved an increase of \$6,100 for WE 313 Environmental Justice to provide a match of local funds for the Valley Transportation Planning Agency to develop a Tribal Environmental Justice Transportation Report. The project is carried in the Kern Council of Governments' budget. The grant for this report is \$250,000 with the \$27,000 match provided by the eight valley COGs. For more information on the Overall Work Program contact staff person Les Beshears.

2009 Washington DC "One Voice" Update

Fresno COG Policy Board approved the "One Voice" selection committee's list of regional priority projects with SR 180 as the #1 priority project. The list of reauthorization projects will be submitted for approval in December. The 2009 Washington DC "One Voice" trip is scheduled for February 7-12. For more information regarding "One Voice" see our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact Barbara Steck, Deputy Director.

Request by Board of Supervisors for a Joint Meeting with Policy Board

Fresno COG Policy Board approved a joint workshop with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the Challenge of Funding Local Government Services. The workshop will be held at Fresno COG on Thursday, January 29th at 4 pm prior to the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting. For more information, please contact Tony Boren, Executive Director.

URGENCY ITEM – Appointment of Mayor Montelongo to Water Quality Board.

Fresno COG Policy Board authorized COG staff to send letter of support for Mayor Montelongo's appointment to the State Water Quality Board.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Tony Boren announced that there will be December meetings this year. The Joint TTC/PAC meeting will be held on Friday, December 12 at 10 am and the Fresno COG Policy Board/FCRTA meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting Dates:

Joint Transportation Technical Committee/ Policy Advisory Committee meeting – Friday, December 12th – 10 am
Fresno COG Policy Board/FCRTA meeting – Thursday, December 18th 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.**

Fresno COG Board Members

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