

***TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE/
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONSENT ITEM II. A-L.***



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TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Executive Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Scott Mozier, City of Fresno, Chair
Bruce Webber, City of Reedley, Vice Chair
Ken Okereke, Caltrans
Janet Dailey, Fresno County
Renee Mathis, City of Clovis

Gary Joseph, Fresno County Economic
Opportunities Commission
Nicholas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Darrell Unruh, City of Fresno

Others Attending:

Chris Motta, Fresno County
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG
Lauren Dawson, Fresno COG
Maria Day, Fresno COG

Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Laural Fawcett, Fresno COG
Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott Mozier, City of Fresno.

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the TTC on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. Note: Prior to action by the TTC on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.

There were no public presentations.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

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- A. Executive Minutes of October 8, 2008
- B. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update [Sobrado]
- C. Bicycle Transportation Account – Call for Projects [Thompson]
- D. California Complete Streets Act of 2008 – Assembly Bill 1358 (Leno)
[Thompson]

Approve
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Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

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| E. 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 | Information |
| F. Monthly Legislative Update | Information |

A motion was made by Rocky Rogers (Reedley) and seconded by Nicolas Paladino (FCC) to approve the Consent Items. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

For a complete summary of these items please see the November 5, 2008 Annotated Agenda.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno Madera Freeway Deficiency Study Presentation – Fehr & Peers

Mike Bitner (COG) reported on this item. Richard Lee and Charlie Alexander of Fehr & Peers gave a presentation on the results of the recent Fresno-Madera Metropolitan Freeway/Interchange Deficiency Study Phase II. The presentation was broadcasted live over the internet to the Fresno COG Offices.

The purpose of the study was to analyze and evaluate anticipated development activity in the metropolitan area and its effects on the performance of the interchanges of the planned freeway system. Deficiencies were identified and necessary improvements recommended. These recommendations will be used for future planning exercises in the metropolitan area, and incorporated into the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee. After discussion of the findings members felt that more information was needed regarding fees. Scott Mozier made some general comments about interchange deficiency study PDT. In general for future studies goals need to be defined in a better way.

A motion was made by Bruce Webber (Reedley) and seconded by Janet Dailey (Fresno County) to recommend delaying the recommendation for the acceptance of the Freeway Deficiency Study findings for further information explaining the Study. A vote was called for and the motion carried. Item will be brought back for review in December.

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

Todd Sobrado (COG) gave an update on this item. On April 24, 2008, the Fresno COG Policy Board approved the following projects for the Fiscal Year 2006 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 (Jobs Access Reverse Commute, JARC) and 5317 (New Freedom) grant program.

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Fresno Area Express - Trip Planning Software
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Fresno Area Express - Travel Training
Operating Project - \$20,000

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Fresno County Rural Transit Agency - Purchase (4) accessible vans
Capital Project - \$144,804

The above mentioned programs are programmed into the Federal Transit Administration TEAM WEB online project management system. The next step is to execute contracts with each agency for the projects so they can begin the procurement process.

A motion was made by Renee Mathis (Clovis) and seconded by Bruce Webber (Reedley) to recommend authorization for Fresno COG to enter into contracts with FAX and FCRTA for the 2006 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and 5317 New Freedom grants. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Measure "C" Extension Update

- 1. RTMF Ordinance**
- 2. Regional Transportation Program**

Tony Boren, Executive Director gave a verbal update of the status of these two Measure "C" programs.

The draft Ordinance has been prepared by PB Americas and is in the review and comment phase. The comments will be closing by December 14th. The plan is to get the final Ordinance and the administrative manual that will go with it to all the cities by the first of the year. On the Regional Transportation Program, the regional committee met and the consensus was that staff is going to divide the Regional Program up into 3 phases: a short term, a mid term, and a long term. The consensus is that the short term piece will consist more of the smaller local projects that are in the regional program both urban and rural. In December, the 45 day review and comment will begin.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

D. 2009 Washington D.C. "One Voice" Update

Tony Boren, Executive Director reported on this item. Staff is continuing the project selection process in preparation for Fresno COG's "One Voice" trip to Washington D.C. (February 7-12, 2009). The project selection committee met to review and score the 11 projects that were submitted for consideration. A list of the project scores were included in the agenda package. The committee meet a second time (via conference call on October 30th) to review the scores and develop a recommended list of regional priorities to forward to the COG Policy Board for approval. Consultants in Washington have recommended that requests be limited for earmarks to four projects. In the past the Committee has tried to select projects according to the appropriations bills and limit the dollar amount requested. Two of the projects submitted this year do not ask for earmarks and will, therefore, be considered for a separate list as policy priorities. The committee's recommendations were distributed at the November 5th TTC meeting.

In addition, staff will be developing a strategy to make requests for the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill, due to take place in 2009. The committee will be meeting on November 13th to discuss which projects to recommend for consideration in that category. Staff will present an update at the Policy Advisory Committee.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

E. Blueprint Update

Tom Webster reported on this item. The eight county San Joaquin Valley Blueprint planning process is currently developing Valleywide alternative scenarios to review as staff moves towards identifying a Valley Vision for growth to the year 2050. This process is similar to that which staff recently completed at the county level. Each of the eight Valley COGs has weighed in on their perspective for future growth, which in turn has been used in developing a more regional Valley view. From this effort, three Valleywide alternative growth scenarios were introduced for feedback in mid-November. The Great Valley Center (GVC) is coordinating the media outreach for these activities and is maintaining a website at www.valleyblueprint.org.

The website will include an interactive component once the Valleywide scenarios are made available. In addition, GVC is organizing a **Valleywide Blueprint Summit, which will be held in Fresno on Monday, January 26th**. Please mark your calendars as it will provide local agencies and community members a chance to comment on the Valleywide scenarios.

Staff is also in the midst of preparing a Fresno County Blueprint Progress Report (through Phase III). This report includes the updated information on Fresno's preferred concept, which the COG Policy Board endorsed growth principles for in May of this year (Memo included in the packet).

The Blueprint is a work in progress and this report provides details on that progress for the county level effort. The Blueprint Summit on January 26, 2009 will mark substantive movement toward the Valley Vision.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

F. Caltrans Monthly Report

Ken Okereke (Caltrans) provided an update on Caltrans activities. Caltrans received an application for the 08-09 Blueprint process and was reviewed in the district and made the accommodations to headquarters.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

1. December meetings – Joint TTC/PAC on December 12th and COG/FCRA on December 18th.
2. Tony Boren (COG) mentioned that One Voice is looking at other regional projects than just transportation. Mr. Boren sees this as an opportunity to do more in the area.

B. Items from Members

Mr. Mozler gave a quick update on the ITS Program. This is the phase 3 project under Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ). Staff has completed the signal synchronization on Kings Canyon and Ventura - this runs from Ventura to Van Ness east out to Kings Canyon and Maple. At the end of this calendar year, ITS will be set up on the website with screen shots of all the cameras at intersections.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



TONY BOREN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Minutes

Date: Friday, November 14, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Jose Ramirez, City of Firebaugh	Kathy Millison, City of Clovis
Rocky Rogers, City of Reedley	Steve Curti, Caltrans
Ron Manfredi, City of Kernan	Alan Bengyel, City of Orange Cove
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County	Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno
Jack Slota, City of Huron	David Elias, City of Fowler
Dan Spears, City of Sanger	Lou Martinez, City of Parlier
Jeffery Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit	Roseann Galvan, City of Selma
	Cruz Ramos, City of San Joaquin

Others Attending:

Ken Hamm, Fresno Area Express	John Downs, COG/FAX
Stanley Nass, City of Reedley	Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Ralph Kachadorian, City of Sanger	Jennifer Dansby, Fresno COG
Randy Deaver, City of Fowler	Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG
Tony Boren, Fresno COG	Renee DeVerre-Ok, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG	Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Les Beshears, Fresno COG	Marla Day, Fresno COG
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG	Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Lauren Dawson, Fresno COG	Clark Thompson, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jose Ramirez (Firebaugh).

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| F. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—
Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC [SAMUELIAN] | Information |
| G. Monthly Legislative Update [DANSBY] | Information |
| H. Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO] | Information |

Project	Applicant
1. Head Start Program – Preschool and Early Head Start 2009 Refunding Application	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

For a complete summary of these items please see the November 14, 2008 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Gabriel Gonzalez (Mendota) and seconded by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) to approve the Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

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A motion was made by Gabriel Gonzalez (Mendota) and seconded by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) to recommend authorization for Fresno COG to enter into contracts with FAX and FCRTA for the 2006 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and 5317 New Freedom grants. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Fresno COG's 2009 Legislative Platform

Jennifer Dansby (COG) reported that in January 2008, the Board approved our first Fresno COG Legislative Platform that includes the advocacy priorities of the Fresno COG in state and federal legislative matters. The Legislative Platform represents a unified voice when communicating legislative priorities to the state and federal lawmakers as well as to relevant state and federal agencies. It also provides guidance to the Fresno COG staff and our lobbying partners when advocating on behalf of the Policy Board.

It is now time to update the Legislative Platform so that it reflects the most current priorities for advocacy in the upcoming 2009 state and federal legislative sessions. Included in the agenda packet is the 2008 Fresno COG Legislative Platform for review. There are a number of updates necessary to make this document current.

To generate discussion and feedback for the 2009 Fresno COG Legislative Platform, staff provided a PowerPoint presentation at the PAC meeting. Staff would like to finalize the document for the Policy Board's approval in December.

It is staff's intention that a short-list of top regional priorities will be extracted from the Final Legislative Platform for "One Voice" advocacy in Sacramento in 2009.

Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) suggested each of the cities might consider paying a small amount of money to be able to hire additional staffing to help with the Legislative Platform because of its complexity. This would provide the committee with more in-depth detail for decision making.

A motion was made by Kathy Millison (Clovis) and seconded by Bruce Rudd (City of Fresno) to recommend that the Board form a committee to address all issues related to the High-Speed Rail in Fresno County. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Measure "C" Carpool Program – Change in Implementation Strategy

Current Carpool Incentive Program:

Brenda Lauchner (COG) reported that the Measure C Carpool Program is scheduled to start December 1, 2008. According to the original Measure C "Other Program Funding Implementation Plan" (approved February 28, 2008), the Carpool Program is designed to grant individuals who start a new carpool with at least one other person or add a new member to an existing carpool two (2) days per week for 8 consecutive weeks, a \$50 reward card. Due to the allocated Measure C dollars for Carpool Incentives, this program would award the first 2,000 people to complete the 8 week-consecutive carpool program with a \$50 incentive. This incentive would be per person and available once a year. Individuals would need to complete an online application and fill out weekly log sheets. Any break in carpool weeks would force individuals to re-start the program.

Problem:

While attempting to implement the program it was discovered that reward cards would be costly, (a \$4.00-\$8.00 fee each for service charges), not secure and untrackable. The alternative option was to provide individuals with cashier checks to be able to track and make cancellations if needed. Though this option is secure, it will cost \$6.00 per check for the banks to process the cashier checks, totaling \$12,000.00 in additional fees for 2,000 \$50 checks.

Another option was to print checks directly from COG. This option would allow checks to be traced and the costs would be minimal in comparison to the other two options. However, staff struggles with the fact that only 2,000 Fresno County residents would be allowed to participate in the program reaping the benefits of Measure C. If the program is launched as scheduled on December 1st, few participants would be eligible for 8-consecutive weeks with work and school holidays until mid-January. There is a risk that they might not continue carpooling.

Solution:

COG staff, FCTA staff, and FCTA's contracted outreach agency, JSA, discussed a complete revision of the program. JSA would assist the Measure C agencies to create a Countywide Carpool Incentive Program that would be available to an unlimited number of Fresno County residents to register and be eligible to win prizes by participating in a 6-month or annual carpool program. Participants would sign up for the incentive online by completing and submitting weekly carpool logs. Their names would be entered into an opportunity drawing each week they carpooled and completed a log online.

The implementing agencies would seek to develop public/private partnerships with appropriate agencies such as the Air District, hybrid car makers, travel agencies, etc. to provide a GRAND PRIZE which could include a hybrid car. Other additional prizes could include a scooter, travel opportunities, bicycles, carwash passes, Measure C tee-shirts, etc. Every prize would be related to the promotion of clean air, carpooling, and/or reducing emissions. The program would launch in mid-January 2009, in conjunction with another major clean air promotion scheduled for that time period.

After discussion members felt that more information was needed regarding the tracking of the person who is participating in this Measure "C" Incentive Program.

A motion was made by Ron Manfredi (Kerman) and seconded by Lou Martinez (Parlier) to table the item and have the Measure "C" Carpool Program - Change in Implementation Strategy brought back with more information and a detailed outline on the verification of tracking with other alternatives. Item will be brought back for review in December.

D. FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program Amendment #3

Barbara Steck, Deputy Director reported on this item.
Work Element 170 Regional Transportation Plan / Work Element 172 Congestion Management Plan

This year FHWA is including a review of our Congestion Management Plan as part of our annual certification requirements. Staff is transferring \$5,000 in FHWA PL funding and match from WE 170 to WE 172 to be used in updating the Congestion Management Plan. This is a transfer and there is no cost increase to the budget.

Work Element 313 Environmental Justice

The Valley Transportation Planning Agency directors submitted a joint application to develop a Tribal Environmental Justice Transportation Report. This project is carried in the Kern Council of Governments budget. The grant amount is \$250,000 with the \$27,000 match provided by the eight valley COG's. Fresno COG's share of the match, to be funded with local funds, is \$6,100.

A motion was made by Rocky Rogers (Reedley) and seconded by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) to recommend authorization of the Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment #3, increasing the budget \$6,100 with local funds. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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The committee also met to discuss policy issues that might be considered for inclusion in our "One Voice" materials. The draft list was presented at the PAC for comment. In addition, staff will be developing a strategy to make requests for the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill, due to take place in 2009. The committee met on November 13th to discuss which projects to recommend for consideration in that category.

A motion was made by Dan Spears (Sanger) and seconded by Alan Bengyel (Orange Cove) to recommend approval of the "One Voice" selection committee's list of regional priority projects with the acknowledgement that SR 180 is the #1 priority. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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H. Caltrans Monthly Report

Steve Curti (Caltrans) provided an update on Caltrans activities.

1. Caltrans has formally begun the process of splitting the State Highway 99 bond project at the San Joaquin River. This will run from Ashlan to Grantland the construction will begin on that portion by 2012. The portion from Grantland to Madera Ave. 7 will begin by 2016. The difference is that the environmental work that will be done for the River Crossing. This is to be able to deliver one portion sooner than the others.
2. The project from Goshen to Kingsburg will begin construction by 2012.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

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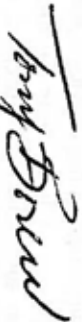
B. Items from Members

Lynn Gorman (County of Fresno) referred to a letter from Henry Perea's that requests that the Board of Supervisors and the Council of Governments have a joint meeting on January 29th, 2009. This was discussed and supported by the Mayors and Henry Perea at the COG Board meeting last month. Ms. Gorman would like to have this put on the agenda for the next COG Board meeting to formalize the joint meeting. This would supersede the December 9th BOS workshop.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alan Bengyel (Orange Cove) and seconded by Dan Spears (Sanger) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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2008/09
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUND
APPORTIONMENT TO MEMBER AGENCIES
Final Estimate

12/01/08

PUC 99313 POPULATION 3,747,517
PUC 99314 OPERATOR 585,611

4,333,128

2008/09 Fund Estimate Per State Controller

This estimate is subject to change during the fiscal year.

MEMBER	CENSUS	PERCENT	GROSS	NET FOR 99314 OPERATOR	NET FOR 99313 POPULATION
	POPULATION 01/01/08		AMOUNT AVAILABLE		
Clovis	94,278	10.13%	384,000	4,546	379,454
Coalinga	19,063	2.05%	76,725		76,725
Firebaugh	6,811	0.73%	27,413		27,413
Fowler	5,572	0.60%	22,426		22,426
Fresno City	486,116	52.21%	2,511,217	554,682	1,956,535
Huron	7,553	0.81%	30,402		30,402
Kerman	13,878	1.49%	55,857		55,857
Kingsburg	11,257	1.21%	45,308		45,308
Mendota	9,787	1.05%	39,391		39,391
Orange Cove	10,774	1.16%	43,364		43,364
Parlier	13,325	1.43%	53,631		53,631
Reedley	25,584	2.75%	102,971		102,971
Sanger	25,046	2.69%	100,806		100,806
San Joaquin	4,521	0.49%	18,196		18,196
Selma	23,284	2.50%	93,714		93,714
Fresno Co.	174,249	18.69%	701,324		701,324
FCRTA					
FCEOC			26,383	26,383	
TOTALS	931,098	100.0%	4,333,128	585,611	3,747,517



California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

November 11, 2008

Council of Fresno County Governments
Tony Boren
2035 Tulare St., Ste. 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Partnership Board Member Nomination

Dear Mr. Boren:

We are writing to request that the Council of Fresno County Governments, an active participant in the work of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), contribute to the process of appointing a new Partnership Board Member.

Set in motion by Executive Order from Governor Schwarzenegger in June 2005 and renewed in November 2006, the Partnership is an eight-county public-private partnership focused on improving the region's economic vitality and quality of life for the nearly 4 million residents who call the San Joaquin Valley home.

The board composition includes eight local elected officials, designed to each represent one county in the San Joaquin Valley. The recent elections on Nov. 4 resulted in four of those positions being vacated. In Fresno County, we are asking you to recommend three nominees to the Partnership Executive Committee for board membership to fill the seat that has been held by Alan Autry, Fresno Mayor.

SECRETARIAT:

California State University, Fresno
Office of Community and Economic Development

5010 N Woodrow Ave.
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Fresno, California 93740

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California Partnership for the
San Joaquin Valley

We urge you to contact the outgoing Partnership Board member to discuss your recommendations and obtain any suggestions that they might provide. Also, please know that those you recommend may include officials who will not take office until January 2009. Attached for your reference is a board roster and sample letter for recommendation.

Thank you for your leadership and participation in this issue. We look forward to working with you to support the appointment of a new board member.

Sincerely,

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Connie Conway, Chair

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Sunne Wright McPeak, Member
Executive Committee

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Fritz Grupe, Deputy Chair

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Peter Weber, Member
Executive Committee



California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Board of Directors

Connie Conway	<i>Partnership Chair, Tulare County Board of Supervisors</i>
Secretary Mike Chrisman	<i>Partnership Deputy Chair, California Resources Agency</i>
Fritz Grupe	<i>Partnership Deputy Chair, The Grupe Company</i>
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Secretary Kim Belshé	California Health and Human Services Agency
Secretary Dale Bonner	California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
Secretary Victoria Bradshaw	California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
Secretary A. G. Kawamura	California Department of Food and Agriculture
Secretary David Long	California Office of the Secretary for Education
Secretary Rosario Marin	California State and Consumer Services Agency
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Lee Andersen	Representative, San Joaquin Valley County Superintendents of Schools Consortium
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DeeDee D'Adamo	Representative, California Air Resources Board
Barbara Goodwin	Representative, Central Valley Councils of Government
Frank Gornick	Representative, Central Valley Higher Education Consortium
Coke Hallowell	San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
Corwin Harper	Representative, Hospital Council of Northern and Central California
Barry Hibbard	Representative, California Economic Strategy Panel
Farrell Jackson	Mayor of Oakdale
Kirk Lindsey	Representative, California Transportation Commission
Sunne McPeak	California Emerging Technology Fund
Luisa Medina	Central California Legal Services
Michael Navarro	Lionakis Beaumont Design Group
Leroy Ornellas	San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors
Pete Parra	Representative, California Workforce Investment Board
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Jeff Rowe	Representative, Central California Workforce Collaborative
Fred Ruiz	Ruiz Foods
Lorraine Salazar	Sal's Mexican Restaurant
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Ray Watson	Kern County Board of Supervisors
Peter Weber	Representative, Federal Interagency Task Force

*Pending appointment by the Governor

Sample Letter

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
Keili Furtado, Office of the Secretariat (CSUF-OCED)

5010 N. Woodrow Avenue, M/S WC 142
Fresno, CA 93740

Re: Partnership Board Member Nomination

Ms. Furtado

At the request of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Executive Committee, the
COG ORGANIZATION is submitting three local elected officials for consideration to become
Partnership Board Members. Each of the nominees listed below fulfill the criteria of a local elected
within ***COUNTY***.

1. Name, Elected Office, Contact Information
2. Name, Elected Office, Contact Information
3. Name, Elected Office, Contact Information



County of Fresno

Administrative Office
John Navarrette
Interim County Administrative Officer

December 2, 2008

Trinidad Rodriguez, Chairman
Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

RE: Joint Workshop of the Board of Supervisors with Council of Fresno County Governments
(COG) Board January 29, 2009 at 4:00 P.M.

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

This is to confirm the date and time agreed upon by the COG Board and Board of Supervisors to hold a Joint Workshop on the Challenge of Funding of Local Government Services, on January 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. The location will be the COG Sequoia Conference Room, 2035 Tulare St., Fresno, CA.

This joint workshop will provide opportunity to discuss the budgetary challenges currently faced by city and county governments, the need to enhance city/county cooperation and collaboration in addressing additional service demands posed by population growth and how we can continue to work together in establishing land use policies that benefit the entire region. More specifically, this joint workshop offers an opportunity to consider what future adjustments may be possible to our tax-sharing MOUs as cities propose to expand their Sphere of Influence Boundaries.

I look forward to your participation in this important event. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jose Leon-Barraza
Economic Development Coordinator

c: Board of Supervisors
Alan Autry, Mayor, City of Fresno
Andy Souza, City Manager
John Navarrette, Interim County Administrative Officer
Lynn Gorman, Deputy Director of Planning, PW&P
Bernard Jimenez, Development Services Manager, PW&P
Kevin Briggs, Chief Deputy County Counsel

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Sacramento Update

Friday, November 21, 2008 7:17 PM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Earlier this week I met with the Offices of Speaker Bass, Assemblyman Arambula, Assembly Republican Leader Villines, Senate Republican Leader Cogdill, and Senator Dean Florez in the Capitol.

The "Big 5" plus incoming Senate President Pro-Tem Senator Steinberg have been meeting throughout the week attempting to negotiate a budget agreement.

The Legislature was originally scheduled to have a special floor session this Sunday to discuss and possibly vote on a budget package. The Sunday session has been cancelled and a new Floor session has been scheduled for Tuesday.

Our office continues to work with the Valley delegation, Governor's Office, and other legislative leaders to advocate for preservation of Prop. 1A, Prop. 42, and other issues important to local government, special districts, transportation, and school districts.

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re: rtrp 84 Update - 'A1&1 Yahoo! Mail'



Re: Prop 84 Update

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 12:40 AM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Many of you have asked for an update on the Prop. 84 \$400 million for Parks and Rec. money. Today I visited with Sedrick Mitchell Chief Deputy Director of State Parks and Rec. Department regarding Prop. 84.

The Department will issue recommended guidelines on or around Dec. 1, 2008 and public hearings will take place from approximately Dec. 1 to Jan. 15. If there are significant changes to the document then another round of public hearing could be held in January or February 2009.

Either way, the application must be out by April 2009 per AB 31 legislation. The application deadline will likely be around October or November 2009.

AB 31 does not mandate any maximums or minimums for the grant and also does not mandate any local match from the applicant.

Based on past history the Dept. often sets the minimum around \$100K or slightly higher and the maximum somewhere between \$2.5 million and \$5 million. The Dept. does not traditionally require a match for this type of program.

When the Depts. recommended guidelines are available we will let you know. We continue to monitor this issue closely.

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News Release - California Consulting

Monday, December 1, 2008 7:00 PM

From: "Steve Samuelian" <csa-consulting@scglobal.net>

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Monday, November 24, 2008

Contact: Carol Terrazas
(559) 244-0801

**CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, LLC
NEW PROJECT MANAGER ANNOUNCED**

California Consulting, LLC a grant writing and state lobbying company owned by former

Assemblyman Steve Samuelian is pleased to announce the addition of Danielle Sotelo as a Project Manager.

Danielle Sotelo is a Project Manager with California Consulting, LLC responsible for grant research, identification, and grant writing. Due to her extensive background with government she also assists with Governmental Affairs issues for the company. Danielle has a wide range of knowledge at various levels of government.

Ms. Sotelo earned a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations with Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Her emphasis was in Political Science and minor in Philosophy.

After interning with the Office of U.S. Congressman George Radanovich, Danielle taught at San Joaquin Valley College as an Instructor of Sociology and Ethics.

She has studied abroad extensively including eight months in Argentina and the South American region studying the culture, language and history of South America.

Additionally, Ms. Sotelo worked in Washington D.C. for the Guatemala Human Rights Commission, a human rights organization based in the nation's Capital.

Ms. Sotelo brings with her a wealth of experience to serve California Consulting clients. Her experience in education, political science, philosophy, history, sociology, and ethics has given her the broad breadth of experience to assist our clients superbly.

California Consulting, LLC is a statewide grant writing and lobbying company with more than 40 clients statewide including 19 cities and 7 school districts. The firm has generated more than \$52 million in new funding for its clients.

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**SACRAMENTO TRIP
COG – JAVIER GUZMAN
Monday, Dec. 1, 2008**

12:00 Noon Assembly Swearing-In Ceremony

3:00 PM Jack O'Connell, California State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Anthony Monreal, Deputy Superintendent

Carmille Maben, Child Development Division Director

Greg Hudson, Deputy Director

Lupita Alcala, Legislative Director

Chris Reefer, Legislative Representative

Department of Education

1430 N Street, Suite 5602

Sacramento, CA 95814

(916) 319-0456

Other Meetings:

Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines

Newly elected Valley Assemblymember Danny Gilmore

Participants in Meeting:

1. Robert Silva, Mayor of Mendota & COG Fresno Rep
2. Trini Rodriguez, Mayor of Kerman & COG Fresno Rep
3. Victor Lopez, Mayor of Orange Cove & COG Fresno Rep
4. Alex Valdez- ISSSC
5. Tony Silva- ISSSC
6. Ray Uzeta- Director, Federation of San Diego County
7. Fred Villaseñor-4-C-Council of Santa Clara
8. Javier Guzman- CLCDA
9. Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC



State Superintendent of Public Instruction

From: "Steve Samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 7:47 PM

Yesterday, a delegation of San Joaquin Valley leaders met with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell at his Sacramento Office. The meeting topic was childcare in the Valley. In addition to Mr. O'Connell, the California Department of Education was represented by Deputy Superintendent Anthony Monreal, Child Development Division Director Camille Maben, Deputy Director Greg Hudson, Legislative Director Lupita Alcalá, and Legislative Representative Chris Reece.

The San Joaquin Valley delegation included Fresno Council of Governments (COG) Chairman and City of Kerman Mayor Trinidad Rodriguez, Orange Cove Mayor Victor Lopez, California Latino Child Development Association Director Javier Guzman, I-5 Social Services Corporation Directors Alex Valdez and Tony Silva.

The meeting was organized by California Consulting, LLC and Owner Steve Samuelian attended the meeting.

The following topics were discussed at the meeting:

Emergency Loan Program for budget impasses

Multi-Year contracting

Electronic Billing

AB 905

Equity/Parity for Valley Centers

The above issues are vital to childcare centers throughout the Valley. Several follow up items and discussion are planned with Superintendent O'Connell and his senior staff regarding these issues.

While in Sacramento the San Joaquin Valley delegation also met personally with Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines and newly elected Valley Assemblyman Danny Gilmore both at their Offices in the Capitol.

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December 4, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: FCRTA Board of Directors;
COFCG / FCRTA Policy Advisory Committee;
COFCG Transportation Technical Committee; and
The General Public

FROM:  Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

SUBJECT: Award to Purchase Four (4) Mini-Vans (Resolution 2008-15).

ACTION ITEM

Earlier this year we submitted a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5317 New Freedoms Grant Application to the Fresno COG for competitive consideration. We were awarded funding to purchase four (4) Mini-Vans with Taxi Equipment. The award was reflected in our adopted Budget, and the Fresno COG's Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The Fresno COG submitted an electronic Grant to the FTA and received approval to prepare Contracts. Last month, the Fresno COG Board approved a staff recommendation to execute Contracts with the award recipients, including the FCRTA.

The Contract allows the FCRTA to procure the stipulated equipment. The FCRTA intends to purchase four (4) mini-vans through an existing Caltrans Procurement Contract #1-06-23-17 with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. (Vendor ID #235927). Attached is a binding proposal to deliver the specified vehicles. Also included is Resolution 2008-15 for Board consideration and action.

RECOMMENDATION

The FCRTA General Manager recommends, following and expressed opportunity for public comment, that the FCRTA Board of Directors approve Resolution 2008-15, to procure four (4) specified mini-vans from Creative Bus Sales for the total purchase price of \$178,936.60 (\$44,734.15 each).

Attachments



Creative Bus Sales, Inc.

www.creativebussales.com

(800) 326-2877 - Toll Free (909) 465-5529 - Fax



El Dorado Bus Sales

www.eldoradobussales.com

(888) 353-6287 - Toll Free (510) 728-7800 - Fax

State Contract #1-06-23-17

Modified Raised Top Handicapped Van and Modified Minivan

Vendor ID#: 235927

Contract Dates: 6-5-2006 thru 6-4-2008

☒ - Add On Order

☐ - 5310 Order

Vehicle Type:	Type 4	Commodity #:	2310-000-0039-3	
Contact:	Jeffery Webster	Standard Ramp	☒ Yes ☐ No	
Agency:	Fresno County Rural Transit Agency	Seat Material:	☒ Vinyl ☐ Cloth ☐ Repel	
Address:	2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201	Seat Color:	Gray	
City, State, Zip:	Fresno, CA 93721	Skirt Color:		
Phone:	(559) 233-6789	Stripes:	☐ Yes (1) 3" ☐ No ☐ Other	
Fax:	(559) 233-9645	Stripe Color:	None	
E-Mail:	jwebster_ruraltransit@fresnocog.org	Contract Equipment:		
Qty. Per Vehicle	Description	Price	Ext. Price	ADA
1	Amerivan - w/Air Suspension (Chevrolet Venture)	\$37,200.00	\$37,200.00	\$9,486.00
1	Power Sliding Door	\$975.00	\$975.00	
1	Rear Altro Floor Option	\$475.00	\$475.00	
1	(Q) GPS Navigation System	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	
1	Additional Cargo Light in Rear Hatch	\$125.00	\$125.00	
			Total	ADA
			\$40,575.00	\$9,486.00
		Non-Taxable	\$9,486.00	
		Taxable Amount	\$31,089.00	
Fresno*		Tax Total	\$2,479.35	7.975%
		Sub-Total	\$43,054.35	
		Procurement Fee 2.27%	\$921.05	
		Tire Fee	\$8.75	
		Delivery	\$750.00	
		Total	\$44,734.15	
		Number of Units	4	
		Final Total	\$178,936.60	

Delivery to Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles.
Riverside and San Bernardino Counties at No Charge.

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY
RESOLUTION 2008-15

In the Matter of	)	
Federal Transit Administration's	)	RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE
New Freedom Grant Contract	)	FOUR, MINI-VANS
Procurement Award	)	EXPANSION VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) has an executed agreement from the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) through the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) to purchase four (4) mini-vans through the an existing Caltrans Procurement Contract #1-06-23-17; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA has also budgeted the purchase in its 2008-09 adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA intended to process a purchase order to Creative Bus Sales, Inc. (Vendor ID #235927) to acquire the vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Creative Bus Sales, Inc. has submitted a binding proposal to deliver, four (4) Amerivans with Air Suspension, power sliding doors; Rear Altro Flooring; Cargo light in Rear Hatch and GPS Navigation Systems in accordance with stipulated specifications and purchase order for a total purchase price of \$178,936.60 (\$44,734.15 each); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FCRTA Board of Director, following an expressed opportunity for additional public comment, does hereby accept the submitted proposal from A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. for the stipulated bid quoted purchase price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FCRTA Board of Directors does hereby direct its General Manager to execute binding agreements, subject to the Fresno COG Pre- and Post Audit Review of the transaction in accordance with Contract Stipulations and Agreements.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency this 18th day of December 2008.

RESOLUTION 2008-15
FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY
DECEMBER 18, 2008

Page 2 of Resolution 2008-15

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____

Trinidad Rodriguez, Chairman

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day of December, 2008.

Signed: _____

Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager