



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, December 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.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Representatives from CrescentView Charter Schools handed out information to the Fresno COG Board regarding the Charter School program. For more information or a presentation please call 559-222-8439.

Dennis Manning, Rail Consolidation and High Speed Rail Committee asked for information regarding what Fresno COG will be doing to secure money from the proposed Economic Stimulus program. For more information contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

Initiation of 45-day Review and Comment Period for the Measure "C" Regional Short Term Program Project Delivery Schedule

Fresno COG Board approved the initiation of the 45 day review period for the proposed Regional Short Term Program Project Delivery Schedule. This "Short Term" Program allows the local Tier 1 urban and rural street and highway projects listed to move forward without waiting for development and approval of the Mid- and Long-Term Regional Transportation Programs. Final approval of this program will be requested in January. For more information on this program contact staff person, Les Beshears.

Establishment of New Timeline for Enactment of Measure "C" Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program

Fresno COG Board approved establishing July 1, 2009 as the revised enactment date for member agencies implementing the Measure "C" Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee. For more information please contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

PUBLIC HEARING: Draft 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #4, 2007 RTP Amendment #2 and Conformity Analysis – Resolution 2009-01

Final approval will be requested in January.

Blueprint Related Sole Source Contract

Fresno COG Board voted to award a Sole Source Contract to John Wright, not to exceed \$10,000, to assist COG staff with coordination of the Blueprint with the Regional Transportation Plan, the Farmland Study, Metro-Rural Loop and other regional planning efforts as well as assisting in the development of a structure linking the regional land use and transportation planning efforts of the Blueprint with the new requirements for the Sustainable Communities Strategy required by SB375 and other tasks.

Blueprint – Valleywide Scenarios

Fresno COG Board received an update on the Blueprint process and reaffirmed Fresno's preferred Blueprint concept. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Regional Policy Council for their action in March. The Board was also invited to participate in the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Summit being held on January 26, 2009 at the Fresno Convention Center from 10 am – 3 pm. Register online at: www.valleyblueprint.org. For more

information on the Blueprint process please see our website at www.fresnocog.org or www.valleyblueprint.org or contact Deputy Director, Barbara Steck.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Request for Nomination of Three Elected Officials to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board.

Fresno COG Board approved submitting the names of Fresno Mayor-Elect Ashley Swearengin, Fowler Councilmember Rico Aguayo and San Joaquin Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal as nominations to be submitted to the Governor for consideration for the seat on the California Partnership Board.

Fresno COG Board welcomed new Board members:

Coalinga – Mayor Ron Lander

Firebaugh – Mayor Marcia Sablan

Kingsburg – Mayor Bruce Blayney

Reedley – Mayor Mary Fast

Sanger – Mayor Jose R. Villareal

City of Fresno – Mayor-elect Ashley Swearengin and County of Fresno – Supervisor Susan Anderson will be serving on the Fresno COG Board beginning in January.

Marla Day will be contacting all new Board members to set meetings with the Executive Director prior to January's Policy Board meeting.

Outgoing members Trish Hill-Coalinga, Craig Knight-Firebaugh, Leland Bergstrom-Kingsburg, Ray Soleno-Reedley, Michael Montelongo-Sanger, Alan Autry-Fresno and Supervisor Henry Perea-County will be recognized at the January 29th Board meeting.

Meeting Dates:

Joint Transportation Technical Committee/ Policy Advisory Committee meeting – Friday, January 16 – 10 am (Sequoia Room)

Farmland Conservation Model Program meeting – Thursday, January 15 at 9:30 am (Sequoia Room)

Measure "C" Citizen Oversight Committee – Thursday, January 15 at 5:00 pm (Ash Room)

SSTAC Meeting – Tuesday, January 20 – 1:30 pm (Ash Room)

Blueprint Summit – Monday, January 26 - 10-3 – (Fresno Convention Center)

Joint Board of Supervisors/Fresno COG Board Workshop – Thursday, January 29 – 4 pm (Sequoia Room)

Fresno COG Policy Board/FCRTA meeting – Thursday, January 29 - 5:30 pm (Sequoia Room)

***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

CLOVIS – Mayor Bob Whalen

COALINGA – Mayor Ron Lander

FIREBAUGH – Mayor Marcia Sablan

FOWLER – Councilmember Rico Aguayo

FRESNO CITY – Mayor Alan Autry

HURON – Mayor Ramon Dominguez

KERMAN - Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chair

KINGSBURG – Mayor Bruce Blayney

MENDOTA – Mayor Robert Silva

ORANGE COVE – Mayor Victor Lopez

PARLIER – Mayor Armando Lopez

REEDLEY – Mayor Mary Fast

SAN JOAQUIN – Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal

SANGER – Mayor Jose Villareal

SELMA – Mayor Dennis Lujan, Vice Chair

FRESNO COUNTY – Supervisor Henry Perea