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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AGENDA

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

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Fresno COG Sitting as the Measure "C" Fresno County Mayors' Selection Committee

15 Mayors in Fresno County and the Chair of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors

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| I. APPOINTMENT TO MEASURE "C" CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE | Yes | Appoint |
| (One new Member to replace Jose Villarreal, a former member) | | |
| Representative from the "public at large", 4-year term to expire 6/30/11 | | |

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

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B. Presentation – Recognition of Former Board Members for Their Hard Work and Dedication

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| • Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno | • Mr. Craig Knight |
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| • Ms. Patricia Hill | City of Sanger |

C. Presentation – Mario Santoyo, Assistant General Manager, Friant Water Users Authority – San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement and Related Water Matters

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| A. California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF), – RESOLUTION 2009-02 | Yes | Approve |
| [BESHEARS] | | |
| B. Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service | Yes | Approve |

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

Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Project Award – RESOLUTION 2009-03

[BESHEARS]		
C. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims, RESOLUTION 2009-04	Yes	Approve
[BESHEARS]		
D. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Member Appointments [LONG]	Yes	Approve
E. FY 2007-08 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report [LONG]	Yes	Accept
F. Initiation of the 2009 Unmet Transit Needs Process [LONG]	Yes	Information
G. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Preliminary Estimates [BESHEARS]	Yes	Information
H. White Paper Exploring the Linkages Between AB32, SB375, SJV Regional Blueprint and the Fresno Model Farmland Conservation Program [DAWSON]	Yes	Information
I. Safe Routes to School, Cycle 8 - Call for Projects [THOMPSON]	Yes	Information

IV. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Call for Projects – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 and 5317 Funds for FY 2007, 2008, and 2009 [SOBRADO]	Yes	Info/Discussion
B. Blueprint Update [STECK]	Yes	Info/Discussion
C. Federal Economic Stimulus Package [DEVERE-OKI]	Yes	Support
D. Caltrans Monthly Report [CALTRANS]	No	Info/Discussion

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board

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A. Executive Minutes of January 29, 2009	Yes	Approve
B. VRPA Contract Amendment [BESHEARS]	No	Authorize
C. Monthly Legislative Update [DANSBY]	Yes	Information

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2009-10 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget [BOREN/STECK]	Yes	Initiate 45 Day Review
B. Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, Riparian-Wildlife Corridor Report [THOMPSON]	Yes	Accept
C. Sacramento "One Voice" Trip - Advocacy Issues [DANSBY]	Yes	Approve
D. Resolution to Support Interagency Agreements for Childcare Centers Impacted by State Budget Delays. RESOLUTION 2009-06 [DANSBY/RODRIGUEZ]	Yes	Approve
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F. 2009 Washington D.C. "One Voice" Update [STECK]	Yes	Info/Discussion
G. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities— Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC [BOREN]	No	Info/Discussion

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

*Items listed as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Board.

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I. APPOINTMENT TO MEASURE "C" CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Summary: The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee needs one new member to replace Mayor Jose Villarreal who resigned from his "Public-at-large" position on the Committee to accept an elected position on the Sanger City Council. The vacancy must be filled within 90 days of his resignation by a member who resides in Fresno County Supervisory District 4 in an incorporated city outside the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area. The vacant position was advertised for 60 days as required by the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan. Several inquiries were made from individuals interested in applying for the position, but only one applicant was locationally qualified to fill this particular position. The new member will complete a 4-year term which expires June 30, 2011.

The sole completed application and letters of recommendation are included in your packet.

Action: Appoint one new Community Organization Representative to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

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A. California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF), – RESOLUTION 2009-02 [BESHEARS]

Summary: Proposition 1B included \$600 million for Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response to be available over a ten year period per SB88. Our share of this year's apportionment is \$819,958. The program is to be administrated similar to the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Program (PTMISEA) in that the funds are allocated to Transit Operators per the formula used to allocate State Transit Assistance 99313 and 99314. Project applicants submit projects to the MPO, who forwards them to the State Office of Homeland Security, (OHS) who then instructs the State Controllers to make allocations directly to the applicant.

The state has notified us that they will be accepting applications, although a hold has been placed on all Prop 1B projects.

Eligible activities include:

- A) A capital project that provides increased protection against a security or safety threat, including, but not limited to the following:
- Construction or renovation projects that are designed to enhance the security of public transit stations, tunnels, guideways, elevated structures or other transit facilities and equipment.
 - Explosive device mitigation and remediation equipment.
 - Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear explosives search, rescue or response equipment.
 - Interoperable communications equipment.
 - The installation of fencing barriers, gates or related security enhancements that are designed to improve the physical security of transit stations, tunnels, guideways, elevated structures or other transit facilities and equipment.
 - Other security related projects approved by OHS.
- B) A capital project that increases the capacity of transit operators to prepare for disaster response transportation systems that can move people, goods, emergency personnel and equipment in the aftermath of disaster.

Our local transit operators were notified and put together applications totaling \$819,958.

PUC Section 8879.55	(a)(2)	(a)(3)
Clovis Transit Security Cameras	\$73,254	---
Fresno County Rural Transit Agency	\$166,625	\$4,316
Fresno Area Express	\$482,515	\$93,248

Action: Staff TTC, and PAC recommend approval of Resolution 2009-02 authorizing \$819,958 from the California Transit Assistance Fund (CTAF) for Transit System Safety, Security and Disaster Response (TSSSDRA) to Transit Operators per PUC 8879.55(a)(2).

B. Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Project Award – RESOLUTION 2009-03 [BESHEARS]

Summary: Fresno County Rural Transit Agency has submitted an application for \$962,733 for Rolling Stock Replacement Cut-Away Vans in accordance with PTMISEA guidelines issued by the state. Resolution 2009-03 authorizes the application to be submitted to the state.

Action: Staff, TTC, and PAC recommend approval of Resolution 2009-03 authorizing \$962,733 in PTMISEA funding for Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Rolling Stock Replacement Cut-Away Vans.

C. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims, RESOLUTION 2009-04 [BESHEARS]

Summary: 2008/09 Transportation Development Act Claims. The amounts claimed for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds are:

Jurisdiction:	LTF Fund:	STA Fund:	Total Funds:
City of Reedley	\$902,488	\$248,804	\$1,151,292

Staff has reviewed the claims and find the amounts consistent with apportionments previously approved by the Board.

Action: Staff, TTC, and PAC recommend approval of the funding claims by adopting Resolution 2009-04.

D. Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) Member Appointments [LONG]

Summary: The SSTAC was formed in May 1988 by the Council of Fresno County Governments (COG) Policy Board to do the following: respond to State legislation and to coordinate social service transportation; assist the COG Board in identifying transit needs throughout Fresno County; review and recommend action for the COG to address at its unmet transit needs hearing; and advise the COG on any other major transit issues. The COG Board appoints SSTAC members for a term of three years.

During the meeting on July 8, 2008, Ms. Nikki Vartikian, Administrator for the Central California Nikkei Foundation, requested to become a member of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). Ms. Vatikian will be listed as a *Representative of the Local Social Service Providers for Seniors*. Ms. Vatikian is being recommended by SSTAC for membership.

Also at this meeting, long time COG employee Dottie Wright asked to join the SSTAC upon her retirement in November 2008. Ms. Wright will be listed as a *Representative of the General Public* and is being recommended by SSTAC for membership.

On January 20, 2009, two more members were recommended for the SSTAC. The first is Dr. Connie Cha-Moua, of the Empowerment Institute. Dr. Cha-Moua will be listed as a *Representative of a Local Social Service Provider for Persons of Limited Means* and is being recommended by SSTAC.

The last recommendation is for Margo Lerwill from the County of Fresno, Department of Public Works. Ms. Lerwill has been an active participant in our meetings and has now requested to become a member of SSTAC.

In the interest of improving the diversity of SSTAC and to comply with Article III, Section 99238 of the Transportation Development Act, staff is requesting nominations for additional members. Specifically, staff is seeking members who represent a *Local Social Service Provider for Disabled*.

Action: Approve the appointment of four new members to SSTAC.

E. FY 2007-08 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report [LONG]

Summary: The productivity evaluation is conducted annually to assess the progress of transit operators who receive State Transportation Development Act funds and to recommend potential productivity improvements. The California Public Utilities Code 99244 requires that "Each transportation planning agency shall annually identify, analyze, and recommend potential productivity improvements which could lower the operating costs of those operator's who operate at least 50 percent of their vehicle service miles . . . within the area under its jurisdiction." If operators fail to reasonably respond to recommended productivity improvements, local transportation funds cannot exceed the appropriation for the prior year.

The FY2007-08 Productivity Evaluation assesses the following transit agencies:

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| 1. Fresno Area Express and Handy Ride | 4. Consolidated Transportation Services |
| 2. Clovis Stageline and Roundup | Agencies for the Metropolitan and |
| 3. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency | Rural Areas. |

The FY 2007-2008 Transit Productivity Report was reviewed and accepted by the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on January 20, 2009.

Action: Accept the FY2007-08 Transit Productivity Evaluation Report.

F. Initiation of the 2009 Unmet Transit Needs Process [LONG]

Summary: The COG Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in Fiscal Year 2009-10 prior to approving claims of Local

Transportation Funds for streets and roads. The COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins the process of soliciting comments from the public by sending approximately 400 letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County. The request for comments letters, English and Spanish, were sent out on February 5, 2009.

In addition to the request for written comments, SSTAC will be holding three information-gathering meetings during the month of February 2009. The meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 - 6:00pm
Westside of Fresno County
City of Huron - Council Chambers
36311 Lassen Avenue
Huron, CA 93234

Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.
Eastside of Fresno County
City of Parlier – Community Center
1100 E. Parlier Avenue
Parlier, CA 93648

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – 2:30 PM
Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area
City of Clovis – Clovis Senior Center
850 Fourth Street
Clovis, CA 93612

Copies of the request for comments letters are included in your package.

Action: Information item only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

G. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Preliminary Estimates [BESHEARS]

Summary: Preliminary 2009/10 Estimates are provided for State Transit Assistance and Local Transportation Fund.

The State Controller's estimates for the State Transit Assistance (STA) program are based on actual revenues and reflect the amount presently carried in the Governor's Budget. However this year the budget is completely up in the air due to the well publicized deficit. There is a proposed bill, SBX1-12 under consideration that would cut the program in half for this fiscal year; however there is also discussion of completely eliminating the program that could include the state controller's office attempting to reclaim the first quarter's apportionment which has already been allocated to transit operators and supposedly spent. There is also proposed language which has not found its way into a bill yet that would eliminate the program next year, and it is not in the currently proposed Governor's Budget for 2009/10. Staff recommends that no STA estimate be used to determine the amounts claimed for Transit in 2008/09 and if by chance we do get some, we can more easily augment budgets then cut them. In addition, staff may have to recommend a further reduction in Street and Road claims this year to meet the transit budgets pursuant to our adopted Unmet Needs finding.

Local Transportation Funds estimates are developed by the County Auditor Controllers Office. The 2008/09 estimate has been lowered due to reduced sales tax collections and the projection for 2009/10 is \$28,000,000 which is \$2 million lower than actual receipts in 2007/08.

Action: Information item only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

H. White Paper Exploring the Linkages Between AB32, SB375, SJV Regional Blueprint and the Fresno Model Farmland Conservation Program [DAWSON]

Summary: During 2008, a number of laws, rules and programs that affect planning in the San Joaquin Valley were enacted or moved into the implementation planning stages. This white paper explores the linkage between the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32), the land use/transportation/housing "smart growth" approach to greenhouse gas reductions (SB 375), the Fresno Model Farmland Conservation Program, and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Process.

Action: Information item only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

I. Safe Routes to School, Cycle 8 - Call for Projects [THOMPSON]

Summary: Caltrans has issued a call for projects for Cycle 8 of the State Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program. The SR2S Program is a reimbursement funding program. Its purpose is to reduce injuries and fatalities through capital projects that improve safety for children in grades K-12 who walk or bicycle to school. Capital projects must fall under the broad categories of pedestrian facilities,

traffic calming measures, installation of traffic control devices, construction of bicycle facilities, and public outreach/education/enforcement. Up to 10 percent of the construction cost can fund an education/encouragement/enforcement element. These funds are not to be confused with Federal Safe Routes to School funds associated with SAFETEA-LU.

There will be two tiers of successful projects selected. Funds in the amount of \$24.25 million are currently available for projects selected in the first tier. An equal amount of funding for successful projects selected for the second tier is anticipated in the future; however, these funds are currently pending future budgetary approval and appropriation. A 10 percent local match is required. Only cities and counties are eligible to compete for these funds and applications are due to Caltrans District 6 in Fresno postmarked by Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Caltrans Districts are apportioned funds based on student enrollment. District review committees will score and rate applications and rank them accordingly into the first and second tiers.

The District 6 primary contact person for questions regarding the SR2S Program is Mohsen Sanawi, who can be reached at (559) 324-7718. The updated SR2S Guidelines and Application are available at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/saferoutes.htm.

Action: Information item only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

IV. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Call for Projects – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 and 5317 Funds for FY 2007, 2008, and 2009 [SOBRADO]

Summary: The Fresno COG is pleased to announce the following call for projects for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs for fiscal year's 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Section 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program

The JARC program provides funding to support projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment activities and employment activities, particularly to suburban and rural job locations.

Section 5317 – New Freedom Program

The New Freedom program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies provide "new" transportation services for individuals with disabilities above and beyond the minimum currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

Apportionments available are as follows:

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Section 5316 JARC Grant Program	\$505,727	\$547,871	\$235,639
Section 5317 New Freedom Grant Program	\$182,740	\$197,405	\$84,904

Fact sheets are contained in the agenda packet. Please contact Todd Sobrado at Fresno COG with questions or to request additional information.

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

B. Blueprint Update [STECK]

Summary: On Monday, January 26th, nearly 600 individuals from around the Valley participated in the Valleywide Blueprint Summit held here in Fresno. A detailed memo providing an update is enclosed in your agenda package. Since that time we have received news that the SJV COGs have received funding for upcoming 4th year Blueprint planning activities (award letter enclosed). Fresno COG will take on the leadership role for the 8 Valley COGs during the 4th year implementation phase. The tasks associated with the grant are also included in the enclosed memo. We look forward to working with all of our member agencies during this phase.

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

C. Federal Economic Stimulus Package [DEVERE-OKI]

1. Current Legislative Activity:

Included in your package for review is an overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Staff will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

2. Fresno COG Activity:

On February 10, 2009 Draft Amendment #4 to the Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program was released for a 14 day public review and comment period. Draft Amendment #4 to the 2009 Interim FTIP adds the Proposed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 revenue as a fund source. This is a revenue only amendment. The Executive Director of Fresno COG, as authorized by the Policy Board, will take action on the proposed amendment on February 24, 2009. Fresno COG anticipates State and Federal approval by late March or early April 2009. The details of this amendment can be viewed at www.fresnocog.org.

Action: Staff, TTC, and PAC requests support of Amendment #4.

D. Caltrans Monthly Report [CALTRANS]

Summary: Caltrans staff will provide an update on Caltrans activities.

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

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A. Executive Minutes of January 29, 2009

B. VRPA Contract Amendment [BESHEARS]

Summary: In January the Board adopted the Measure "C" Short Term Plan. The Transportation Authority adopted the plan on February 18. With the FCTA's Board's adoption of the Measure "C" Short Term Regional Program, there will be a clamor by local agencies to set in place contractual arrangements so they can proceed with projects in March. The Authority procedures currently in place were designed to accommodate a program consisting of a few large costly highway projects. The current program includes a number of smaller localized projects. In addition, the projects themselves are broken into overlapping segments. Local agencies have patched together a variety of state, federal, and local sources to perfect the projects. The combination of segmented projects and various funding sources serve to complicate the contractual arrangements and the Authority has requested we extend our contract with VRPA to develop a cooperative agreement process for the Authority. VRPA is a logical selection for this work as we already have them on contract to develop the guidelines for the implementation of the various measure programs. The cost will be paid by the Transportation Authority so there will be no effect on our budget for this item.

Action: Authorize an \$11,670 increase in VRPA's contract, funded by the Transportation Authority, to develop cooperative agreement procedures for Measure "C" projects.

C. Monthly Legislative Update [DANSBY]

Summary: A report is included in your agenda package that includes current bills in the 2009 legislative session that are relevant to the COG.

- To locate current and past year **state bill information** go to the Official California Legislative Information webpage at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>.
- To locate current and past year **federal bill information** go to THOMAS, The Library of Congress's bill information website (in the spirit of Thomas Jefferson) at: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

Please contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby, if you have any questions.

Action: Information item only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2009-10 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget [BOREN/STECK]

Summary: A summary memo and the draft 2009-10 Overall Work Program (OWP) is included in your packet. Staff will provide a presentation on the document at the meeting. Distribution of this draft OWP begins the review and comment period with adoption expected in May. The Intermodal Planning Group, the federal and state agency review committee, is scheduled to meet on March 24, 2009 to review the OWP.

Action: Staff, TTC, and PAC recommend that PAC initiate the 45-day review process.

B. Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, Riparian-Wildlife Corridor Report [THOMPSON]

Summary: In February of last year, the Fresno COG entered into an agreement with the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners to examine in depth several riparian-wildlife corridors and provide recommendations for a conservation strategy for these corridors. The corridors selected for detailed study include the Kings River Riparian Corridor, the Arroyo Pasajero Riparian Corridor Complex (including Los Gatos, Warthan, Jacalitos and Zapato Chino creeks), and the Fresno Slough Riparian Corridor. These are the corridors with the highest potential for habitat/wildlife conservation and conjunctive use opportunities.

The Riparian-Wildlife Corridor Report includes written documentation, maps, and tables. It accomplishes the following tasks:

- Provides scientifically-based information on the above-noted riparian rivers and streams.
- Identifies site selection criteria and potential sites that may, if necessary, mitigate impacts to these riparian-wildlife corridors caused by transportation and development projects. These projects include Measure C Extension Tier 1 projects, the potential high speed rail project, and other potential projects.
- Identifies multi-purpose opportunities for these corridors such as groundwater banking, flood protection, private landowner participation, recreation, and new business opportunities.
- Identifies and leverages additional federal, state, and private funding opportunities for conservation bank creation.
- Facilitates, streamlines, or avoids federal or state regulatory concerns by being proactive and not reactive.

The Report identifies regionally significant riparian areas. The coarse-grain level of analysis suggests that some Tier 1 projects may have an impact on these riparian habitats. However, it is the project-level environmental review that will identify specific impacts to riparian habitats, if any, and determine appropriate mitigation measures.

The Report has relevance for Fresno County's Blueprint Planning Program. For example, the Open Space Goal under the Environmental Resource Management Element of the Blueprint states: "Promote the preservation or creation of open space connectivity for habitat and wildlife, as well as recreational users of the region." Information in this Report will help implement this goal and related objectives.

This item was presented to the TTC at its October 8, 2008 meeting but was continued in order to more clearly identify the Measure C Extension Tier 1 projects and the High-Speed Rail project in the report text and maps. These clarifications have been made to the report and both the TTC and PAC recommend its acceptance.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend acceptance of the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners, Riparian-Wildlife Corridor Report.

C. Sacramento "One Voice" Trip - Advocacy Issues [DANSBY]

Summary: The 5th annual Sacramento "One Voice" advocacy trip is scheduled for March 9th and 10th. Staff and our lobbyist, Steve Samuelian, are preparing for the trip. Please contact Jennifer Dansby at (559) 233-4148 or jenniferd@fresnocog.org if you are interested in participating in the trip and she will provide you with further details. A list of confirmed trip attendees at time of agenda mail-out is enclosed.

The Policy Board's Ad Hoc Sacramento "One Voice" Subcommittee has met twice over the last few months and has developed a list of legislative and policy issues to recommend to the Policy Board for inclusion in the "One Voice" advocacy program.

Enclosed is the list of recommended advocacy issues for the Policy Board's consideration.

Action: Staff, TTC, and PAC recommend that the COG Board approve the list of legislative and policy issues for the "One Voice" advocacy program.

D. Resolution to Support Interagency Agreements for Childcare Centers Impacted by State Budget Delays. RESOLUTION 2009-06 [DANSBY/RODRIGUEZ]

Summary: Fresno COG signed a resolution in July of 2008 to support a solution to the state budget delay and its impact on state subsidized child care centers in Fresno County. For the past year, staff and our state lobbyist have been working with our Board members to advocate for funding assistance to the childcare centers when there is a budget delay and the centers run the risk of closing their doors.

Meetings have taken place at the state and local level working towards a solution. This proposed resolution would continue this effort by supporting the creation of an Interagency Agreement by the Fresno County Department of Education with the California Department of Education to assist financially distressed childcare providers should there be a delay in the passage of a state budget. The Interagency Agreement would allow the Fresno County Department of Education to make one-time emergency loans available to childcare providers that are in eminent danger of closing their doors due to a budget stalemate. The State Department of Education would guarantee the loans and immediately reimburse the Fresno County Department of Education upon signing of the State budget.

Action: Staff recommends the Policy Board sign Resolution 2009-06 in support of interagency agreements for childcare centers impacted by state budget delays.

E. Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) – Request for COG Legal Counsel to Determine if use of a Joint Powers Agency to Implement the RTMF is Legally Feasible [BOREN]

Summary: Due to perceived difficulties by several member agencies' legal counsel related to the implementation of the Measure "C" Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee, the Policy Advisory Committee has requested a formal legal opinion from COG's legal counsel as to whether utilization of a joint powers agreement is a legally acceptable approach to implementing the fee.

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

F. 2009 Washington D.C. "One Voice" Update [STECK]

Summary: The most recent draft agenda for the Washington DC "One Voice" is included in your packet. A delegation of 41 participants, including 14 elected officials, will be traveling back east this year. We will be leaving Fresno on Saturday, February 7th and returning on Thursday, February 12th. Because of the timing of the agenda mail out, staff will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

G. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities— Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC [BOREN]

Summary: Steve Samuelian of California Consulting Inc will provide a written and verbal report to the Policy Board on his consulting activities for the COG during the month of February.

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Board.

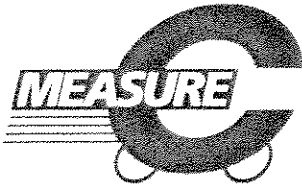
VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

B. Items from Members

*Items listed as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Board.

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MEASURE C CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SELECTION COMMITTEE

CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE -- APPLICATION FORM

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Eligibility Requirements

By signing this application form I hereby certify that:

- 1) I am a U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older and reside within Fresno County.
- 2) I am not an elected official at any level of government
- 3) I am not a public employee from Fresno County, nor of any of the incorporated cities in Fresno County, Caltrans, the Fresno County Transportation Authority (Authority), or the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG).
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I wish to be considered for the following position:

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*Supervisory District 4 in an incorporated city outside of the Fresno-Clovis
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Additional Information

Please briefly explain why you are interested in serving on the Citizen Oversight Committee.

*BECAUSE I FEEL I AM A CONCERNED
MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY AND
WANT TO SEE IT MOVE FORWARD
BUT DONE IN A CORRECT MANNER*

List past/present professional/community affiliations, including any elected positions previously held
(please list dates served):

None

Required Signature

I declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and correct.

Dated: *12-12-08* Applicant: *Howard J. Webb*
Signature

Resume or letters of recommendation may be attached.

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