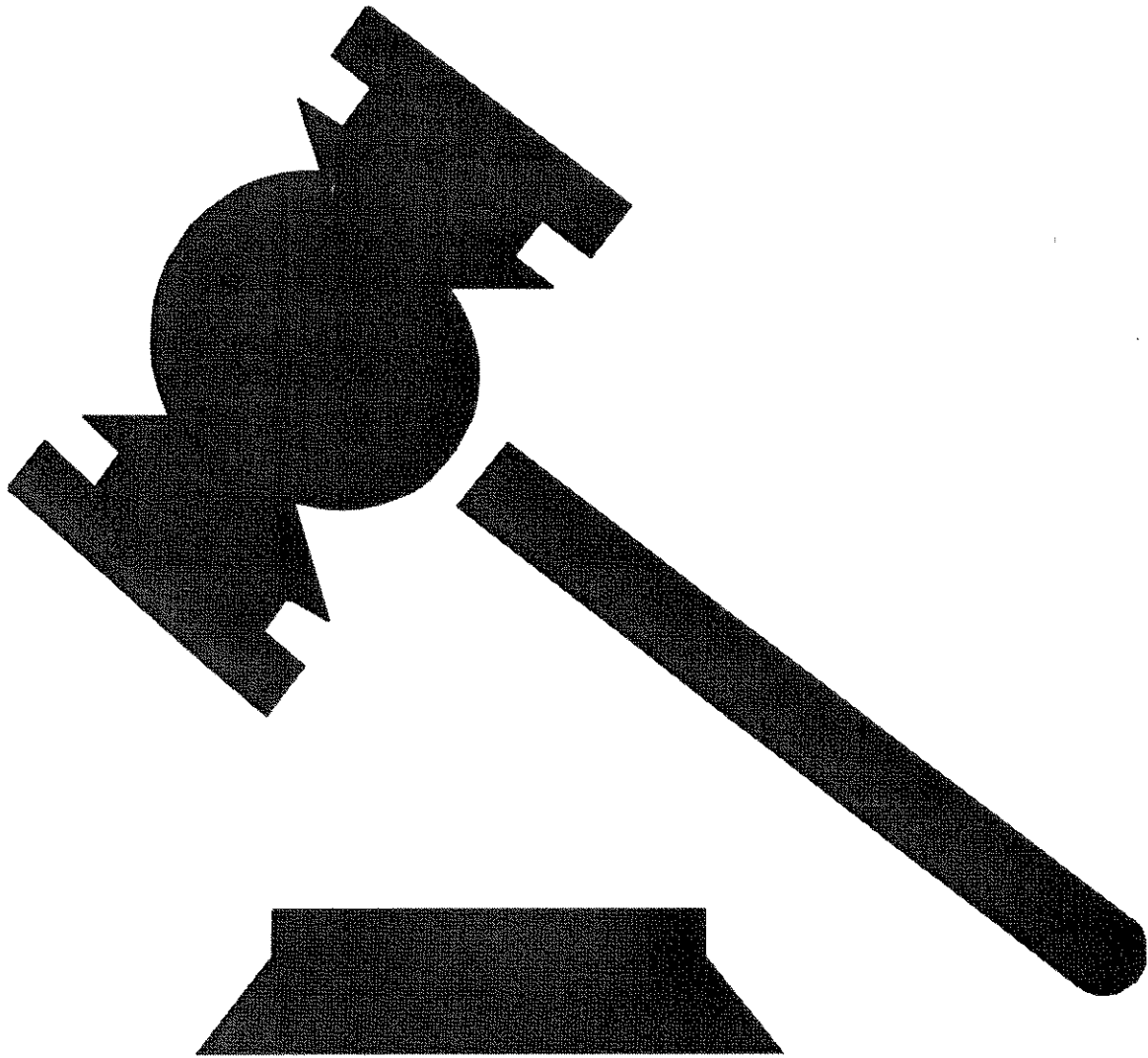




***TRANSPORTATION
CONSENT ITEMS
AGENDA ITEMS II. A.-F.***



U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

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April 2, 2009

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The Honorable Daniel Lipinski
1717 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515-1303

Dear Daniel:

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is crafting new surface transportation authorization legislation to replace the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) (P.L. 109-59), which expires on September 30, 2009.

This legislation will transform our surface transportation programs by strengthening the current Federal-state-local partnership, ensuring that programs meet specific performance-based metrics, and providing for greater transparency and accountability for Federal, state, and local decision-making.

Under current law, the U.S. Department of Transportation, States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and public transit agencies are responsible for the vast majority of surface transportation investment decisions. Although the current Federal-state-local partnership has served highway and transit systems well, not all communities are treated equally in the decision-making process.

To complement the work done by these agencies, and to ensure that the needs of the communities that we represent are full partners in these important programs, a small percentage of the overall investment of the authorization bill will be available for Member-designated, High Priority Projects ("HPPs"). As elected Members of Congress, we are uniquely responsible and accountable to our constituents; as such, we must be responsive to them by investing in worthwhile projects critical to our districts that may otherwise not be funded. The Committee will accept requests from Members of Congress to designate funding for High Priority Projects to ensure that the diverse transportation needs of our districts – urban, suburban, and rural – are addressed with the investment provided in this legislation.

The new authorization legislation will include a strong focus on performance and accountability, and these same high standards will be applied throughout the High Priority Project submission and selection process. To address concerns that have been raised with the Member-designated High Priority Project program authorized in SAFETEA-LU and prior surface transportation legislation, and to ensure that projects that receive funding in this surface

transportation authorization act result in tangible transportation and safety benefits, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has adopted the following principles for Member-designated High Priority Projects:

- **The Committee requires all projects to meet eligibility criteria under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code to ensure that HPPs comply with highway and transit program objectives. In addition, the Committee specifically prohibits HPP funding for non-surface transportation projects, such as funding of transportation museums, horse trails, historic battlefields, and other non-transportation projects.**
- **The Committee requires Members to provide specific information on the type, location, total cost, percentage of total cost that the request would finance, and benefits of the project, in order for the Committee to effectively analyze the merits of the project request.**
- **The Committee requires Members to specifically identify funding to finance at least 80 percent of the total cost of the phase or segment of the project requested by either (1) the amount requested by the Member; or (2) the amount requested by the Member and other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources. The intent of this provision is to increase the likelihood that construction of the project will be underway during the term of the act.**
- **To ensure that HPPs have significant state or local support, the Committee requires Members to provide at least one letter of support for the project from the state Department of Transportation or affected local government or governmental agency.**

The Committee requires such government or agency to specify the process that will be followed to **provide an opportunity for public comment** (such as the Environmental Impact Statement or other permitting process that requires public review) on the project.

The Committee also requires such government or agency to **identify other Federal, state, local, or private funding sources** that may be used to advance the project.

- **To ensure greater transparency and accountability for HPPs, the Committee establishes the following transparency and accountability principles:**
 - **Members are required to certify that neither the Member nor his or her spouse has any financial interest in a project requested;**
 - **Members are required to post requests for projects on the Member's website;**

- The Committee will afford the U.S. Department of Transportation at least 20 days to review all project requests to ensure that the projects meet program eligibility criteria;
 - A list of all Member-designated High Priority Projects that are included in the bill will be posted on the Committee website; and
 - A copy of all Member financial interest certifications for HPPs that are included in the bill will be posted on the Committee website.
- The Committee intends to repeal prior ISTEA and TEA 21 project designations that have not proceeded to construction or have remaining unused funds to ensure the effective use of highway and transit funds.

The Committee will accept HPP requests that adhere to these specific principles beginning on April 27, 2009, and ending on May 8, 2009. Members will have the opportunity to submit project requests through the Committee's online database, which will be located at <http://hpp.transportation.house.gov>. Members will be required to submit both electronic and hard copies of all High Priority Project requests. Online answers to the enclosed questionnaire will be required for each project submission.

We strongly recommend that Members immediately begin to compile the information and letters of support necessary to complete their project requests.

To assist Members in this process, the Committee will hold a series of staff briefings and question-and-answer sessions for Congressional staff, as follows:

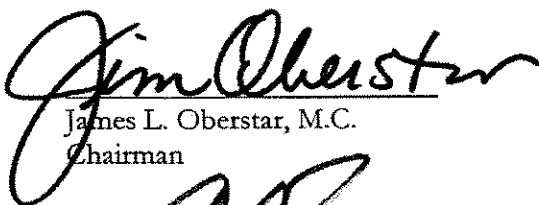
Date	Time	Location
April 8, 2009	2:00 p.m.	2167 Rayburn HOB
April 15, 2009	2:00 p.m.	2167 Rayburn HOB
April 24, 2009	10:00 a.m.	2167 Rayburn HOB
May 1, 2009	2:00 p.m.	2167 Rayburn HOB

In addition, on April 28, 2009, in room 2167 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit will hold a hearing to receive testimony from Members of Congress regarding project requests. Although participating in the hearing will not impact the inclusion of a requested project in this legislation, the hearing will provide an opportunity for Members to publicly discuss the needs of their district and the merits of their project requests. If you are interested in participating in this hearing, please contact the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit staff at (202) 225-9989.

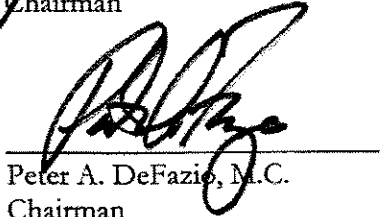
If you have any questions about the High Priority Project submission process, please have your staff contact Jackie Schmitz of the Majority staff of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit at Jackie.Schmitz@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-9989, or Dan Veoni of the Republican staff of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit at Dan.Veoni@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-6715.

We believe that Member-designated projects can play an appropriate role in the upcoming surface transportation authorization act, and that the High Priority Project reform principles will ensure that projects that receive funding will result in tangible transportation and safety benefits. We appreciate your willingness to work with us to ensure that this process meets the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,



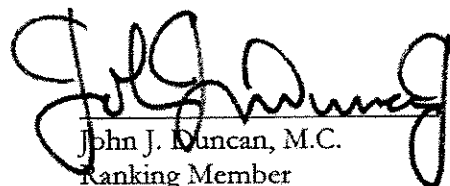
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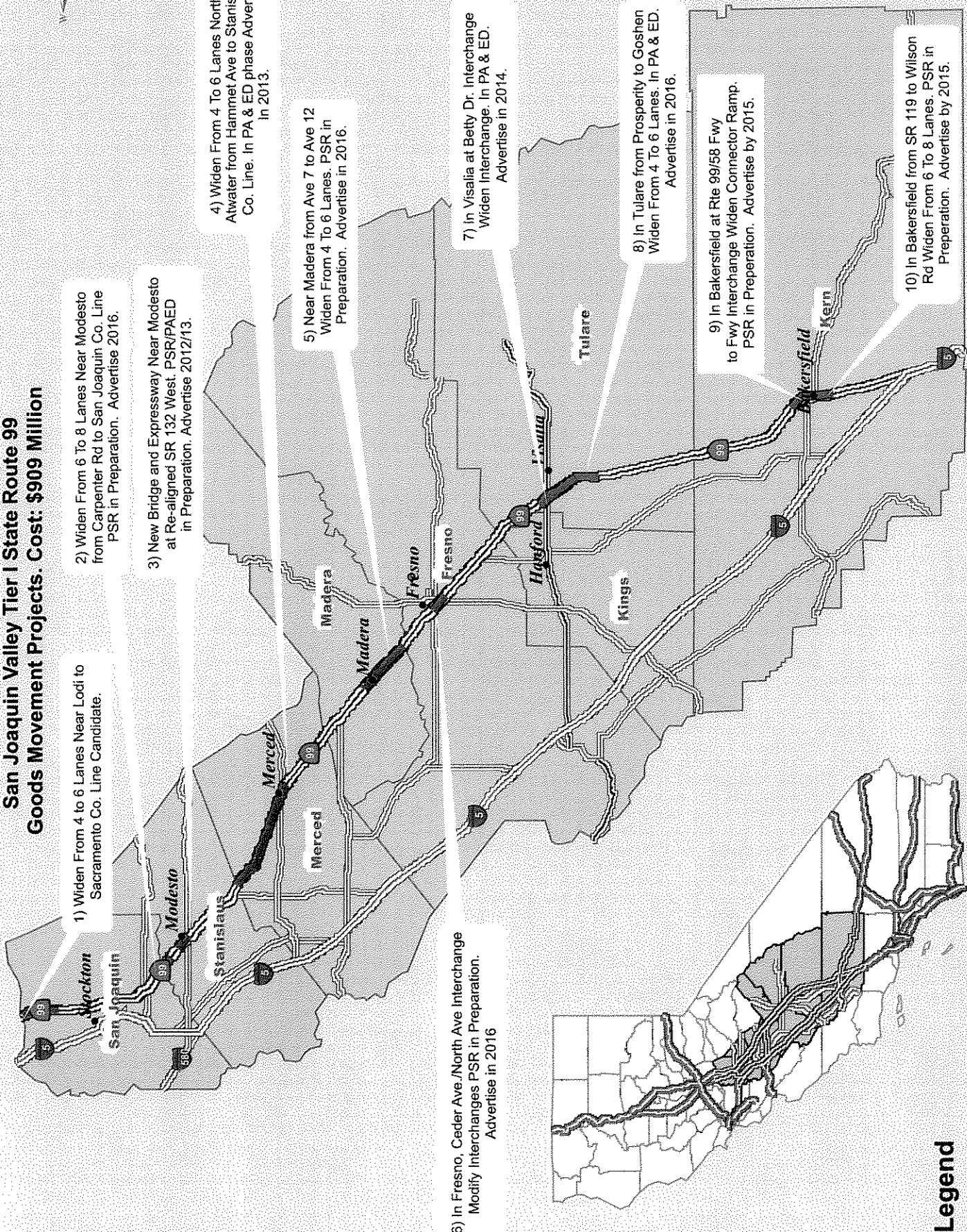
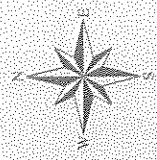
Enclosure

Federal Transportation Authorization for 2009

(This list includes the costs to complete work on projects during the duration of the next authorization period)

Project/Bill/Account	Project Description	Project Location	Congressional District	Total Request (current dollars)	Requesting Agency
State Route 180 - Temperance to Academy Ave. <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Completion of construction of the segment of SR 180 from Temperance to Academy	Southeast Fresno County	21	\$63.8 million	Fresno COG
Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Roadway rehabilitation, improvements and enhancements to facilitate economic development.	Golden State Boulevard through Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, and portions of Fresno Co.	20, 21	\$43.8 million	Fresno COG
Veterans Boulevard <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Diagonal connection between Herndon Ave. and Grantland in NW Fresno	NW area of City of Fresno	19	\$60 million	City of Fresno
Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction. <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.	Manning Avenue entrance to Reedley over the Kings River	21	\$4.5 million	City of Reedley
Highway 269 Bridge Project <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Build a 500 foot bridge across the Arroyo Pasajero Creek	Near the City of Huron	20	\$34.3 million	Fresno COG
State Route 99 Improvements	Entire Hwy 99 corridor through San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin Valley	18,19,20,21	TBD	Fresno COG
State Route 180 Improvements	State Route 180 Improvements (Entire Corridor)	County of Fresno	18, 19, 20, 21	\$332.69 million	Fresno COG
Rural Road Safety and Rehabilitation	McKinley, CF-Bishop (4 mi) Mt. Whitney, Howard -145 (4 mi) Dickenson, 180-Shaw (5 mi) Auberry Rd, 168-Frazier (2 mi)	County of Fresno	18 20 18 & 19 21	\$4.96 million \$4.02 million \$5.02 million \$4.12 million Total \$18.12	County of Fresno
Principles for Authorization	California Consensus on Federal Transportation Authorization for 2009	County of Fresno	18, 19, 20, 21	N/A	Fresno COG

San Joaquin Valley Tier I State Route 99 Goods Movement Projects. Cost: \$909 Million



1) Widen From 4 to 6 Lanes Near Lodi to Sacramento Co. Line Candidate.

2) Widen From 6 To 8 Lanes Near Modesto from Carpenter Rd to San Joaquin Co. Line PSR in Preparation. Advertise 2016.

3) New Bridge and Expressway Near Modesto at Re-aligned SR 132 West. PSR/PAED in Preparation. Advertise 2012/13.

4) Widen From 4 To 6 Lanes North of Atwater from Hammet Ave to Stanislaus Co. Line. In PA & ED phase Advertise In 2013.

5) Near Madera from Ave 7 to Ave 12 Widen From 4 To 6 Lanes. PSR in Preparation. Advertise in 2016.

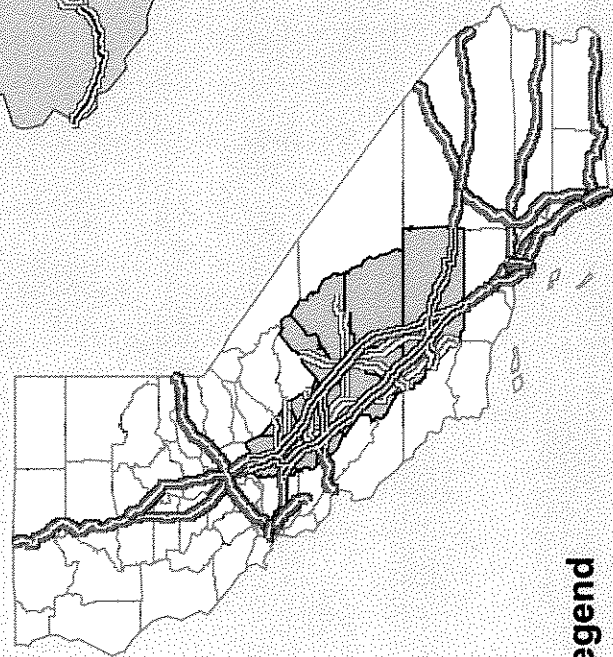
6) In Fresno, Cedar Ave./North Ave Interchange Modify Interchanges PSR in Preparation. Advertise in 2016

7) In Visalia at Betty Dr. Interchange Widen Interchange. In PA & ED. Advertise in 2014.

8) In Tulare from Prosperity to Goshen Widen From 4 To 6 Lanes. In PA & ED. Advertise in 2016.

9) In Bakersfield at Rte 99/58 Fwy to Fwy Interchange Widen Connector Ramp. PSR in Preparation. Advertise by 2015.

10) In Bakersfield from SR 119 to Wilson Rd Widen From 6 To 8 Lanes. PSR in Preparation. Advertise by 2015.



Legend

State Route 99 Projects

**San Joaquin Valley Tier I State Route 99
Goods Movement Projects. Cost: \$909 Million**

Project 1:	Near Lodi to Sacramento CL Widen from 4 lanes to 6 lanes
Project Sponsor:	San Joaquin Council of Governments
Project Cost:	<i>\$180 million</i>
Project 2:	Near Modesto from Carpenter Rd to San Joaquin CL Widen from 6 lanes to 8 lanes
Project Sponsor:	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Project Cost:	<i>\$73 million</i>
Project 3:	Near Modesto at Re-aligned SR 132 West Construct New Bridge Structure and Expressway from SR 99 to Dakota Rd.
Project Sponsor:	Stanislaus Council of Governments
Project Cost:	<i>\$110 million</i>
Project 4:	North of Atwater from Hammet Ave to Stanislaus CL Widen from 4 lanes to 6 lanes
Project Cost:	<i>\$80 million</i>
Project Sponsor:	Merced County Association of Governments
Project 5:	Near Madera from Ave 7 to Ave 12 widening to 6 lanes
Project Sponsor:	Madera County Transportation Commission
Project Cost:	<i>\$68 million</i>
Project 6:	Ceder Ave./North Ave Interchange Modify Interchanges
Project Sponsor:	Council of Fresno County Governments
Project Cost:	<i>\$64 million</i>
Project 7:	In Visalia at Betty Dr. Interchange Reconstruct/widen interchange
Project Sponsor:	Tulare County Association of Governments
Project Cost:	<i>\$56 million</i>
Project 8:	In Tulare from Prosperity to Goshen Widen from 4 lanes to 6 lanes
Project Sponsor:	Tulare County Association of Governments
Project Cost:	<i>\$205 million</i>
Project 9:	In Bakersfield at Rte 99/58 Fwy to Fwy Interchange Widen Connector ramp
Project Sponsor:	Kern Council of Governments
Project Cost:	<i>\$15 million</i>
Project 10:	In Bakersfield from SR 119 to Wilson Rd Widen from 6 lanes to 8 lanes
Project Sponsor:	Kern Council of Governments
Project Cost:	<i>\$58 million</i>

Note: Project numbers are **NOT** an indication of priority ranking. They are for identification purposes only and generally north to south.

Local Assistance Obligation Plan
Obligation Authority needs for remainder of FFY 2009
AB 1012 Requirements
Due: April 1, 2009
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District	MPO/RTA	Local Agency	Project Number (enter as: STP 1234567; if not known please provide the project FTP or PPNO number)	Project Location Provide location of project-street name, highway, cross-street, etc.	Project Scope / Description Provide a brief description and scope of project	Planned Date of Obligation for 41 FRP and beyond (please MM/DD/YYYY)	Federal Fund Type		Primary HRRR (Primary HRRR)	HSIP \$	HRRR \$	SRTS \$	Fed. STIP \$	Federal \$ Total Obligation
6	COFCG	Caltrans	FRE 041202	on Route 41 at and near Friant Road	tree planting	6/30/2009							254000	
6	COFCG	Caltrans	FRE 041203	from the junction Routes 99 and 201 to north of Floral Ave	replacement painting	6/30/2009							344000	
6	COFCG	Caltrans	FRE 040501		highway bridge replacement/rehabilitation program	6/30/2009			88530					
6	COFCG	Caltrans	FRE 040401		highway safety improvement program	6/30/2009				1252080				
6	COFCG	City of Clovis	FRE 020105		traffic signal synchronization	6/1/2009		77000						
6	COFCG	City of Clovis	FRE 070602	along Ashlan Ave between Peach and Minnewawa	road repair	5/1/2009	166000							
6	COFCG	City of Clovis	FRE 071802	Clovis Ave between 4th and 5th streets	enhance "Gateway to the Sierras" sign	6/30/2009							137000	
6	COFCG	City of Clovis	FRE 070601	Clovis Old Town Trail	Pedestrian Crossing @ Peach & Alluvial Avenues	6/30/2009	50000						216000	
6	COFCG	City of Clovis	FRE 071803	Merced Street between 3rd and 5th Streets	landscaping and sidewalks	5/30/2009							17000	
6	COFCG	Forest Service	FRE 041820	Along the San Joaquin River from the Kerchoff Reservoir to the Upper Redinger Reservoir	construct multi-modal trail construct left turn lane for eastbound traffic	6/30/2009		101000					440000	\$101,000
6	COFCG	Fresno County	FRE 040118	North and Maple	shoulder paving/stabilization	5/4/2009		578000						\$578,000
6	COFCG	Fresno County	FRE 040120	Alta Ave to SR 63- American Ave		4/15/2009							1000	\$2,000
6	COFCG	Fresno County	FRE 071812	Between Marks and Westlawn Ave	Plant Palm Trees, Kearney Blvd. Lease to purchase and/or purchase of 6 CNG school buses to replace existing fleet.	4/15/2009								
6	COFCG	Fresno County	FRE 070111	Shaw Ave. Intersection	Repair failed asphalt at ten intersections	6/30/2009	242000							
5	COFCG	City of Fresno	FRE 070607			5/30/2009	541100							

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6	COFCG	City of Kings	FRE 071808	Sierra Street	Install and landscape median island, Sierra Street between Bethel Ave. and SR99	6/30/2009												33000		
6	COFCG	City of Mendocino	FRE 071809	Denrick and 7th Streets 2nd/5th street railroad track crossing	Beautification/Reconstruction of Denrick Ave. (SR33) 7th St. intersection.	6/30/2009												2000		
6	COFCG	City of Mendocino	FRE020141	Ally Paving	Ped/Bike crossing	4/15/2009														
6	COFCG	City of Mendocino	FRE070116		Pave 3 unimproved alleys	4/15/2009														
					N. Frankwood Ave. between Manning Ave. to the north and North Ave. to the south. Realignment and reconstruction. Move east curb line back to its proper alignment matching the existing curb return	6/30/2009														
6	COFCG	City of Reedley	FRE 070614	N. Frankwood Ave	Reed Ave. reconstruction and widening from 1 street to South Ave.	10/30/2008														
7	COFCG	City of Reedley	FRE 070615	N. Reed Ave. widening	In Selma, along the Consolidated Irrigation District's Selma Branch Canal from Floral Avenue to Lincoln Middle School. Construct class I bicycle path.	6/30/2009												610000		
6	COFCG	City of Selma	FRE 041819	Selma Branch of canal	Class I Bikeway, Selma Branch Canal between Floral Ave. and Stillman Street.	6/30/2009												2000		
6	COFCG	City of Selma	FRE 071811	Selma Branch of canal																
6	COFCG	Various Agencies	FRE 071901		Safe Routes to School lump sum listing of projects. 6th cycle projects	6/1/2009												49000		
					Totals													2190000		
																				\$49,000
																				730000

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TOWN HALL MEETING

APRIL 22, 2009

LOCAL & REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OVERVIEW
KERN, FRESNO, TULARE & KINGS COUNTIES



FOUR POINTS, SHERATON HOTEL

BISTRO BALLROOM

5101 CALIFORNIA AVENUE

BAKERSFIELD, CA

TOWN HALL MEETING 1 - 5 PM

RECEPTION 6 - 7:30 PM

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

661-861-2191

THOMAS ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

661-326-3491

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

04/13/2009

PUC 99313 POPULATION 1,872,864
PUC 99314 OPERATOR 292,665

2008/09 Fund Estimate Per State Controller

2,165,529

This estimate is subject to change during the fiscal year.

MEMBER	CENSUS POPULATION 01/01/08	PERCENT	GROSS AMOUNT AVAILABLE	NET FOR 99314 OPERATOR	NET FOR 99313 POPULATION	2008/09 October Estimate	Further Reduction
Clovis	94,278	10.13%	191,908	2,272	189,636	384,000	(192,092)
Coalinga	19,063	2.05%	38,344		38,344	76,725	(38,381)
Firebaugh	6,811	0.73%	13,700		13,700	27,413	(13,713)
Fowler	5,572	0.60%	11,208		11,208	22,426	(11,218)
Fresno City	486,116	52.21%	1,255,008	277,208	977,800	2,511,217	(1,256,209)
Huron	7,553	0.81%	15,195		15,195	30,402	(15,207)
Kerman	13,878	1.49%	27,915		27,915	55,857	(27,942)
Kingsburg	11,257	1.21%	22,643		22,643	45,308	(22,665)
Mendota	9,787	1.05%	19,686		19,686	39,391	(19,705)
Orange Cove	10,774	1.16%	21,671		21,671	43,364	(21,693)
Parlier	13,325	1.43%	26,803		26,803	53,631	(26,828)
Reedley	25,584	2.75%	51,461		51,461	102,971	(51,510)
Sanger	25,046	2.69%	50,379		50,379	100,806	(50,427)
San Joaquin	4,521	0.49%	9,094		9,094	18,196	(9,102)
Selma	23,284	2.50%	46,835		46,835	93,714	(46,879)
Fresno Co.	174,249	18.69%	350,494		350,494	701,324	(350,830)
FCRTA			13,185	13,185		26,383	(13,198)
FCEOC							
TOTALS	931,098	100.0%	2,165,529	292,665	1,872,864	4,333,128	(2,167,599)
			2,165,529	292,665	1,872,864		

