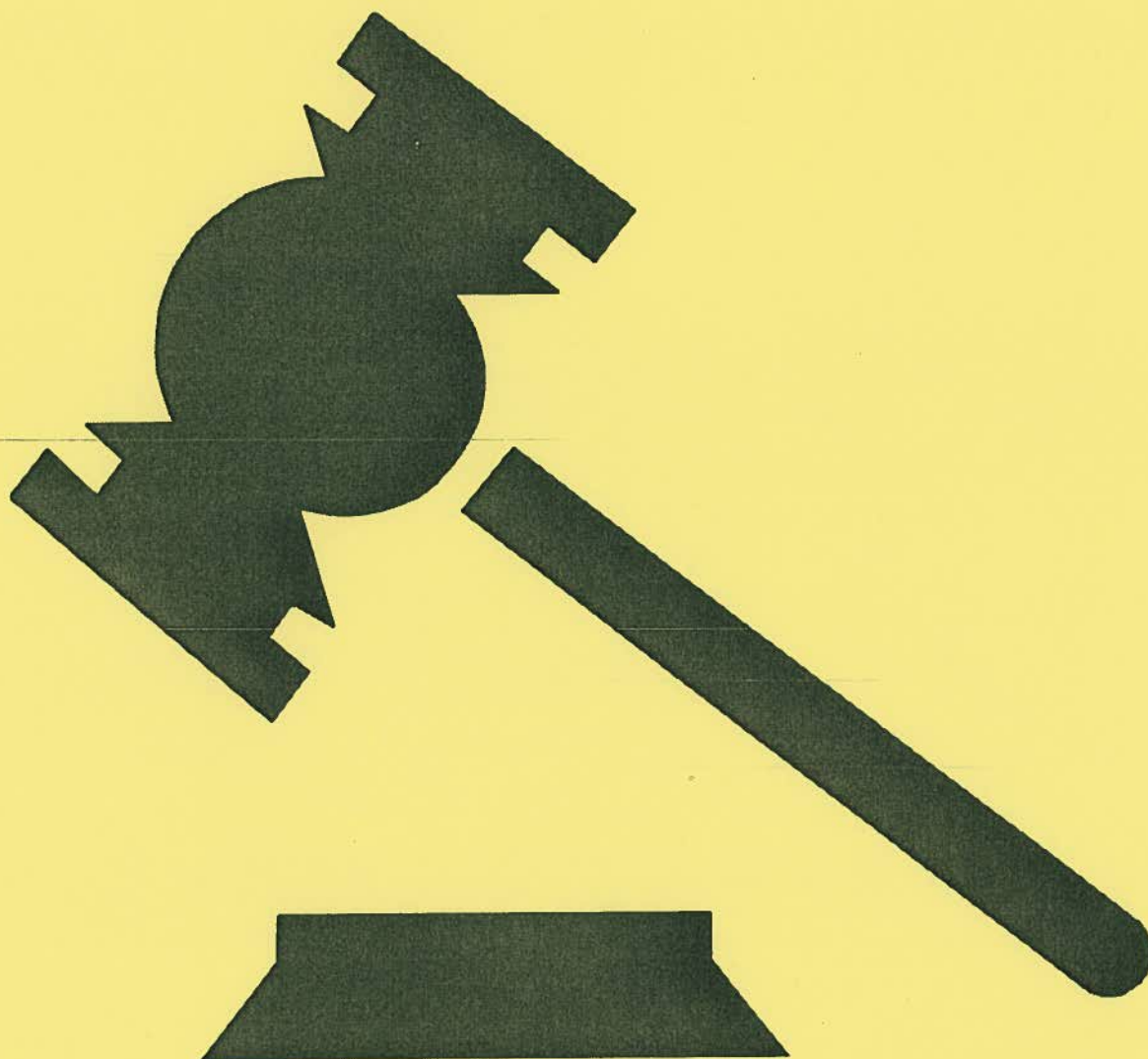




***TRANSPORTATION
ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
AGENDA ITEM III. A.***

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION 2009-22

In the Matter of)
)
TRANSPORTATION)
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF)
1971)
_____)

RESOLUTION DETERMINING IF
THERE ARE AREAS WITHIN THE
JURISDICTION OF THE COUNCIL OF
FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
WITH UNMET PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
NEEDS WHICH CAN REASONABLY BE MET

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Code, Section 99401.5 requires that the transportation planning agency hold a public hearing and make a determination that there are no unmet transportation needs within its jurisdiction which can be reasonably met before claims for Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads may be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) in compliance with Section 99401.5, defines unmet public transportation needs as those public transportation or specialized transportation services that are identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and/or documented through the Fresno COG's Annual Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing Process that have not been implemented or funded.

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG Board, after consultation with its Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, held such public hearing on June 25, 2009 and received testimony from all interested persons; and

WHEREAS, the complete report contains responses delivered to all comments received during the information gathering meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Fresno and Clovis will provide fixed route transit service in accordance with Federal and State policies, and also will provide demand-responsive public transportation service to the general public, elderly and disabled residents within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the following jurisdictions are members of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) and provide service under contract with that joint powers agency: Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, such contracts for service and direct service results in the delivery of public transportation service within Fresno COG's jurisdiction and is in conformance with and satisfies the service requirements of the adopted Regional Transportation Plan for Fresno County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Fresno County Governments, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 99401.5(d,2), finds for each of the following entities that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 25th day of June, 2009.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 25th day of June, 2009.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director



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AGENDA ITEM III. B.***

**Errata Sheet
For
Short Range Transit Plan, 2010-2014**

#	Description of Correction	Page Number	Reason	Date of Correction
1	Added "Fresno Area Express (FAX) is required by law to provide transit service to ADA certified eligible citizens in an overlay of its fixed-route transit service in time and geography. This service, known as Handy Ride, is demand-response and therefore requires extensive reservation and dispatch functions, including computer and radio technology applications and the staff to operate the system. Additionally, Handy Ride includes the paratransit staff and equipment involved in the certification of ADA eligible customers, as well as a fleet of 50 vehicles that require secure parking and maintenance facilities. Due to the growth of the Handy Ride service over the years, it is currently housed in two locations. The current facilities are leased and do not adequately meet the current or long-term needs of the operation. FAX will seek to purchase property that includes the space and structures needed to appropriately house its paratransit equipment and operations, thus meeting current and future needs for years to come. The FY 2010 budget has \$3,200,000 budgeted for the procurement of this facility."	70	Update to the capital program, provided by the FAX grant writer.	5-14-09
2	Minor editorial issues along with pagination changes	Various	Response to second proof reading of the document	5-14-09
3	Added" It is important to note that due to the economic crisis and state budgetary concerns, service levels may be adjusted in accordance with budgetary limitations. While the Measure C implementation plan lists specific projects for the funding, the revenue from Measure C is significantly lower than projected. The City of Clovis will continue to monitor funding streams and provide service to the community within funding levels and productivity requirements."	90	Update provided by the City of Clovis identifying potential funding issues during the time period of the SRTP.	5-14-09

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15

In the Matter of:)

2010-14 SHORT RANGE TRANSIT)
PLAN FOR THE FRESNO-CLOVIS)
URBANIZED AREA)
_____)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY
GOVERNMENTS' 2010-14 SHORT-
RANGE TRANSIT PLAN FOR THE
FRESNO-CLOVIS URBANIZED AREA

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) has been designated the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Fresno County by the Secretary of Business and Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 29532 of the California Government Code (as amended by AB 402, 1977); and acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (Federal Highways Act of 1974 and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964 as amended pursuant to joint regulations-- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part: 450, Title 49, Part: 613) has developed a comprehensive coordinated, and continuing transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, under the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964 (49 U.S.C. 1604), as amended by Section 103 (a) of Publication L. 93-503 (88 Stat. 1565; November 26, 1974), the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974, the Metropolitan Planning Organization is required to annually adopt a Short Range transit plan to meet FTA requirements as part of the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area has been prepared to comply with FTA requirements for a five year program of transit improvements in the metropolitan transit service area; and

WHEREAS, the Short Range Transit Plan has also been prepared to satisfy management planning requirements and is consistent with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan for Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the Short Range Transit Plan was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, Fresno COG is the recognized Clearinghouse for this area and formal review by committees, etc., as aforementioned shall constitute the official Clearinghouse process; and

WHEREAS, public commentary was received at the Fresno COG's monthly public Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Fresno County Governments adopts the report entitled, Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area, 2010-14 as metropolitan planning policy; and

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 25th day of June, 2009.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-16

In the Matter of:

CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION)
SERVICE AGENCY (CTSA) OPERATIONS)
PROGRAM AND BUDGET: FY 2009-10)
CITY OF CLOVIS)
_____)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
CTSA'S OPERATIONS PROGRAM
AND BUDGET FOR THE CLOVIS
CTSA, FY 2009-10

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) has separately co-designated the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (FCEOC) as the Urban CTSA – with Fresno Area Express, the City of Clovis as the Clovis CTSA and the FCEOC as the Rural CTSA – with the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency; and

WHEREAS, Clovis has prepared, under contract, the FY 2009-10 "Operations Program and Budget for the Clovis CTSA"; and

WHEREAS, the document has been prepared in cooperation with the Clovis Transit's CTSA Roundup and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission; and

WHEREAS, the document has been prepared in conjunction with the annual performance evaluation process, the biannual Short Range Transit Plans and annual Public Transit Budgets; and

WHEREAS, said documents have been reviewed simultaneously during the review period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Fresno County Governments' Policy Board does hereby adopt the "Operations Program and Budget for the Clovis CTSA, FY 2009-10".

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 25th day of June, 2009.

AYES:

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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In the Matter of:)
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CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION)
SERVICE AGENCY OPERATIONS)
PROGRAM AND BUDGET: FY 2009-10)
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Signed: Tony Boren, Executive Director

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-18

In the Matter of:)
)
SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN)
PLAN FOR THE RURAL FRESNO)
COUNTY AREA: 2010-14)
_____)

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY
GOVERNMENTS' 2010-14 SHORT
RANGE TRANSIT PLAN FOR THE
RURAL FRESNO COUNTY AREA**

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (COG) has been designated the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Fresno County by the Secretary of Business and Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 29532 of the California Government Code (as amended by AB 402, 1977); and acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (Federal Highways Act of 1974 and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964 as amended pursuant to joint regulations-- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part: 450, Title 49, Part: 613) has developed a comprehensive, coordinated, and continuing transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area: 2007-12 has been prepared in cooperation with the Cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma, and Fresno County to identify how public transportation is to be provided, and

WHEREAS, the Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area has also been prepared to comply with State FTA Section 5311 and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) requirements for capital and operating assistance grants, and

WHEREAS, the Short Range Transit Plan has also been prepared to satisfy management planning requirements and is consistent with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan for Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the Short Range Transit Plan was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, public commentary was received at the COG's monthly public Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Fresno County Governments adopts the report entitled, Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area: 2010-14 as transportation planning policy; and

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AYES:

NOES:

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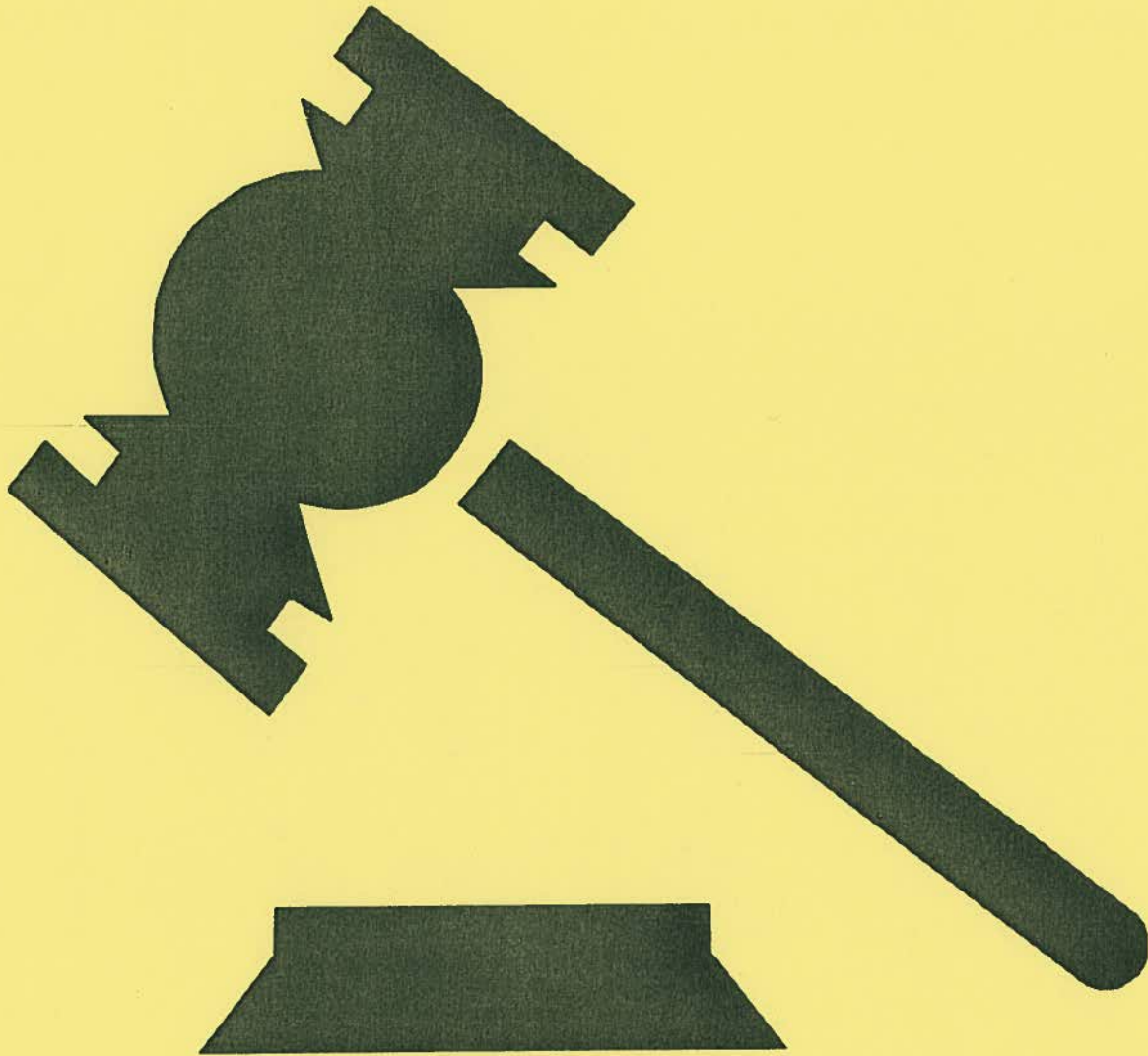
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Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

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Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director



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April 9, 2009

Carrie Pourvahidi, Deputy Director
Merced-to-Bakersfield High-Speed Train
California High-Speed Rail Authority
925 L Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Pourvahidi,

Subject: Merced-to-Bakersfield Scoping Comments

With regard to Merced-to-Fresno Scoping Comments, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) reiterates the attached official comments previously provided the Authority. In addition, however, given the amount of time that has passed, the Fresno COG would emphasize the following points and seeks their full discussion in the project level environmental document.

The first point is the location of a heavy maintenance facility/operations center in Fresno County. We believe Fresno County can provide the best location for this facility and stand ready to work with the Authority and the consultant team to identify and secure the best site possible.

The second point is the rail consolidation project in Fresno. The Fresno COG and others are already working with the Authority to determine a plan that will work best for both the high-speed train and rail consolidation. Alternatives defined in the project level environmental document must be appropriate for rail consolidation as well as the high-speed train. Because of the relationship between these two projects, there must be an alternative that provides for a bypass loop/corridor west of the metropolitan area that could be used to relocate one or more of the rail freight services and high-speed train express tracks.

Thank you for your attention to these comments and for fully addressing them in the Merced-to-Bakersfield environmental document. Please feel free to contact either myself or Planning Coordinator Clark Thompson with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Boren".

Tony Boren, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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Enclosure

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

Cc: Honorable Barbara Boxer, US Senator
Honorable Diane Feinstein, US Senator
Honorable Jim Costa, Congressman
Honorable Dennis Cardoza, Congressman
Honorable Dave Cogdill, State Senator
Honorable Dean Florez, State Senator
Honorable Mike Villines, Assemblymember
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August 27, 2004

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director
California High-Speed Rail Authority
925 L Street, Suite 1425
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Morshed:

**Subject: Official Comments from the Council of Fresno County Governments
Regarding the Draft Program Environmental Impact
Report/Environmental Impact Statement**

The following statements are the official comments of the Council of Fresno County Governments on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. We look forward to the responses to these official comments from the Authority and the Federal Railroad Administration in the Final Program EIR/EIS.

Farmland Impacts

The potential impacts of high-speed rail on farmland must be analyzed and minimized. It is preferable that, where possible, existing railroad rights-of-way should be utilized because they would be least disruptive to farmland.

Level of Service

In addition to non-express trains, at least five (5) of the daily "express trains" in each direction must stop in Fresno to accommodate commuters to the major metropolitan areas.

Freight Capability

In light of State air quality issues, the high-speed rail system should still consider accommodating truck trailers and containers, thereby reducing congestion on highways and improving air quality. Freight service should be feasible at times when it does not interfere with passenger service. The greater the system's freight capability, the greater its financial viability.

Growth and Economic Impacts

Creating a high-speed rail connection to other parts of the State is paramount in moving people and improving air quality, while creating jobs and improving our economy. It will also relieve congestion and provide modal choice. However, construction of lengthy overpasses and/or underpasses through the smaller cities of Fowler, Selma and

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Kingsburg would jeopardize the viability of their downtown business, given the size of those towns relative to construction.

Station Location

The high-speed rail station in Fresno County should be located in downtown Fresno. This location must allow for the maximum multimodal interface with other means of regional and local passenger transportation.

Alignment

High-speed trains through portions of the cities of Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg are not supported. If the decision is made to utilize the UPRR corridor, an alternative alignment around these three cities will be developed and any additional cost associated with this option must be included in the high-speed rail financing. All high-speed trains, including express, operating within the Fresno Metropolitan Area, will operate along the UPRR corridor. Furthermore, the \$780 million identified in the Draft EIR/EIS to construct a bypass loop around the City of Fresno will be used to relocate Amtrak and BNSF services within the UPRR corridor. If it is determined that relocating Amtrak and BNSF services into this corridor is not technically feasible, the HSR Authority will meet with the County of Fresno, City of Fresno, Fresno COG, and the affected railroads to determine how these funds would be used to effectively mitigate the impact to rail consolidation/relocation and other regional rail issues created by the placement of high-speed trains within the UP corridor.

Maintenance and Storage Facility

The HSR Authority should consider locating the proposed maintenance and storage facility in the City of Fresno or Fresno area.

Project Phasing

The Central Valley segment of the high-speed rail system should be completed first since its construction is not as complex or costly.

Should you have any questions about any of these official comments, please feel free to contact either myself or Clark Thompson of my staff at (559) 233-4148.

Sincerely,

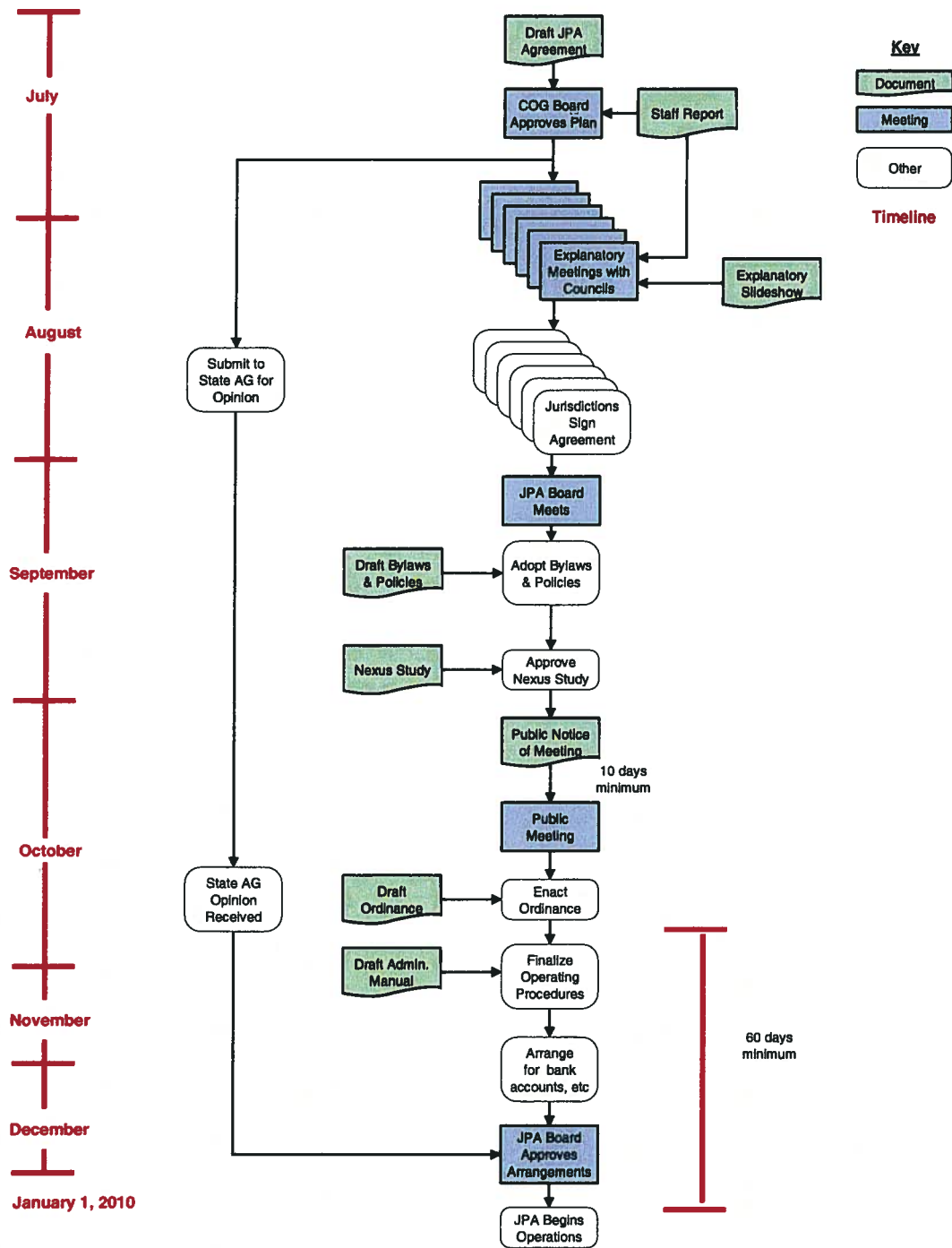
Clark C. Thompson, for

BARBARA GOODWIN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

Cc: Carrie Pourvahidi, Deputy Director
Rachel Vandenburg, PE



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Outline of Steps to Implement JPA



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2008/09
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
Transportation Development Act
Article 4 & 8 Apportionment
Revised Estimate
05/26/09

MEMBER	Total Art. 4 & 8 Available	Clov's Public Transit	FAX Transit	FCRTA Transit	Net Available Article 8	Original Claims Article 8	Reduction Article 8	FAX Reduction Article 4	Over Allocated Article 8
Clovis	2,842,310	2,593,785	211,031		37,494	1,126,086	(1,088,592)		(245,375)
Coalinga	625,817			81,200	544,617	607,683	(63,066)		
Firebaugh	205,388			100,836	104,552	182,509	(77,957)		
Fowler	167,852			86,833	81,019	144,979	(63,960)		(8,924)
Fresno City	14,926,690		14,926,690		0		0	(2,859,085)	
Huron	227,871			116,626	111,245	197,594	(86,349)		
Kerman	418,461			182,602	235,859	394,762	(158,903)		
Kingsburg	339,627			141,593	198,034	326,710	(128,676)		(20,566)
Mendota	294,950			200,653	94,297	206,517	(112,220)		
Orange Cove	324,883			184,447	140,436	263,789	(123,353)		
Parlier	401,772			120,642	281,130	424,769	(143,639)		
Reedley	771,247			467,271	303,976	597,090	(293,114)		
Sanger	755,611			311,137	444,474	730,849	(286,375)		
San Joaquin	135,692			65,783	69,899	122,298	(52,399)		
Selma	702,461			477,693	224,768	490,964	(266,196)		
Fresno Co.	5,256,922	30,027	1,654,764	569,190	3,002,941	4,993,894	(1,990,953)		(442,681)
FCRTA	13,185			13,185	0				
TOTALS	28,410,729	2,623,812	16,792,485	3,119,691	5,874,741	10,810,493	(4,935,752)	(2,859,085)	(717,546)

