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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AGENDA

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2009
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

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B.	Presentation – Samuel Norman – UC Merced Medical School	No	Information
C.	Presentation – Nathan Magsig – Fresno Rescue Mission 60 th Anniversary	Yes	Ratify

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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|----|---|---------|---------|
| A. | FY 2009-10 COG Measure "C" Claim, RESOLUTION 2009-24 [BOREN] | Yes | Approve |
| B. | San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study [DOWNS] | Website | Approve |
| C. | Transportation Funding Claims [BOREN] | | |
| 1. | Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, 2009-10, FCRTA RESOLUTION 2009-06, COG RESOLUTION 2009-19 | Yes | Adopt |

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

2. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA, 2009-10 FCRTA RESOLUTION 2009-08, COG RESOLUTION 2009-20	Yes	Adopt
3. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA, 2009-10, COG RESOLUTION 2009-21	Yes	Adopt
D. Appointments to the COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) [LONG]	Yes	Approve
E. Adopt the Redetermination of Conformity for the 2009 FTIP Amendment #3 and 2007 RTP Amendment #2. RESOLUTION 2009-14 [DAWSON]	Yes/ Website	Approve
F. Goods Movement Contract [T.WEBSTER]	No	Approve
G. Updates to the Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan [SOBRADO]	Website	Initiate 45-Day
H. Blueprint Update – Extend 45 Day Review Period for Blueprint Progress Report [STECK]	Website	Information
I. Scoring Results of the COG Administered FTA 5316 (Jobs Access Reverse Commute) and FTA 5317 (New Freedom) Grant Program [SOBRADO]	No	Information
J. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009-TIGER [DEVERE-OKI]	Yes	Information
K. Measure “C” Carpool Incentive Program [LAUCHNER/GARZA]	Yes	Information
L. Updated State Route 99 Business Plan and New Financial Program [CALTRANS – ALAN MCCUEN]	Yes	Information
M. 2035 California Transportation Plan Update [CALTRANS - KEN OKEREKE]	Yes	Information

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Unmet Transit Needs, Staff Report & Recommendations RESOLUTION 2009-22, PUBLIC HEARING : 6-25-09 [LONG]	Yes/ Website	Approve
B. Transit Planning Documents:		
1. Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area – 2010-14 RESOLUTION 2009-15, PUBLIC HEARING 6/25/2009 [LONG]	Yes/ Website	Approve
2. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) FY2009-10 Operations Program & Budget RESOLUTION 2009-16, PUBLIC HEARING 6/25/2009 [HALTERMAN–CITY OF CLOVIS]	Yes/ Website	Approve
3. Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, FY 2009-10 FCRTA RESOLUTION 2009-07 COG RESOLUTION 2009-17, PUBLIC HEARING 6/25/2009 [JOSEPH – FRESNO EOC]	Yes/ Website	Approve
4. Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area – 2010-14 FCRTA RESOLUTION 2009-04, COG RESOLUTION 2009-18, PUBLIC HEARING 6/25/2009 [J.WEBSTER]	Yes/ Website	Adopt
C. High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Station [THOMPSON]	Yes	Approve
D. Establishment of a Revised Timeline for Enactment of Measure “C” Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program [BOREN]	Yes	Approve
E. Transportation Development Act Reductions and Over Allocation of Article 8 [BOREN]	Yes	Info/Discussion
F. Caltrans Monthly Report [CALTRANS]	No	Info/Discussion

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

IV. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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A. COG Executive Minutes of May 21, 2009	Yes	Approve
B. FY 2008-09 Third Quarter Progress Report [BOREN]	Yes	Accept
C. PB Americas Inc. Contract Extension [BOREN]	No	Approve
D. Dowling Associates Contract Extension – On-Call Modeling Assistance	No	Approve

	[BOREN]		
E.	VRPA Technologies Contract Amendment [BOREN]	No	Approve
F.	Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian Contract Amendment [BOREN]	No	Approve
G.	FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget Amendment #1 [BOREN]	No	Approve
H.	EcoInteractive Contract [DEVERE-OKI]	Yes	Approve
I.	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between and Among the Air District and the Eight Valley Regional Planning Agencies [DAWSON]	Yes	Approve
J.	Status Report on Pending Legislation Affecting Proposition 42 [BOREN]	Yes	Information
K.	Status Report on Pending Legislation Amendment - Senate Bill 406 [BOREN]	Yes	Information
L.	Request for Cities to Draft a Resolution Declaring a Local Economic Disaster as a Result of Reductions to Water Allocations [BOREN]	Yes	Information
M.	TTC/PAC Joint Meetings Beginning July, 2009 [BOREN]	No	Information
N.	Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT]	Yes	Information
O.	Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO]	Yes	Information

	Project	Applicant
1.	Head Start Program- Preschool and Early Head Start Supplemental COLA, ARRA COLA, ARRA Quality Improvement Application FY 2009-10	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission
2.	County of Fresno – Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Shelter Grant for 2009-10	County of Fresno
3.	Self-Help Enterprises – Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants for FY 2009	Self-Help Enterprises

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A.	Resolution Request from Supervisor Henry Perea Requesting Policy Board Opposition of the Proposed North Fork Mono Rancheria Casino off of Highway 99 in Madera County [BOREN]	Yes	Direction
B.	California Consulting Inc. Contract Renewal – State Lobbyist [BOREN]	Yes	Approve
C.	Strategy Research Institute, Inc. (Dr. Gary Manross) Contract Renewal [BOREN]	Yes	Approve
D.	Letter to Assembly Member Evans from the Coalition Against Fiscally Reckless Diversion of Gas Tax Funds - Opposition to State Government Seizures of City Street Maintenance Funds, RESOLUTION 2009-26 [BOREN]	Yes	Approve
E.	Recommended Position on Senate Bill 716 [BOREN/FAWCETT]	Yes	Oppose
F.	California Partnership – Request for Funds [BOREN]	No	Info/Discussion
G.	Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities— Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC [SAMUELIAN]	Yes	Info/Discussion

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6): conference regarding unrepresented COG staff employees; COG Executive Director, Tony Boren to act as Labor Negotiator on behalf of COG Policy Board.

VIII. OPEN SESSION -- DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNREPRESENTED COG STAFF EMPLOYEES

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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

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A. FY 2009-10 COG Measure "C" Claim, RESOLUTION 2009-24 [BOREN]

Summary: In accordance with Transportation Authority procedures, Resolution 2009__ adopts claims for PTIS/Transit Consolidation, ADA/Seniors/Paratransit, Farmworker Van Pools, Car/Van Pools and Administrative/Planning.

Action: TTC and PAC recommend Adoption of Resolution 2009-24 approving Measure "C" Claims for PTIS/Transit Consolidation, ADA/Seniors/Paratransit, Farmworker Van Pools, Car/Van Pools and Administrative/Planning.

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B. San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study [Downs]

Summary: The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) has been coordinating the San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study with regional partners including the Counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Stanislaus and San Joaquin. The San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study is designed to identify markets that can support inter-county commuter express transit service within the San Joaquin Valley region, and between the San Joaquin Valley and its neighbors.

The San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study seeks to identify strong markets for inter-county commute travel in the region, and to provide cost-effective recommendations for improved commute choices in these markets. By providing a broader array of commute options, the policy recommendations in this study may also result in decreased single-occupancy vehicle trips, reduced congestion, and improving air quality in the Valley. While the scope of the study is limited to inter-county commute travel, many of the principles and service models described in this report may also apply to the many very long intra-county commutes that the study does not explicitly consider.

The San Joaquin Valley is a large and diverse region. Making transportation investments cost-effective will depend on deploying the right type of transportation service for the right market. This report recommends that the San Joaquin Valley explore a mix of ridesharing, vanpool, bus, and rail services. The outcomes of the two previous analyses conducted for this project, the Existing Conditions and Case Studies Report and the Travel Demand Analysis Report, identified several key corridors in the region that would derive maximum benefit from new transportation investments. The corridors include:

- The northern SR 99 corridor, extending from Merced through Modesto, Stockton, Lodi, and continuing to Sacramento.
- The northern SR 99 corridor to the Bay Area.
- The Cities of Madera and Visalia to the City of Fresno.
- The Commute market between northern Los Angeles County and Edwards Air Force Base in eastern Kern County.

The report discusses the following transportation opportunities:

Proposed Service	Key Travel Corridor			
	Northern SR 99 Corridor, to Sacramento	Northern SR 99 Corridor to the Bay Area	Madera and Visalia to the City of Fresno	Northern LA County to Eastern Kern County
Ridesharing/TDM	X	X	X	X
Vanpool	X	X	X	X
Commuter Express Bus	X	X		
Commuter Rail Improvements	X	X		

Recognizing that lower density land use patterns will continue to dominate most of the San Joaquin Valley for the foreseeable future, the expansion of the ridesharing and vanpool opportunities should be the primary investment to increase transportation choices for inter-county commuters in most of the region. Vanpools offer the opportunity for relatively high-capacity commute transportation service with operating costs far lower than traditional fixed-route transit. With new transit operating funds expected to be difficult to access, and with many transit operators considering reductions in service within their traditional service area, expanded vanpool access may be the most promising avenue to improve commuter choice in the near term.

Recommendations for expanding access to ridesharing and vanpool services are as follows:

- Continue with plans to form a Joint Powers Authority in the southern portion of the Valley to operate the Kings Area Rural Transit (KART) and the Agricultural Industries Transportation Service (AITS) Vanpool;
- Provide a single valley-wide ride-matching and vanpool website;
- Invest in more marketing of vanpool to choice riders;
- Expand park-and-ride opportunities;
- Offer Guaranteed Ride Home throughout the Valley; and
- Seek to influence the development of the new Air District trip reduction rule, so that it can fund and promote ridesharing to large employers.

A copy of the final report is available on the Fresno COG Website at: www.fresnocog.org.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the COG Policy Board accept the San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study.

C. Transportation Funding Claims [BOREN]

1. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, 2009-10, FCRTA RESOLUTION 2009-06, COG RESOLUTION 2009-19

Summary: The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) claim has been reviewed by staff, is consistent with the proposed budget, and is recommended for approval. The claim totals \$7,398,659 to support FCRTA's Operation Budget of \$7,936,987 and Capital Budget of \$9,895,278.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2009-06 and COG Resolution 2009-19.

2. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA, 2009-10, FCRTA RESOLUTION 2009-08, COG RESOLUTION 2009-20

Summary: The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA Transportation Development Act Claim of \$657,527 has been reviewed by staff and found to be consistent with the Overall Work Program and Budget and in accordance with claiming instructions as required by State law.

Action: TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2009-08 and COG Resolution 2009-20.

3. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA, 2009-10, COG RESOLUTION 2009-21

Summary: The Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA Transportation Development Act Claim of \$2,659,760 has been reviewed by staff and found to be consistent with the Overall Work Program and Budget and in accordance with claiming instructions as required by State law.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the Transportation Funding Claim by adoption of COG Resolution 2009-21.

D. Appointments to the COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) [LONG]

Summary: The SSTAC was formed in May 1988 by the Council of Fresno County Government (COG) Policy Board to; 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.

Multiple SSTAC members, whose terms expire between March and June of this year, have agreed to accept re-appointments to the Council. They are; Mr. Bill Hyatt, Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC); Mr. Carlos Duarte, Fresno Area Express; Mr. Gary Joseph, Fresno County Economic Opportunity Commission (FCEOC); Mr. Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA); Linda Descoteaux, Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA); Phyllis Baltierra and Ms. Judith Nishi, Fresno Area Express (FAX).

During the May 19, 2009 meeting, Mr. David M. Moll, Assistant Vice President Risk Management and Sustainability, of California State University, Fresno requested to become a member of the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). Mr. Moll is being recommended by SSTAC for membership.

Article III, Section 99238 of The Transportation Development Act requires a minimum number of SSTAC members in specific categories. There is no maximum number of members specified in the TDA and in the interest of diversity, staff is seeking additional nominations. Specifically, staff is seeking members who represent minority groups and potential transit users. A complete list of SSTAC members is included in your agenda package.

Action: Approve the reappointment of seven existing members and one new member to SSTAC.

E. Adopt the Redetermination of Conformity for the 2009 FTIP Amendment #3 and 2007 RTP Amendment #2. RESOLUTION 2009-14 [DAWSON]

Summary: The 2009 FTIP Amendment #3, 2007 RTP Amendment #2, and the associated Conformity Analysis were adopted by the Fresno COG Policy Board on January 29, 2009. Because the San Joaquin Valley is a PM2.5 multi-jurisdictional area which includes 8 counties, and since there are no PM2.5 conformity budgets available for use at this time, conformity analyses need to be coordinated over the entire 8 county region. The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) has revised a portion of their PM2.5 conformity analysis. Consequently the other 7 MPOs must redetermine their existing conformity analysis. Since no other transportation planning changes are being made, Fresno COG's conformity analysis remains unchanged. The redetermination of the conformity document is done to comply with EPA PM2.5 requirements. Enclosed in your packet is Resolution No. 2009-14. The entire documentation for the redetermination of conformity including SJCOG's Project List, Financial Table, and RTP amendment is available under the Announcements section at www.fresnocog.org.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the approval of the redetermination of conformity for the 2009 FTIP Amendment #3, and 2007 RTP by the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-14.

F. Goods Movement Contract [T.WEBSTER]

Summary: Kern Council of Governments will be intercepting approximately 10,000 trucks on I-5 at Kettleman and SR-99 at Kingsburg to interview about origins, destinations, routing, & freight. They are asking Tulare and Fresno to participate at \$30,000 apiece. We have programmed \$30,000 in Federal Planning Funds and local match in the 2008/09 Overall Work Program and Budget and are seeking Board authorization to enter into the agreement to provide this funding.

This data is vital to the Valley and to Fresno COG's Goods Movement Program. Accurate truck traffic information including trips to the valley, from the valley, and through the valley have been one of the major gaps in goods movement planning. This data is both difficult to gather and costly to obtain, yet, many of the non-traditional funding mechanisms available to the valley and to Fresno require accurate information about these truck trips. They not only help provide the foundation for funding justification, but, also are essential to accurate traffic modeling.

Action: Staff is recommending approval to enter into an agreement with Kern Council of Governments to encumber the \$30,000 programmed in the 2008/09 Overall Work Program.

G. Updates to the Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan [SOBRADO]

Summary: Social Services Transportation Providers stakeholders have recently requested some additions and changes to the Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan adopted on January 24, 2008. This document identifies resources in use for public transit, survey needs and expectations of users and identifies strategies to close gaps in perceived services levels.

Proposed changes to the plan include:

- Page 20: Priority 7: Improve coordination by expanding agency participation in the CTSA
- The CHSTP recommendation is that the CTSA, COG, and SSTAC contact local area transit providers and human-service agencies and invite them to participate in the training programs. It is further recommended to continually recruit and grow new SSTAC members who are involved in transit-related activities as well as provide transit services to new agencies.

Proposed additions to the plan include:

- Page 23: Priority 17: Provide for transportation where public transportation is not available In many cases public transportation is not offered at a time or to a location that many low-income workers need transit service, such as second and third shift jobs, or to low-density and/or newly developed areas where traditional transit service has not been established, or is too unproductive to serve using conventional methods. In addition, staggered shift times and days, overtime requirements, and seasonal work often make carpool and vanpool programs impractical.
- It is recommended that the COG, SSTAC and transit operators explore programs to address service to low-income commuters who do not have access to fixed-route service at times or to locations for commute trips.

- Page 30: Social Services Transportation Providers; Assisted Living/Care Homes/Clinics/ Rehabilitation Centers
- *Westcare California* – WestCare provides a wide spectrum of health and human services in both residential and outpatient environments. Our services include substance abuse and addiction treatment, case management, transitional housing, vocational counseling and health education programs. These services are available to adults, children, adolescents, and families.

Please address questions and comments to Todd Sobrado at (559) 233-4148.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend initiation of the required 45-day public review of the draft revised Fresno County Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan.

H. Blueprint Update – Extend 45 Day Review Period for Blueprint Progress Report [STECK]

Summary: On April 1, 2009 the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council (two elected officials from each of the eight Valley counties) reviewed the Valley COGs' collaborative work on the Blueprint and took the following actions:

- Adopted a list of *Smart Growth Principles* to be used as the basis of Blueprint planning in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Adopted Scenario B+ as the *Preferred Blueprint Growth Scenario for the San Joaquin Valley* to the year 2050. This preferred scenario will serve as guidance for the Valley's local jurisdictions with land use authority as they update their general plans.

Essentially, Scenario B+ includes the county level preferred scenarios submitted by each of the Valley COGs. We have revised Fresno County's DRAFT Blueprint Progress Report to reflect the latest information and released the document for 45 day review in May. In order to allow time to have the document translated into Spanish for our website, we will keep the review period open for an additional month. After the review period, we will return in July for Fresno COG's acceptance of this report. The document will serve as guidance for future Blueprint efforts. While the Blueprint is a voluntary process, the anticipated positive outcomes of 'smart growth' make a compelling case for action. The Blueprint Progress Report is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

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

I. Scoring Results of the COG Administered FTA 5316 (Jobs Access Reverse Commute) and FTA 5317 (New Freedom) Grant Program [SOBRADO]

Summary: On May 28, 2009, the SSTAC Section 5316/5317 Grading Committee met to review grant applications submitted for the COG-administered Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) 5316 / New Freedom 5317 for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009. The Grading Committee was not able to complete the grading process because they had additional questions of the applicants. The SSTAC Grading Committee allowed two weeks for applicants to respond and then reconvened on June 9, 2009 to complete the grading process. Below is a summary of the grants that the SSTAC Grading Committee reviewed for the COG-administered FY2007, 2008 and 2009 Large Urban Area Section 5316 (JARC) and Section 5317 (New Freedom) grant program:

FY2007 Section 5316 JARC Grants

Amount allocated: \$505,727

- 1.) Applicant: Fresno EOC - Trans Program: JARC Request: \$204,792, Cost of Project: \$504,860
- 2.) Applicant: FCRTA - Employee shuttle vehicles: JARC Request: \$100,934, Cost of Project: \$126,168
- 3.) Applicant: FCRTA - 511: JARC Request: \$200,000, Cost of Project: \$250,000

FY2008 Section 5316 JARC Grants

Amount allocated: \$547,871

- 4.) Applicant: Fresno EOC - Trans Program: JARC Request: \$70,362, Cost of Project: \$341,770

FY2009 Section 5316 JARC Grants

Amount allocated: \$235,639

- 5.) Applicant: Fresno EOC - Trans Program: JARC Request: \$71,568, Cost of Project: \$348,373

FY2007 Section 5317 New Freedom Grants

Amount allocated: \$182,740

- 6.) Applicant: FCRTA - Training: NF Request: \$40,000, Cost of Project: \$80,000

- 7.) Applicant: FCRTA - Special Lift: NF Request: \$60,340, Cost of Project: \$85,000
 8.) Applicant: FCRTA - Special Lift: NF Request: \$60,340, Cost of Project: \$85,000
 9.) Applicant: FCRTA - Ramps: NF Request: \$122,400, Cost of Project: \$153,000

On June 9, 2009, the SSTAC Section 5316/5317 Grading Committee completed the grading process for COG-administered FTA Section 5316 JARC and Section 5317 New Freedom grant applications. Applications received were for fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009 and were graded as follows:

FY 2007 Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program

Amount allocated: \$505,727

AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMT.	TOTAL AMT	POINTS
FCRTA	511 Travel Information System	\$200,000	\$250,000	99
FCEOC	Transportation Program Yr. 1	\$204,792	\$504,860	99
FCRTA	Employee Shuttle Vehicles	\$100,934	\$126,168	76
Amount requested		\$505,726		

FY 2008 Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program

Amount allocated: \$547,871

AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMT.	TOTAL AMT	POINTS
FCEOC	Transportation Program Yr. 2	\$70,362	\$341,770	99
Amount requested		\$70,362		

FY 2009 Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program

Amount allocated: \$235,639

AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMT.	TOTAL AMT	POINTS
FCEOC	Transportation Program Yr. 2	\$71,568	\$348,373	97
Amount requested		\$71,568		

FY 2007 Section 5317 New Freedom (NF) Program

Amount allocated: \$182,740

AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMT.	TOTAL AMT	POINTS
FAX	Ramp improvements	\$122,400	\$153,000	96
FCRTA	Vehicle with H/D lift	\$60,340	\$850,000	92
Amount requested		\$182,740		

FY 2008 Section 5317 New Freedom (NF) Program

Amount allocated: \$197,405

AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMT.	TOTAL AMT	POINTS
FCRTA	Travel Training	\$40,000	\$80,000	97
FCRTA	Vehicle with H/D lift	\$60,340	\$850,000	92
Amount requested		\$100,340		

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

J. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009-TIGER [DEVERE-OKI]

Summary: On May 18, 2009 the Department of Transportation released information on funding availability for supplemental discretionary grants for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The name of this new program is, Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery or TIGER. This program provides \$1.5 billion in competitive grant funding for capital investments in: (1) highway or bridge projects; (2) public transportation projects; (3) passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and (4) port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement.

Pursuant to the Recovery Act no more than 20 percent of the funds made available under this program may be awarded to projects in a single State. TIGER Discretionary Grants may be no less than \$20 million and no greater than \$300 million. However, the Department has discretion under the Recovery Act to waive the \$20 million minimum grant size requirement for significant projects in smaller cities, regions or States. Included in this packet is a fact sheet on TIGER providing a quick overview of the program, its requirements, and scoring priorities.

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

K. Measure “C” Carpool Incentive Program [LAUCHNER/GARZA]

Summary: In November 2008, Fresno COG staff developed and introduced an innovative Measure C Carpool Program to replace the original \$50 gift card per person award. This newly proposed Measure C Carpool Program offers an opportunity to all commuters who carpool to or from Fresno County at least twice a week and submit a Commute Log to be chosen to receive a \$1000 monthly commuting subsidy, and be eligible to receive yearly Grand Prizes. Beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, commuters will be able to register their carpool commute log on Valleyrides.com and employers will have the opportunity to partner with Measure C as sponsoring or participating sponsors. Commuters can already register on Valleyrides.com and will later receive a reminder regarding the start of the Measure C Carpool Program.

A strong outreach campaign to “Save our Air, Save on Gas, and Win Cash” has been designed to encourage all commuters who travel to and from Fresno County to participate in the Measure C Carpool Program. A media packet has been completed and is currently being distributed to employers via email and U.S. mail. The employer media packet includes a pitch letter that describes the Carpool Program and outlines the exciting opportunities available to those who participate in the program, a promotional outreach flyer (in English and Spanish) and an Interest Level Form. Our staff has been working closely with JSA, the Measure C marketing agency, in the development of all outreach material, employer presentations and is involved with partnering opportunity negotiations. We have secured Grand Prize package sponsors and will continue efforts to leverage all Measure C Carpool Program funds throughout the year.

Fresno COG staff will provide an update on the progress of the program after its initial first month of implementation.

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

L. Updated State Route 99 Business Plan and New Financial Program [CALTRANS – ALAN MCCUEN]

Summary: The draft State Route 99 Business Plan is available on the Caltrans website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/planning. Alan McCuen will be present at the June 25, 2009 COG Policy Board Meeting to answer any questions that may arise.

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

M. 2035 California Transportation Plan Update [CALTRANS – KEN OKEREKE]

Summary: Information on the 2035 Transportation Plan is included in your meeting package. In addition to the draft strategies, a brochure and fact sheet are available to provide additional information regarding the update. The brochure describes the challenges facing the State, major topics to be addressed in the plan, new strategies being considered and key public involvement opportunities. The 2035 update will conclude with plan approval by the Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency in September of 2010. For more information, you can also visit the CTP web portal at <http://www.californiatrnsportationplan2035.org/>.

Enclosures: 2035 California Transportation Plan brochure
California Transportation Plan 2035 Fact Sheet
California Transportation Plan 2035 Draft Strategies
Timeline: California Transportation Plan 2035

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

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Unmet Transit Needs, Staff Report & Recommendations Resolution 2009-22, Public Hearing: 6-25-09 [LONG]

Summary: The Fresno 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 over 400 letters to agencies and

individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County. The request for comments letters were prepared in English and Spanish, and were mailed in February 2009. In addition to the request for written comments, SSTAC held three information-gathering meetings in February 2009.

The first meeting was held in the City of Huron at the City Hall Council Chambers on February 17, 2009. The location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of Western Fresno county including: Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, San Joaquin, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. and no comments were received at that time.

The second meeting was held in the City of Parlier at the Parlier Community Center on February 24, 2009. The meeting location was set to facilitate comments from the residents of Eastern Fresno county including: Fowler, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. and no comments were received at that time.

The third meeting was held in City of Clovis at the Clovis Senior Center on February 25, 2009. The meeting location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) and surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting was held at 2:30 p.m. and no comments were received at that time.

SSTAC received no written comments addressing unmet needs in Fresno County. Staff received one call from County Supervisor Debbie Poochigian inquiring about FAX service in southeast Fresno. She noted that currently FAX operates route 22 as far south as Butler and Burgan. Supervisor Poochigian believed there to be a population south of this area that had an unmet need for public transportation. SSTAC, at its meeting on February 17, 2009 discussed this issue. Staff informed SSTAC that current boarding in the area averaged only 2 per day. Based on this ridership and that the City of Fresno currently expends all of its LTF funds on public transportation, SSTAC found this not to be an unmet need that is reasonable to meet.

Jeff Webster, General Manager for Fresno County Rural Transit and a member of SSTAC received a request from a citizen living in Kings County asking for transportation into Kingsburg. The residence is significantly outside FCRTA's service area and the request was referred to Kings County Association of Governments.

At its April 28, 2009 meeting, after reviewing all comments and the information collected during the public meetings, SSTAC agreed that based on public comments received up to this point, there were no unmet needs brought forth that were reasonable to meet.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of Resolution 2009-22 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

B. Transit Planning Documents:

1. Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area – 2010-14 RESOLUTION 2009-15, PUBLIC HEARING 6/25/2009 [LONG]

Summary: The Short-Range Transit Plan for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area (S RTP) is the annual update to the operating plan and capital programs for Fresno Area Express FAX and Clovis Transit. The purpose of this Plan is to promote a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous planning process for transit service in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area FCMA. This Plan represents a short-range evaluation of transit needs and proposes specific recommendations for implementing the long-range objectives of Fresno County's Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will guide the provision of transit services in the FCMA over the next five years. The Draft Short-Range Transit Plan must undergo a 45 day review process before the plan can be adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board. Upon completion of the 45 day review period, COG staff will prepare a final draft of the Plan. The Plan is scheduled for adoption by the COG Board on June 25, 2009. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the document on April 28, 2009.

The Draft S RTP 45 day review process was initiated on May 6, 2009 by the TTC and ratified by the Policy Board on May 21, 2009. The document was previously included as a handout and included in your package is an errata sheet identifying the changes made during the 45-day review process.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the approval of the 2010-2014 Short-Range Transit Plan by adopting Resolution 2009-15.

2. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) FY2009-10 Operations Program & Budget RESOLUTION 2009-16, PUBLIC HEARING 6/25/2009 [HALTERMAN-CITY OF CLOVIS]

Summary: Included in last month's agenda packet was the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget, FY 2009-10 for the Clovis Urban Area. The document is also still available on the Fresno COG website at: <http://www.fresnocog.org/document.php?pid=361>. The document is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency will provide service over the next fiscal year. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the document on May 19th and recommended approval. The document is scheduled for a Public Hearing at the June 25, 2009 COG Board meeting.

Action: Staff, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of Resolution 2009-16.

3. Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, FY2009-10, FCRTA RESOLUTION 2009-07, COG RESOLUTION 2009-17, PUBLIC HEARING 6/25/2009 [JOSEPH – FRESNO EOC]

Summary: Included in last month's agenda packet was the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget, FY 2009-10 for the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA. The document is still available on the Fresno COG website at: <http://www.fresnocog.org/document.php?pid=361>. The document is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies will be providing service over the next fiscal year. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the document on May 19th and recommended approval. The document is scheduled for a Public Hearing at the June 25, 2009 COG Board meeting.

Action: Staff, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2009-07 and COG Resolution 2009-17.

4. Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area – 2010-14, FCRTA RESOLUTION 2009-04, COG RESOLUTION 2009-18, PUBLIC HEARING 6/25/2009 [J.WEBSTER]

Summary: Included in last month's agenda packet was a copy of the draft Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2009-14. The document is still available on the Fresno COG website at: <http://www.fresnocog.org/document.php?pid=361>. The document addresses public transportation for the cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and the County of Fresno. The Plan provides a five-year, action-oriented program designed to implement the Public Transportation Element of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will also provide a basis for local governments to demonstrate that public transportation needs within their jurisdiction have been, and may continue to be, reasonably met. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) reviewed the document on May 19th and recommended approval.

Action: The General Manager, SSTAC, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the document by adoption of FCRTA Resolution 2009-04 and COG Resolution 2009-18.

C. High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Station [THOMPSON]

Summary: The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) indicates the requirements, or criteria, for the location of its heavy maintenance facility/operations center in the San Joaquin Valley will be available by the middle of this June. These criteria will be made available at that time to the regional consultants, in our case URS, who need this information for project-level environmental review, and to interested others, including ourselves, the City and the County.

Information presented at the recent Scoping Meeting for the Merced to Bakersfield project level environmental review clearly states that location of the heavy maintenance and repair facility will be evaluated as part of that environmental review. It is staff's early understanding that the technical requirements should not necessarily predispose the facility to one location or another, but that the

operational requirements will, in that the location of the heavy maintenance facility must be responsive to the operational characteristics of the entire 700-mile high-speed train system.

Once the heavy maintenance facility requirements are disclosed, staff will immediately convene a meeting with local economic development representatives from the City, County, Economic Development Corporation and others to identify one or more appropriate sites in Fresno County for detailed evaluation in the environmental document. The enclosed letter dated April 9, 2009, from the Fresno COG to the Authority includes our comments in response to the Scoping Meeting held in Fresno, including our belief that Fresno County can provide the best location for a heavy maintenance facility/operations center.

There is a concern, however, on the part of various officials and informed observers that the general location for the heavy maintenance facility/operations center may already have been ex-officially pre-determined, and that general location is not in Fresno County. Therefore, consideration should be given to a meeting between local representatives and Authority representatives and consultants to determine if this is or is not the case and just how level the playing field is should Fresno County determine to promote a potential site here.

Action: The TTC recommends that \$10,000 from Work Element 152, High-Speed Rail Planning, of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Overall Work Program be allocated to analyze heavy maintenance station location criteria established by the Authority, identify one or more sites within Fresno County that satisfy those criteria, and related issues. The TTC further recommends consideration be given to utilizing California Consulting to arrange meetings in Sacramento and advocate on behalf of the heavy maintenance facility location in Fresno County. *In addition to their support for utilizing California Consulting Inc. to address the lobbying issues, the PAC also voiced their support for forming a multi-jurisdictional Steering Committee to address all issues associated with High Speed Rail planning.*

D. Establishment of Revised Timeline for Enactment of Measure “C” Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program [BOREN]

Summary: As has been discussed previously, following the guidance provided by COG member agency attorneys, and under the direction of the Policy Board, a decision has been made to form a Joint Powers Agency to implement the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program mandated by Measure “C”. The next step in the process is to take the proposed Joint Powers Agency Agreement to each of our COG member agencies councils and Boards for their formal approval to participate in the JPA. It is anticipated that formation of the JPA and the enactment process (public noticing process, etc.) will take approximately six months. Therefore there is a need to postpone the RTMF enactment date requirement from July 1, 2009 to January 1, 2010. This action will relieve the cities/county of the “lack of enactment” sanction penalty originally mandated by the Expenditure Plan.

Action: Staff and PAC recommend support the establishment of January 1, 2010 as the revised enactment date for member agencies implementing the Measure “C” Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program.

E. Transportation Development Act Reductions and Over Allocation of Article 8 [BOREN]

Summary: In May, the Board was advised that 2008/09 Transportation Development Act funds were coming in below the adopted claims due to the reduction and elimination of State Transit Assistance Funds and low sales tax deposits in the Local Transportation Fund. An estimate has been prepared to quantify those reductions and it appears that Article 8 Street and Road Claims may be reduced up to \$4.9 million. FAX's Article 4 Transit claim may be reduced up to \$2.9 million. This estimate is, of course, preliminary and includes actual deposits through May, interest earnings through March, and the State Controllers March estimate on STA. The final amounts will not be known exactly until the year end accounting is done.

There is also an issue with over allocation of Article 8. Staff allocates funding throughout the year as claims are submitted and deposits come in. Therefore, a substantial amount of Street Claims have already been paid. However, the reduction is so dramatic that the revised estimate for Article 8 in some instances may be lower than what has already been paid. Rather than require member agencies to refund Article 8 amounts, staff proposes accruing the overpayment into next year which will effectively reduce the amount available to claim in 2009/10. Comment is invited.

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

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G. 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.

IV. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.

A. COG Executive Minutes of May 21, 2009

B. FY 2008-09 Third Quarter Progress Report [BOREN]

Summary: Included in your agenda packet is the FY 2008-09 Third Quarter Progress Report which is a summary of funds expended and work completed in each work element during the third quarter, FY 2008-09.

Action: Staff and PAC recommend acceptance of the third quarter progress report as presented.

C. PB Americas Inc. Contract Extension [BOREN]

Summary: PB America developed the nexus study for the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee and is now providing support and advice on the formation of the Joint Powers agency to implement this fee. There is approximately \$47,000 remaining in this contract. This action extends the contract without an increase in fee. PB America's contract is paid for with FHWA planning funds.

Action: Extend PB America's contract for developing a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee through June 30, 2010.

D. Dowling Associates Contract Extension – On-Call Modeling Assistance [BOREN]

Summary: Staff maintains an On Call Modeling Services contract with Dowling to provide technical support for our modeling staff. Dowling has been extensively involved with the development and maintenance of our modeling effort for several years. The \$10,000 contract has a balance of \$3,800. This action extends the contract without an increase in fee. An additional \$10,000 is programmed in the 2009/10 budget. When the existing contract is expended staff will request board authorization on the 2009/10 contract. The Dowling contract is paid for with FHWA planning funds.

Action: Extend Dowling contract for On-call Modeling Services through June 30, 2010.

E. VRPA Technologies Contract Amendment – Measure “C” Planning [BOREN]

Summary: VRPA has been extensively involved in our implementation of the Measure "C" policy and procedures. In 2009/10 we will continue the process of programming the highway projects in the Medium and Long Range plans for the Regional Transportation program. VRPA has submitted a cost estimate of \$50,000 to cover their participation in the program during the 2009/10 fiscal year. This action increases VRPA's contract \$50,000 and extends it through June 30, 2010. VRPA's contract is paid for with Measure "C" planning funds.

Action: Add \$50,000 to VRPA's contract for Measure "C" Planning through June 30, 2010.

F. Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian Contract Amendment [BOREN]

Summary: Pursuant to an RFP issued by the County Auditor Controller, we have been using Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian to do our financial audit. County policy stipulates we may use them again this year and they have agreed to perform the 2008/09 Audit at the same cost. This audit includes all federal, state, and local reporting requirements for the COG as well as state compliance

for all Fresno County claimants of state Transportation Development Act and Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement funds. The cost of that scope is \$49,050. We also enter into a separate joint contract with the Transportation Authority of \$22,800, paid for by the Authority, for the Measure "C" compliance audits.

Action: Amend Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian's contract adding \$49,050 for the 2008/09 Audit and \$22,800 for the Measure "C" compliance audits.

G. FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program (OWP) Budget Amendment #1 [BOREN]

Summary: *Work Element 115 Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee* – When the 2009/10 OWP was compiled in January, it was anticipated that the RTMF would be adopted by the cities and county by the end of the fiscal year and no provision was made to carry over funding. However, the plan has changed to formation of a Joint Powers Agency to implement the RTMF. The revised schedule anticipates the agency will be formed by January 2010. Therefore, staff recommends carrying over \$60,000 in Federal Planning funds and local match to support this effort. This provides approximately \$47,000 remaining in PB Americas contract and \$13,000 for staff time.

Action: PAC recommends approval of 2009/10 OWP Amendment #1 increasing the budget \$60,000 to carry over funding to support the formation of the RTMF Joint Powers Agency.

H. EcoInteractive Contract [DEVERE-OKI]

Summary: In an effort to improve upon our existing mechanisms for communicating with the general public and our member agencies the information contained in both the Fresno Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), staff is requesting that Fresno COG enter into a contract with EcoInteractive for use of their ProjectTracker software. The annual cost of the contract is \$48,000, and is included in the 2009/10 budget.

EcoInteractive's ProjectTracker software as a service will help Fresno COG to better manage the transportation programming, long range planning, and conformity processes currently taking place; with the specific goal of coordinating the 2011 FTIP, RTP, Conformity cycle. Ultimately this software will allow us to better manage financial data, project delivery, and project mapping/graphic information in coordination with our member agencies, the public, and Caltrans. It is a high-performance, robust, enterprise transportation project planning application. EcoInteractive is currently providing ProjectTracker software as a service to other regional transportation planning agencies in California including the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), Santa Barbara Council of Governments (SBCAG), Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Agency, and Orange County Transportation Agency (OCTA).

Fresno COG staff has contacted MPO's around the State and found that there are three different ways of maintaining RTP/FTIP data. The first method, which we are currently using, is to maintain data in a collection of spreadsheets and databases. With this option however, local agencies do not have online access to data and data coordination becomes more complex as the number of projects increase. Fresno COG has outgrown this method. The second method is to hire expert computer programmers to develop and customize an application. The third option is to lease a fully developed software and service that has already been tested and proven by various RTPAs around the state.

EcoInteractive, Inc. is the only company providing ProjectTracker software as a service. It is proprietary software. ProjectTracker is unique in that multiple COGs within California are using customized versions of the application via software as a service package. This unique service offers a very cost-efficient solution when compared to custom IT development, which can be multi-million dollar efforts such as the effort undertaken by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. ProjectTracker is unique in that it provides member agencies with easy to use, effective e-government features for electronic reporting and updating of the FTIP and other transportation project data. ProjectTracker is fully compliant with Caltrans's new FASS system and existing CTIPs database. The contract is renewable on an annual basis.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend that the COG Policy Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract of \$48,000 with EcoInteractive for use of their ProjectTracker software and associated services.

I. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between and Among the Air District and the Eight Valley Regional Planning Agencies [DAWSON]

Summary: In 1992, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs) entered into two MOU agreements: one between the eight Valley Regional Planning Agencies, and another MOU between the eight Valley Regional Planning Agencies AND the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD). In 2006, the agreement among the eight RPAs was updated, and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Policy Council was created. The San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Policy Council was formed to represent the Valley RPAs at public forums and to provide direction and guidance on common interregional policy issues. The Regional Policy Council is comprised of two elected officials from each of the eight Valley counties.

This MOU between the Valley RPAs AND the SJVUAPCD is being updated to ensure the continuing cooperation, and the coordinated regional approach, for transportation and air quality planning efforts among all the involved agencies. This MOU does not provide for any significant changes from the current policies, but it does reinforce existing work efforts and increases the membership on the Regional Policy Council by one, to accommodate a representative from the SJVUAPCD. A copy of the MOU is included in your agenda package.

The SJVUAPCD signed the MOU during the Air District's Governing Board Meeting on 6/18/09.

Action: Staff and PAC recommend approval the MOU between and among the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and the eight RPAs of the San Joaquin Valley.

J. Status Report on Pending Legislation Affecting Proposition 42 [BOREN]

Summary: Proposition 42 permanently dedicates revenues from the state's share of the sales tax on gasoline to transportation projects. This sales tax on gasoline is already collected at the pump and generates roughly \$1.3 billion a year. This is not a new tax or new revenues -- up until 2000 revenues from the sales tax on gas were captured by the state's general fund. The dedication of the state's share of the sales tax revenues from gasoline would thus reduce the amount of revenues flowing into the state's general fund by roughly \$1.3 billion a year. Three enclosures, provided by Self Help Counties Coalition, are included in the agenda packet.

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

K. Status Report on Pending Legislation Amendment - Senate Bill 406 [BOREN]

Summary: SB 406 would authorize the imposition of a \$1 or \$2 fee on vehicle registrations, as specified, to pay for regional land use planning activities. This bill would also revise the membership and expand the duties of the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council (PAAC) within the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). An enclosure of the full text of SB 406 amendment as of May 28, 2009 is included in the agenda packet. As of June 2, 2009 this bill has passed the senate floor to a third reading by a vote of 21 to 16.

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

L. Request for Cities to Draft a Resolution Declaring a Local Economic Disaster as a Result of Reductions to Water Allocations [BOREN]

Summary: Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota, and Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler, asked that the Fresno COG send the enclosed sample resolution to each City in Fresno and Fresno County and request that each jurisdiction consider taking action on this issue. The resolution declares a local economic disaster as a result of reductions to water allocations to the local region, increasing double-digit unemployment rates and the loss of quality of life to Valley residents.

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

M. TTC/PAC Joint Meetings Beginning July, 2009 [BOREN]

Summary: As discussed previously, beginning in July, 2009, Fresno COG will be utilizing a combined TTC/PAC Committee meeting format. The new date for the meetings will be the second Friday of the month. TTC will hold its meeting at 9:00 AM, which will then be followed by our TTC/PAC meeting at 10:00.

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

N. Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT]

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, Laural Fawcett, if you have any questions.

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

O. Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO]

Project	Applicant
1. <i>Head Start Program- Preschool and Early Head Start Supplemental COLA, ARRA COLA, ARRA Quality Improvement Application FY 2009-10</i>	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission
2. <i>County of Fresno – Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Shelter Grant for 2009-10</i>	County of Fresno
3. <i>Self-Help Enterprises – Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants for FY 2009</i>	Self-Help Enterprises

Summary: Your agenda package includes this month's Clearinghouse Calendar containing "Project Notification and Review Reports" for grant proposal.

1. *Head Start Program- Preschool and Early Head Start Supplemental COLA, ARRA COLA, ARRA quality Improvement Application FY 2009-10*
Fresno County EOC Head Start and Early Head Start Supplemental COLA, ARRA COLA, ARRA Quality Improvement Application FY 2009-10 (\$2,618,779) - Federal, (\$654,695) - Applicant for a total of \$3,273,474
2. *County of Fresno – Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Shelter Grant for 2009-10*
County of Fresno - CPMP Annual Action Plan - Community Development Block Grant - \$3,980,475
County of Fresno - CPMP Annual Action Plan - Investment Partnership Program - \$1,701,546
County of Fresno - CPMP Annual Action Plan - Emergency Shelter Grant Program - \$175,239
Total - \$5,857,260
3. *Self-Help Enterprise – Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants for FY 2009*
USDA Rural Development for Fiscal Year 2009 Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant to be used in the city of Huron's 2008 HOME Investment Partnership Program target areas as well as in other Valley jurisdictions. \$110,000 – Federal, \$250,000 – State for a total of \$360,000.

Action: Per Board procedure, unless an item is pulled from the Consent Calendar, tacit authorization is given for staff to forward any comment(s) received, or any Committee/Board comment(s) generated as a result of this informational item, to the appropriate agency. It is understood that if in the event this item should be pulled from the consent calendar, discussion and comment by the Committee members and the public will be taken.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Resolution Request from Supervisor Henry Perea Requesting Policy Board Opposition of the Proposed North Fork Mono Rancheria Casino off of Highway 99 in Madera County [BOREN]

Summary: Staff has received a request from Supervisor Henry Perea asking that the Fresno COG Policy Board consider formal opposition to the proposed North Fork Mono Rancheria Casino located near State Route 99 in Madera County. Enclosed is draft resolution prepared by Supervisor Perea identifying the reasons for the opposition. After hearing lengthy testimony from a number of representatives from Madera County (see attached letter) and the Mono Tribal Council, the Policy Advisory Committee took an action (7 yes/3 no/1 abstention) to move forward with a recommendation that the Policy Board be given the option to either support or oppose or move the discussion on the issue to the respective Regional Transportation Planning Agencies for each county (Fresno COG and Madera County Transportation Commission

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

B. California Consulting Inc. Contract Renewal – State Lobbyist [BOREN]

Summary: California Consulting Inc. provides a Fresno COG presence in the state capitol legislative offices and coordinates the annual Sacramento "One Voice" advocacy effort. Information is included in your packet which details the lobbying work that California Consulting Inc. has carried out for Fresno COG over the past year. They have requested a one year extension on their contract and have agreed to lock in their fee at \$3,000 a month, (\$36,000 annually) plus \$150 quarterly reimbursement for filing the statutory lobbying report and \$1,200 for travel expense related to the "One Voice" trip. California Consulting Inc. services are paid for with member dues, therefore any financial adjustment to their contract will require a corresponding adjustment in the level of member dues.

The Policy Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support extending California Consulting Inc.'s contract based on the terms identified.

Action: Staff and the Policy Advisory Committee recommend extending California Consulting Inc. contract for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$36,000 plus the incidental costs incurred for filing quarterly reports and travel.

C. Strategy Research Institute, Inc. (Dr. Gary Manross) Contract Renewal [BOREN]

Summary: Strategy Research Institute (SRI) provides a variety of services to Fresno COG, all of which are detailed in a memo included as an attachment within your Board packet. In general, over the past year SRI Inc. has been participating in a number of significant projects that COG is involved with, these include: Consensus related to building the Measure "C" RTMF, Consensus building as it relates to the Transit Consolidation effort identified in Measure "C", relationship building between Native American tribes and Fresno COG as required by environmental justice regulations, consensus building efforts related to adoption of the Farmland Model Conservation Program, and providing a human resource function for Fresno COG as it relates to developing evaluation criteria for personnel evaluation. Staff is also working with SRI on identifying ways that SRI Inc. can provide assistance in the areas of public affairs and public relations, as well as enhancing our lobbying efforts at both the state and feral levels. One additional benefit that goes with the COG monthly retainer fee of \$6,000 a month is that it allows the COG or member agencies to contract for additional SRI's services at a discounted price. SRI's contract is funded with Measure "C" planning funds.

The Policy Advisory Committee voted their support (10 yes/1 abstention) for extending California Consulting Inc.'s contract based on the terms identified.

Action: Staff and the Policy Advisory Committee recommend extending Strategy Research Institute Inc.'s contract for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. in the amount of \$72,000.

D. Letter to Assembly Member Evans from the Coalition Against Fiscally Reckless Diversion of Gas Tax Funds - Opposition to State Government Seizures of City Street Maintenance Funds, RESOLUTION 2009-26 [BOREN]

Summary: The enclosed letter was received addressed to Assembly member Noreen Evans from the Coalition Against Fiscally Reckless Diversion of Gas Tax Funds regarding opposition to borrowing gas taxes to close the budget gap. Please refer to the enclosed letter for further information.

In addition, at the request of the Policy Advisory Committee, a resolution (enclosed) was drafted by Fresno COG that pledges our cooperation with the League of California Cities, California Association of Counties and the Self Help Coalition in litigation challenging the constitutionality of any seizure by state government of a City/County's street maintenance funds.'

Action: Staff and the Policy Advisory Committee recommend the Policy Board approve Resolution 2009-26 pledging Fresno COG's support and cooperation with the League of Cities, CSAC and the Self-Help Coalition in opposing any seizure by state government of a City/County's Street maintenance Funds.

E. Recommended Position on Senate Bill 716 [BOREN/FAWCETT]

Summary: SB 716 - the current California Transportation Development Act (TDA) of 1971 was passed out of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on May 12, 2009 by a vote of 6 to 3, and has been amended as of May 19, and was passed to a third reading on the senate floor as of May 26, 2009 by a vote of 24 to 14 to change the rural designation for counties with a population of 500,000 or more to urban designation, as of the 2000 federal decennial census and each decennial census thereafter.

This will change Fresno County's current rural county status and therefore eliminate access to much needed TDA funding for both street and road maintenance and farm worker vanpools.

Enclosed for review is a draft of an opposition letter from Fresno COG and also a letter of opposition sent on April 24, 2009 by CSAC, and a fact sheet highlighting the potential fiscal impact of the update. In addition, staff is working with our Sacramento lobbyist California Consulting Inc. and Assemblyman Arambula's office to obtain an amendment to the proposed legislation that would be favorable to the impacted San Joaquin Valley counties..

Action: Fresno COG staff and the Policy Advisory Committee recommend formal Policy Board opposition to SB 716 as currently drafted.

F. California Partnership – Request for Funds [BOREN]

Summary: Staff will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

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

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

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

In your agenda packet is the report for the month of May.

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

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6): conference regarding unrepresented COG staff employees; COG Executive Director, Tony Boren to act as Labor Negotiator on behalf of COG Policy Board.

VIII. OPEN SESSION -- DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNREPRESENTED COG STAFF EMPLOYEES

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

B. Items from Members

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

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