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AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, July 10, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, July 10, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place:

COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

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Item	Description	Enclosure	Action*
Transportation Technical Committee			
The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) will consider Items I – III prior to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. This portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.			
I.	PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the TTC on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. Note: Prior to action by the TTC on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.		
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	B. Adoption of updates and changes to the Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan – RESOLUTION 2009-29 [SOBRADO]	Yes	Approve
	C. Environmental Impact Report Consultant Contract for 2011 Regional Transportation Plan [THOMPSON]	No	Approve
	D. 2009 FTIP Amendment Update [DEVERE-OKI]	Handout	Information
III.	TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS		
	A. Blueprint Progress Report [STECK]	Website	Accept
	B. Blueprint Awards Program – Call for Projects [STECK]	Website/ Yes	Info/Discussion
	C. Measure “C” Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Program Update [BOREN]	No	Info/Discussion

JOINT Transportation Technical Committee / Policy Advisory Committee

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C. Presentation – Ron Nishinaka – Tree Fresno Collaboration

D. Caltrans Monthly Report

Policy Advisory Committee

The Policy Advisory Committee will consider all Transportation and Administrative Items on the Agenda

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| A. PAC Executive Minutes of June 19, 2009 | Yes | Approve |
| B. Amend the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS) Consultant Contract [DOWNS] | No | Approve |
| C. Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT] | Yes | Information |
| D. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities— Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC [BOREN] | No | Information |

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| A. Report on July 2, 2009 Lobbying Trip to Sacramento [BOREN] | No | Info/Discussion |
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X. 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. TTC Executive Minutes of June 10, 2009

B. Adoption of updates and changes to the Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan – RESOLUTION 2009-29 [SOBRADO]

Summary: On June 10, 2009, Fresno COG released a draft copy of the updated Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan for 45-day public review and comment. Updates and changes were made at the request of stakeholders. The Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan was initially adopted on January 24, 2008.

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

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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.

No comments were received during the 45-day public review and comment period. Please address questions and comments to Todd Sobrado at (559) 233-4148.

Action: Staff recommends the updates and changes made to the Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan, by adoption of Resolution 2009-29.

C. Environmental Impact Report Consultant Contract for 2011 Regional Transportation Plan [THOMPSON]

Summary: VRPA Technologies, Inc. prepared the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the most recent Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted May 31, 2007. Because of the recent completion and certification of that EIR, staff believes that a new EIR for the 2011 RTP is not required; rather, a "Subsequent" EIR would likely be the appropriate environmental document although a final determination will not be made until such time as the Notice of Preparation is developed later this month or early August. Other options include a "Supplemental" EIR and an "Addendum" EIR. A Subsequent EIR is prepared for projects that change substantially due to new information, a changed project description, or changed circumstances within which the project would take place. Generally, new information requiring a Subsequent EIR would pertain to significant effects that were not previously analyzed. A subsequent EIR must receive the same circulation and review as the previous EIR.

VRPA has also assisted in the past with the development of an analysis framework consisting of measurable criteria in order to establish project priorities within the RTP. Because of their familiarity with this process, staff recommends VRPA be retained to evaluate and prioritize projects in the 2011 RTP.

Action: Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director to contract with VRPA Technologies, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 to prepare the appropriate environmental document, likely a "Subsequent" Environmental Impact Report, for the 2011 RTP and to evaluate and prioritize RTP candidate projects.

D. 2009 FTIP Amendment Update [DEVERE-OKI]

Summary: Fresno COG has continued to approve Formal Amendments and Administrative Modifications related to project delivery in federal fiscal years 2008/09-2011/12. Below is information on current and ongoing Amendments and Administrative Modifications:

Status of Amendments and general information:

Amendment #9: Modified two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) transit projects, added two new Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program (5310) projects, added one Prop 1B project transit project. -- Approved by Caltrans on June 17, 2009. Amendment is currently awaiting Federal Transit Administration approval.

Administrative Modification #10: Swapped State Transportation Improvement Program-Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds with ARRA TE funds on three projects, included miscellaneous project adjustments related to funding types/levels/agency information, addition of an information only project. -- Amendment was approved by Caltrans on June 19, 2009.

Amendment #11: Addition of two previously programmed projects, change out of one ARRA project, addition of a lump sum 130-Railroad Grade Crossing program, addition of new SHOPP Mandates/Collision Reduction projects. -- Currently available for public review and comment until July 13, 2009.

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

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Blueprint Progress Report [STECK]

Summary: On May 6th we released Fresno County's DRAFT Blueprint Progress Report for 45 day review. We extended the review period an additional month in order to provide a Spanish translation of the document. To date, we have not received any formal responses on the report. The current version of the document reflects the April 1, 2009 actions of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council (two elected officials from each of the eight Valley counties). On that date, the Council 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. 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: Staff recommends that the COG Policy Board accept the Blueprint Progress Report.

B. Blueprint Awards Program – Call for Projects [STECK]

Summary: In an effort to highlight the Valley Blueprint and showcase existing "Blueprint-friendly" projects, the COGs have initiated an annual *San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Program*. The purpose of the Awards Program is to encourage quality in planning and development and to increase the public's awareness of the SJV Blueprint planning process by recognizing outstanding achievements and practices. This awards program is intended to be the first of an ongoing event that will recognize and celebrate plans, policies, programs and projects that reflect the Blueprint Principles.

The program is sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council (representing the eight SJV COGs), the Central Section of Cal Chapter APA (American Planning Association), AIA (American Institute of Architects) San Joaquin Chapter and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Nominations are open to all jurisdictions within the eight San Joaquin Valley counties (Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin). The nomination package is available at www.valleyblueprint.org. Nominations must be received by August 21st. Awards will be presented by the Regional Policy Council at the Fall Policy Conference luncheon on October 2, 2009 in Fresno. For more information contact Barbara Steck at bjsteck@fresnocog.org

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

C. Measure "C" Regional Transportation Mitigation (RTMF) Fee Program Joint Powers Agency Update [Boren]

Summary: Over the last six weeks or so, Fresno COG staff and legal counsel have been working with your City Attorneys and County Counsel to develop a Joint Powers Agency Agreement to facilitate implementation of the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee component of Measure "C". This agreement would allow the Mayors who serve on the COG Policy Board to also serve as the Governing Board of a Joint Powers Agency whose sole responsibility is to implement the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee. Development of that agreement is now complete, with every City Attorney giving their pre-approval to the JPA Agreement as currently proposed. At this point in the process, Fresno COG will be scheduling a presentation before your City Council explaining the rationale and benefits behind formation of the JPA. Our consultant and I have developed a brief powerpoint presentation to explain the history and justification for why utilizing the JPA is the best approach for our member agencies. Following the presentation I will be formally requesting that your City Council authorize its COG representative to serve on the JPA. Marla Day of my staff is currently working with your City Clerks to schedule these meetings during July and August.

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- D. Caltrans Monthly Report**

Summary: Caltrans staff will provide an update on Caltrans activities

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

Policy Advisory Committee

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See Item II on Page 1 of this Annotated Agenda.

VII. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

See Item III on Page 3 of this Annotated Agenda.

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A. PAC Executive Minutes of June 19, 2009

B. Amend the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS) Consultant Contract [Downs]

Summary: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) planning is underway as part of the existing scope of services contracted for the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS). In order to more fully develop and refine the BRT corridor planning efforts to meet Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) requirements for a Very Small Starts grant, Fresno Area Express (FAX) wishes to increase the BRT planning scope of services by \$200,000. A budget amendment recognizing \$200,000 in 5307 FAX planning funds would be included in the Fresno COG's OWP.

A separate scope of service will be developed to accommodate the BRT work, and existing PTIS contract will be amended to reflect the \$200,000 increase.

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

C. 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.

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

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 July.

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

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on July 2, 2009 Lobbying Trip to Sacramento [BOREN]

Summary: Staff will provide a verbal report to the outcome of the Sacramento Lobbying Trip that occurred on July 2, 2009.

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