

***TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE/
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

***ADMINISTRATIVE
ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS X. A***

FRESNO COUNTY ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT SERVICE AUTHORITY
ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT PROGRAM
STATUS REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER FY 2008-09

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS																		
	Clovis	Coalinga	Firebaugh	Fowler	Fresno City	Huron	Kerman	Kingsburg	Mendota	Orange Cove	Parlier	Reedley	Sanger	San Joaquin	Selma	Fresno County	Admini- stration	Total
YTD REVENUES																		
Registration Fees																		\$520,774.54
Interest																		\$13,891.87
Other																		
TOTAL REVENUES																		\$534,666.41
COSTS (3rd QUARTER)																		
Personnel	4,340.00	2,976.00	1,994.00	248.00	90,800.00		2,232.00	1,116.00				9,424.00	1,904.00	496.00	4,092.00	43,238.16	2,375.00	165,225.16
Services and Supplies			105.00									258.75	604.93					969.68
Major Purchases (\$2,500+)																		0.00
TOTAL COSTS	4,340.00	2,976.00	2,099.00	248.00	90,800.00		2,232.00	1,116.00				9,682.75	2,508.93	496.00	4,092.00	43,238.16	2,375.00	166,193.84
YTD COSTS	23,560.00	6,076.00	7,879.00	3,224.00	277,000.00		5,456.00	3,796.00				24,584.25	13,266.54	1,444.00	13,144.00	121,791.96	7,125.00	508,346.75
UNEXPENDED REVENUES																		
VEHICLES ABATED																		
VOLUNTARY ABATEMENTS																		
PUBLIC	10	22	1	2											5			40
PRIVATE	11		9		448		18	9				76	14	4	28	163		780
TOWNS (ABATEMENTS)																		
PUBLIC	3																	3
PRIVATE	4	1	3		3											31		42
TOTAL ABATEMENTS																		
PUBLIC	13	22	1	2											5	0		43
PRIVATE	15	1	12		451		18	9				76	14	4	28	194		822
GRAND TOTAL ABATEMENTS	28	23	13	2	451		18	9				76	14	4	33	194		865

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**2010 Washington D.C. Trip (February 6-11th)
"ONE VOICE"**

KICK-OFF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2009
TIME: 3-4:30 pm
PLACE: Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201 (Sequoia Room)
Fresno, CA

AGENDA

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations

The Fresno COG offices and restrooms are ADA accessible. Representatives or individuals with disabilities should contact Fresno COG at (559) 233-4148, at least 3 days in advance, to request auxiliary aids and/or translation services necessary to participate in the public meeting / public hearing. If Fresno COG is unable to accommodate an auxiliary aid or translation request for a public hearing, after receiving proper notice, the hearing will be continued on a specified date when accommodations are available.

- I. **Public Presentations.** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**
- II. Welcome / Self-Introductions
- III. Recommendations for 2010 from Simon and Company/Survey Results Enclosed
- IV. Review 2009 Criteria - Determine any changes Discussion
- V. Next Steps
 1. Call for Projects
 2. Project Selection Process for 2010
 3. COG Board approval of projects
 4. Travel logistics
- VI. Next Meeting – Project Selection – October 21, 2009
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Adjourn



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September 21, 2009

**DRAFT
NOTICE
Call for Projects
Council of Fresno County Governments 2010 “One Voice”**

Dear Interested Stakeholders,

Over the past several years, the Fresno COG has embarked upon an annual “One Voice” lobbying visit to Washington D.C. The purpose of the trip is to seek federal funding for projects of regional significance within Fresno County. To this end, a contingent of elected officials, public administrators and regional stakeholders from the public and private sectors travel to Washington D.C. for a week long visit. The goal of this “One Voice” delegation is to meet with our congressional and federal departmental representatives and advocate for the projects that have been identified and prioritized through a COG selection process. We also address policy issues and may seek regulatory reform. Ideally, the trip results in the Fresno region garnering federal earmarked funds that it might not receive otherwise. To date, we have been successful in acquiring over \$13 million toward funding the projects that the “One Voice” delegation has promoted.

Our representatives in Washington have welcomed our efforts and have responded positively. We have been encouraged to continue the effort, as our presence helps our representatives to prioritize and shepherd much needed regional projects through the federal budget process. With that encouragement in mind, we are in the midst of launching our 8th annual “One Voice” endeavor. The trip is planned for February 6-11, 2010.

With input from our Washington, D.C. lobbyist, a task force, comprised of participants from earlier “One Voice” trips, has developed project selection criteria. These criteria require that:

- Projects be of regional significance – advancing the goals of the region
- Projects be limited to transportation and infrastructure (*physical infrastructure/capital improvements*) or be social/economic initiatives that have regional impact
- Regional projects be limited in number and in dollar amount requested.
(*Local projects can be submitted separately and will be presented according to a predetermined format*)
- Priority may be given to those projects on the 2009 “One Voice” list that meet the criteria and that have received partial funding. (These projects must be resubmitted by the project proponent.)
- Projects should be shelf ready
- Project proponent(s) must be part of “One Voice” delegation back to Washington D.C.

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

- Projects should be collaborative in nature (i.e. more than one agency involved)
- Projects should cover a large service area, have potential to have a meaningful impact on the region, have support of decision makers, have quality leadership, fall within the community agenda and meet a "highest and best use" standard

We are now ready to solicit projects for the 2010 trip. This letter is intended to serve as a call for projects. The process entails COG's contacting a large number of public agencies and regional stakeholders, allowing them 3 weeks to determine if they have regionally significant projects they would like to submit, convening the task force to select and prioritize projects and gaining COG Policy Board approval of the priority project list. These efforts will culminate with the "One Voice" trip to Washington D.C in February.

Enclosed is a Project Application form that you will need if you have a project you would like to see considered for the regional priority list. This package is also available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

The deadline for submittal of project application forms is 5:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 2009.

Forms should be submitted to:

Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721
Attention: Barbara Steck

Thanks in advance for your interest in this important process. If you should have any questions regarding "One Voice", please feel free to contact me or Barbara Steck at 559-233-4148.

Sincerely,



TONY BOREN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

Enclosures: Application
Sample project format
Simon & Company Recommendations
Appropriations Accounts

2010 "One Voice" ~ Project Application

Please answer the questions below in as much as detail as possible.

Organization making request: _____

Division: _____

Address: _____

Contact person(s) in organization _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email: _____

Project Name: _____

Project location: _____

Amount being requested (please include future years, if applicable; e.g.: "\$50,000 for FY 2005, \$250,000/3 years"; "\$100,000 for FY 1999; ongoing program"):

Prior federal funding history (e.g.: "\$0 in FY 1998; \$100,000 in FY 1997, last year authorized"):

Did you make a similar request last year for FY 2010, through 2009 "One Voice" or on your own (if yes, please note project name and amount) _____

Sources and amounts of matching funds (state, county and local contributions): _____

Possible funding sources: _____

Please identify the Congressional and Senate district(s) in which the project lies: _____

Current status of project for which request is made: _____

Individual(s) from your organization must participate in the 2010 One Voice trip to Washington, D.C.(please provide names of possible delegates): _____

PLEASE ATTACH AS MANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS APPLY TO YOUR PROJECT:

Project Description, including purpose and need _____

Background/Justification for this request (budget projections, reports, brochures, letters of support, etc.) _____

Which representatives, departments, or organizations in Washington, D.C. would be most interested in this project? _____

What other organizations, in California, Washington DC, or nationally, might be expected to support this request? _____

What other organizations, in California, Washington DC, or nationally, might be expected to oppose this request? _____

SAMPLE PROJECT



GOLDEN STATE CORRIDOR PHASED IMPROVEMENTS AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

**REQUESTED
FUNDING:
\$2.75 MILLION**

PROJECT GOAL: To facilitate economic development and revitalization along the Golden State Corridor, a regional industrial and commercial corridor that parallels State Route 99 and links the three neighboring cities (Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg) with the Fresno Metropolitan Area.

The proposed infrastructure improvements will create a positive environment along the Golden State/Freeway 99 Corridor where business may grow and thrive for the benefit of all of the corridor cities and the region as a whole.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Golden State Corridor Economic Development Project will be phased to include segments of the ultimate plan and will include the following:

- Construct roadway and related improvements at specific locations along the master planned corridor to make it safer and more user-friendly for commercial users and local drivers. Improvements will include intersection improvements and traffic signals.
 - Temperance Avenue Intersection w/ Golden State Blvd. (Fowler)
 - Dockery Avenue (Selma)
 - Kamm/Bethel Avenues Intersection (Kingsburg)
- The ultimate plan will create a common vision for the attractive revitalization of the Golden State Corridor that will support job creation, preserve the surrounding agricultural lands, and enhance the environment of this important regional economic corridor.

SPECIFIC

- The Golden State Corridor is an area specifically planned for industrial and commercial development within the contiguous spheres of influence of the cities of Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg. It is well suited for such use by virtue of its proximity and access to State Route 99 and Union Pacific Railroad, and the continuous linkage of Golden State Boulevard itself. The three cities have made a concerted effort to work together in developing a seamless project. In this proposed phase, each of the cities will construct staged improvements within their jurisdiction which will be part of the overall corridor master plan. These projects are the initial, and most critically needed, elements of the larger corridor enhancement plan.

RECIPIENT:

Council of Fresno County Governments

CONTACT:

Tony Boren, Deputy Director, Council of Fresno County Governments
(559) 233-4148 or email tboren@fresnocog.org



*Photo of Temperance
Avenue Intersection
with Golden State
Boulevard (Fowler)*

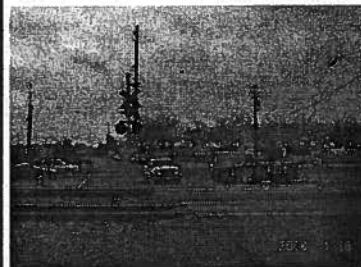


*Photo of the
Kamm/Bethel Avenues
Intersection
(Kingsburg)*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Boren
Marla Day
Barbara Steck

FROM: Len Simon

SUBJECT: 2009 Fresno COG "One Voice": *Observations and Recommendations*

DATE: April 8, 2009

Thank you again for the opportunity to work with the 2009 Fresno COG "One Voice" delegation. As with previous "One Voice" efforts, 2009 was very productive and the caliber of projects, presentations and meetings continue to improve each year. It was also a unique opportunity to have the group in town *the very week* that Congress was wrapping up its historic work on the Recovery Act. Discussions on that subject helped to inform and enrich all of our meetings.

In preparation for next year's "One Voice" meetings in Washington, we wanted to provide recommendations that you may wish to incorporate into the 2010 visit.

2009 "One Voice" Recommendations

1. **Format** - We sought many Obama Administration officials for 2009, but with "One Voice" occurring only 18 days after the inaugural, it was just not practical for them to participate. Our Congressional representatives and Committee staff were, of course, excellent and very informative. We recommend that the "One Voice" effort in 2010 focus at least 50% on White House and Obama administration appointees. One year from now the Administration will be fully staffed and they will have much to say about new initiatives impacting the One Voice participants.

As with past years, the joint congressional briefing worked well and as you will recall, the congressional staff were thoroughly engaged in the discussion of projects, which continued among them subsequent to the "One Voice" visit. However, with two out of the four "One Voice" House members not accepting earmark requests, it is important they we continue to balance our time with them to include important policy issues as well as earmark requests.

Although attendance at our Congressional reception was not what we would have hoped for, we recommend trying that approach one more time. Knowing the distractions which typically occur in a normal Congressional week, we will try a more focused approach in making sure that House and Senate members and staff participate in the reception. We also recommend that *every speaker who participates in "One Voice" throughout the three days be invited to the reception in the evening*. Providing awards to delegation members throughout the day continues to be a good idea. We were pleased that both **Senators Feinstein and Boxer**, who have even more demanding schedules this year, were able to participate. The meetings this year with both senators were excellent and we will work to repeat similar meetings next year.

We also recommend trying to end each day's events around 4:00 p.m., although scheduling with

key members of Congress does require us to extend meeting times beyond that targeted time. We would also be pleased to work with you on arranging group dinners each night if the delegation chooses to have arranged dinners each evening.

2. **Discussion of Policy Issues** – Similar to past years, we will structure the time with members and their staff to allow discussions of both appropriations and policy. We should take advantage of the time with the members of the delegation and congressional committee staff to discuss both appropriations and policy, which very often have a larger impact at the local level.

3. **Materials** – By late this year, there will be a full plate of policy issues on the table impacting the region – transportation reauthorization, climate change and many others. As a group we should be prepared to address each of these and engage on them with Congressional and Administration officials in a detailed way. In addition, COG briefing materials should reflect background and positions on these policy issues as they have in the last several years. The materials that the COG staff provided each member of the delegation and their staffs was quite impressive and we would advise that same general package be used next year. The materials should also include the details of both federal and non-federal funding sources for all projects.

4. **Presentations** – We recommend that the COG provide its “Briefing Book” to congressional staff and others on a CD or flash stick in addition to hard copy so that it is easier for the congressional staff to utilize them in for subsequent purposes.

5. **Grants** – As earmarks decline in number and value (Congressional intent is for this to occur) COG should continue to look for grant opportunities that could be applicable to the “One Voice” funding requests. We believe that grant opportunities will grow under the Obama Administration. Beyond the “One Voice” requests, COG members may find that there are funding opportunities available for a number of projects in their respective jurisdictions for which they may wish to seek funding.

6. **Recovery Act** – By the time of the 2010 “One Voice” most of the funding for the Recovery Act will have been received and implemented. We recommend that COG prepare a “*Special Report: The Region and the Recovery Act*” to show Washington how funds have been effectively utilized.

7. **Future Appropriations**. As with this year, we suggest COG carefully choose projects that are regional in scope, but remain within the \$2 – 3 million request range. We would also urge you to consider only four appropriations projects for the 2010 program.

8. **Transportation Reauthorization** – As you know, the surface transportation reauthorization bill process is now underway. Projects will be submitted in April-May but few suspect the bill will be enacted this year. Thus, during “One Voice” 2010 reauthorization will be a hot topic and COG should be prepared to engage on it.

We hope that you find this information helpful as you begin to think about your future “One Voice” efforts.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance. We look forward to talking with you soon.



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September 9, 2009

To: One Voice Participants

From: Marla Day, Executive Assistant

Subject: Intent to Travel – Fresno “One Voice” Trip – February 2010

We are in the process of planning our One Voice Trip to Washington, DC scheduled for February 6-11, 2010. If you have budgeted to participate in this trip, please let us know so we can include you in our count for room reservations. We are currently holding 30 hotel rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn again this year (with 5 spots committed for COG staff and Chair). The cost for hotel accommodations and airline tickets for the 2009 One Voice Trip was approximately \$1,950. We are using that figure as a rough estimate for the 2010 trip (hotel & flight, but not meals).

We will not be making group flight reservations this year due to the fact that the price of plane tickets online are, in most cases, much less expensive if booked individually. We pay extra fees and ticketing charges when booking group flights.

This year we are charging a registration fee of \$200. This fee is being charged up front in lieu of billing each person individually for planned group dinners, receptions, etc. You will still be billed after the trip for your hotel, metro pass and other incidental meal charges. Registration fees apply to each participant (spouses and/or guests must pay if they will be participating in the planned events) and must be paid by January 8, 2010.

Spouses and/or guests must also complete and sign a commitment form.

To register, please make your check payable to the Council of Fresno County Governments and mail to: Fresno COG, Attn: Marla Day, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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

More Information

_____ Yes, I am committed to participate and will pay for the cost of the trip.

_____ No, I am not able to participate this year.

If you answered yes to the any of the above, please respond to these questions.

_____ Yes, I will use group hotel.

_____ No, I will make my all my own arrangements.

Signature

2010 "One Voice" Sponsorship Form

Each sponsor will receive the following:

- Company logo prominently placed on all promotional materials (binders, folders, etc.)
- Inclusion in the COG Outlook Newsletter and recognition on our COGVIEW web page
- List of trip attendees and all "One Voice" related contact information
- Opportunity to address the Fresno COG Policy Board
- Invitation to all local "One Voice" events

The deadline for 2010 sponsorship, in order to be listed on all collateral material, is January 22, 2010. After that date we cannot guarantee that you will be listed in all material, but we will make every effort to include you on all items put together subsequent to that date.

Level of Sponsorship:

☐ Red Level \$1000

☐ White Level \$2000

☐ Blue Level \$3000

Other: (please specify) _____

Please send completed form and check to:

Barbara Steck, Deputy Director
Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

If you have any questions, please call 559-233-4148 Ext. 202 or email Barbara Steck at bisteck@fresnocog.org.

Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

How you would like your organization listed on "One Voice" publications?

I will forward a high resolution, electronic copy of my company logo to you for inclusion on all "One Voice" materials via the following:

☐ Email (brendal@fresnocog.org)

☐ CD (if choosing this option please mail with your sponsorship form)

Any standard graphics format is acceptable, such as JPEG, TIF, PSD, CDR. Thank you!

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San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies'

Fall Policy Conference - October 1 & 2, 2009

Registration Form

Personal information

Attendee/Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell number: _____

Fax number: _____

Email address: _____

Registration fees: *Registration fees include access to all sessions and materials*

Full conference (*Includes all sessions and meals Thursday and Friday*) \$125 = _____

Thursday evening Skyroom dinner (*Additional guests*) Qty ____ x \$40 = _____

Second day only (*Includes all sessions and meals on Friday*) \$50 = _____

Awards luncheon only (*Friday*) Qty ____ x \$25 = _____

Total amount paid: _____

☐ Please provide a vegetarian option for all of my meals

Payment:

Fresno COG must receive this completed registration form and check or money order (*payable to Fresno COG*) by September 25, 2009, at which time conference fees are non-refundable. Mail registration forms and payment to:

Fresno COG
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Hotel room reservations for overnight guests:

A block of rooms is reserved for conference attendees under the Council of Fresno County Governments. Please make your room reservations by contacting the Holiday Inn Hotel, Fresno Downtown at (800) 465-4329 or (559) 233-6650 by August 31, 2009. Room rate is \$84 per night.

For additional conference information call (559) 233-4148 or visit us online at www.fresnocog.org



Conference location information:

Holiday Inn Hotel
1055 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 233-6650 Phone
(559) 233-6750 Fax



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Fall Policy Conference - October 1 & 2, 2009

Holiday Inn Downtown - Fresno, CA

Conference Agenda

The annual Fall Policy Council allows the eight Regional Planning Agencies in the San Joaquin Valley to convene and discuss issues that affect us all. While the primary focus is on transportation planning, we recognize that other regional issues must be considered in planning efforts that will guide us to an improved quality of life for all who live here in the Valley.

Day 1: Thursday, October 1, 2009

9:00 a.m. Regional Policy Council Board Development

Morning Session at Fresno COG Sequoia Conference Room for Regional Policy Council and COG Directors only.

Conference Officially Begins with Lunch at Holiday Inn:

12:00 p.m. Welcome

12:15 p.m. Lunch w/Keynote Speaker - Fred Abousleman - NARC

1:45 p.m. Session 1: Regional Issues--How will the political climate in California impact transportation funding and water resources?

3:30 p.m. Session 2: SJV Blueprint and SB 375 - Progress Report

5:30 p.m. Reception – Holiday Inn Sky room - cash bar

6:30 p.m. Dinner – Holiday Inn Sky Room

Day 2: Friday, October 2, 2009

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Session 3: High-Speed Rail

10:15 a.m. Supervisor Rubio: Establishing a Valley Voice: Year Two of the Regional Policy Council

10:45 a.m. Session 4: Best Practices ~ 8 Valley COGs' Success Stories

12:00 p.m. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards Program Luncheon

1:30 p.m. Regional Policy Council Board Meeting



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies'

Fall Policy Conference - October 1 & 2, 2009

Holiday Inn Downtown - Fresno, CA

Sponsorship Opportunity

Sponsorships are available this year for \$250 per company
The cost includes the following:

- Sponsoring organization's promotional information included in the conference packet
- Complimentary full conference registration for one participant
- Sponsoring organization recognition and logo in newsletter, on the website and during the 2-day conference
- Exhibit space during the 2-day conference
- Networking opportunities

Yes! I would like to be a sponsor of the Fall Policy Conference:

Attendee/Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell number: _____

Fax number: _____

Email address: _____

We will supply a six foot table and cloth to each Sponsor who would like Exhibit space.

☐ I need electricity provided to my booth

☐ I have emailed a high resolution, electronic version of our company logo to brendal@fresnocog.org

Registration fees:

Sponsorship Fee (*Includes full conference attendance for one person*) \$250 = _____

Thursday evening Skyroom dinner additional guests Qty ____ x \$40 = _____

Awards luncheon additional guests (*Friday*) Qty ____ x \$25 = _____

Total amount paid: _____

☐ Please provide a vegetarian option for all of my meals

Payment: Fresno COG must receive this completed Sponsorship Form and check or money order (*payable to Fresno COG*) by Friday, September 18, 2009, at which time conference fees are non-refundable. Mail registration forms and payment to: Fresno COG, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721.

Questions? Contact Brenda Lauchner at 559-233-4148, ext. 219 or brendal@fresnocog.org

