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AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, October 9, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Place:

COG Sequoia Conference Room
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B.	Blueprint Roadmap Consultant Selection/Contract [TWEBSTER]	Website	Approve
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D.	Regional Transportation Plan Update [THOMPSON]	No	Information
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| C. | Farmland Conservation Model Program Update [SOBRADO] | No | Information |
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| F. | Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO] | Yes | Information |

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| A. | 2010 "One Voice" Call for Projects Update [STECK] | No | Information |
| B. | SB 406 Update [BOREN] | Yes | Info/Guidance |

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

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

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A. TTC/PAC Executive Minutes of September 11, 2009

B. 2009-10 Transportation Development Act Claims – City of Firebaugh, Resolution 2009-40 [BESHEARS]

Summary: 2009/10 Transportation Development Act Claims. The amounts claimed for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) funds are:

Jurisdiction:	LTF Fund:
City of Firebaugh	\$ 201,431

Staff has reviewed the claim and finds the amounts consistent with apportionments previously approved by the Board.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the funding claims by adopting Resolutions 2009-40.

C. 2009 Call for Projects – Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds [DAWSON/DEVERE-OKI]

Summary: On September 24th, the Fresno COG Policy Board initiated the 2009 Call for Projects for the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ). Two years worth of funding will be available for both of these programs, with all new projects to be programmed in federal fiscal years 2011/12 and 2012/13. Applications must be received by October 23, 2009 at 5:00 PM.

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The RSTP call for projects is for both "lifeline" and "regional bid" projects. Approximately \$19,100,600 of the apportionments for FFY 2011/12 and 2012/13 will be available to local agencies. The split for this call will be approximately \$7,982,400 "lifeline" and \$11,118,200 "regional bid". For the CMAQ programs, the call is for both "lifeline" and "regional bid" projects. Approximately \$23,060,800 of the apportionments for FFY 2011/12 and 2012/13 will be available to local agencies. The split for this call will be approximately \$9,636,000 "lifeline" and \$13,424,800 "regional bid". Within the CMAQ "regional bid" pot, \$4,612,200 or 20% of the available pot will be solely dedicated to projects meeting a minimum cost effectiveness (\$30 per pound) threshold per adopted Fresno COG policy.

Applications are available on our website at www.fresnocog.org under the FTIP/RTP link. Questions regarding the RSTP program or programming of projects can be directed to Renee DeVere-Okie at rdevere@fresnocog.org. Questions regarding the CMAQ program can be directed to Lauren Dawson at ldawson@fresnocog.org.

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

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:

Administrative Modification #12: Minor modifications made to eight projects. Modifications included a change in project limits, a constrained shifting of projects, and internal project adjustments in phase funding. This administrative modification was approved on July 1, 2009 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Policy Board.

Formal Amendment #13: Incorporation of six Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (5316) projects and four New Freedom (5317) projects into the 2009 FTIP. This amendment was approved by the Federal Transit Administration on August, 27, 2009.

Administrative Modification #14: A minor modification to available funding was made to a Transit Enhancement project with Large Urban Cities (5307) and local funding. This modification was approved on July 23, 2009 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Policy Board.

Administrative Modification #15: Minor modifications made to nine projects. Modifications included adjustments and updates to existing lump sums, project description clarifications, internal project adjustments in phase funding, and the incorporation of new state funds into an existing project. This modification was approved on September 4, 2009 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Policy Board.

Details on these amendments can be found on the Fresno COG website www.fresnocog.org under the FTIP/RTP section.

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

E. Formal Amendment #3 to the Regional Transportation Plan-Bus Rapid Transit [DEVERE-OKI/DOWNS]

Summary: On August 27, 2009, the Fresno City Council passed a resolution declaring a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The LPA adoption is a necessary step in applying for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Very Small Starts Grant (VSS). The project limits include Ventura/Kings Canyon Road from Fowler Avenue on the east to Downtown Fresno, and Blackstone Boulevard from Friant Road on the north to Downtown Fresno.

In order to be considered for entry into project development by the FTA, the LPA must be further clarified in the Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This must be accomplished by November as FTA makes its recommendations in December.

Administrative Amendment #3 to the RTP will update text and tables to further clarify and adequately describe the full limits of the BRT LPA in the constrained element of the Plan.

Action: Information/Discussion item. Direction may be provided by the Committee.

F. Call for Projects - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316/5317 Program Update [SOBRADO]

Summary: Last month, Fresno COG issued a call for projects for the COG administered FTA Section 5316 and 5317. Program descriptions are as follows:

Section 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute Program

The JARC program provides funding to support projects designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from employment activities and employment activities, particularly to suburban and rural job locations.

Section 5317 – New Freedom Program

The New Freedom program provides funding to assist transit operators and public agencies provide “new” transportation services for individuals with disabilities above and beyond the minimum currently required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

Apportionments available are as follows:

	Section 5316 JARC Grant Program	Section 5317 New Freedom Grant Program
FY 2008	\$405,941	\$96,975
FY 2009	\$643,057	\$227,545

Grant applications are due to Fresno COG by Friday, December 11, 2009 by 5:00 PM PST. Applications are available on the www.fresnocog.org website.

Please contact Todd Sobrado at Fresno COG with questions or to request additional information.

Action: Information/Discussion item. Direction may be provided by the Committee.

G. Caltrans Planning Grant Scope Change [TWEBSTER]

Summary: In October of 2008, the Council of Fresno County Governments and the City of Fresno were awarded a Caltrans Planning Grant to study Phase II of the Metro-Rural Loop. Through ongoing developments, The Council of Fresno County Governments and the City of Fresno are requesting a modest scope change to the Phase II FMTK, Multi-Modal System Partnership Grant. The changes are a result of the direct outcomes of the Phase I study itself as well as ongoing public outreach efforts. While in its core function to evaluate interregional corridors it remains unchanged, further development of supportive data and strategies are required.

There will be no change to the grant award amount and all work will still be accomplished within the given grant award budget.

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

H. Bicycle Transportation Account – Call for Projects [THOMPSON]

Summary: Caltrans has issued a call for projects for the fiscal year 20010/11 Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) program. Applications are due December 1, 2009 (postmarks are sufficient) to the District 6 Office of Local Assistance. Questions regarding the BTA program should be addressed to Tom Glaski at (559) 445-5834 or Kirk Anderson at (559) 445-6273, both with the District 6 Office of Local Assistance.

Caltrans anticipates an appropriation of \$7.2 million for the 20010/11 cycle for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicycle commuters. Cities and counties are eligible to apply. The application form is available on the Division of Local Assistance website at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/bta/btawebPage.htm>.

To be eligible for BTA funds, local agencies must prepare and adopt a Bicycle Transportation Plan that complies with Streets and Highways Code, Section 891.2, Items A through K. The plan must be reviewed and approved by the Fresno COG. The Bicycle Transportation Plan must have been adopted between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2009. Projects not identified in the local agency's Bicycle Transportation Plan will not be eligible for BTA funds.

The maximum amount an applicant may receive is \$1,800,000, or 25 percent of the total amount. BTA funds pay a maximum of 90 percent of the total cost of an eligible project. Local agencies must provide a minimum of 10 percent of the total project cost from sources other than the BTA.

Incidentally, for the fiscal year 2009/10 BTA program, \$162,300.00 was approved for a City of Fresno project. The project is the design and construction of commuter bicycle lanes along both sides of Fresno Street from California Avenue to C Street near downtown.

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

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Congestion Management Process Report [CAI]

Summary: The SAFETEA-LU legislation requires that metropolitan areas with a population over 200,000 develop a congestion management process (CMP) to address the congestion issues with a systematic and regionally accepted approach. It further mandates that in ozone or CO non-attainment areas, federal funds may not be programmed for capacity increasing projects that will significantly increase single occupancy vehicles (SOV) unless such projects are addressed in an approved CMP.

A CMP Steering Committee was convened in January 2009 to oversee the development of the Fresno County Congestion Management Process. The Committee consisted of planners and engineers from member agencies, transit operators, Caltrans representative, bike/trail planners, vanpool/carpool planners as well as members of the public.

As documented in the attached Fresno County Congestion Management Process Report, CMP objectives were developed based on the goals established in the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan; the Regionally Significant Road System was updated as part of the efforts; performance measures were established; a list of CMP strategies were identified and selected; and a methodology was developed to address the SOV project requirement in the SAFETEA-LU legislation.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the 2009 Fresno County Congestion Management Process Report.

B. Blueprint Roadmap Consultant Selection/Contract [T WEBSTER]

Summary: The Council of Fresno County Governments has issued a request for proposals (RFP) from qualified consultants to prepare a San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Roadmap. Proposals are due by Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 5:00 pm PST. On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, a multi-county interview, cross-profession panel will interview qualified applicants. The consultant will be tasked with preparing a Final San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Report, summarizing the first three years of the Valleywide Blueprint effort. They will also be tasked with developing a practitioners' toolkit which will assist local agencies in understanding the ties between the Blueprint and the State's planning goals as specified in AB 32 and SB375, and will assist and guide in the local planning implementation. A copy of the RFP is available on the website at www.fresnocog.org.

Because of the timing of the project review committee meeting (October 14th) is after the TTC/PAC, staff will be requesting that the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the preferred consulting firm for not more than \$200,000.

Action: Recommend that the COG Policy Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the preferred consulting firm for not more than \$200,000.

C. Blueprint – Valleywide Budget Expenditure [STECK]

Summary: The Valley COG Directors have responded positively to KVPT's request for Blueprint support for a proposed "Great Valley" public affairs series. The public affairs series will consist of 30 weekly episodes, twelve of which will be evergreen in nature and repeated, for a 42 week series run. In addition to KVPT, a minimum of 12 episodes will air on KVIE in Sacramento, which serves the northern two counties in the San Joaquin Valley, and KIXE in Redding.

The Great Valley series is dedicated to exploring growth issues, many of which are being addressed by the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint and other regional planning efforts. The majority of the topics included in the series include population growth, land use, agriculture, water, air quality, transportation, business and industry and education. The Blueprint is a critical step forward in regional transportation and land use planning, and it will naturally come up in a number of programs, not only regarding specific issues it addresses, but also as an example of the region coming together to set priorities and advocate for resources to address our growth challenges.

The Valley COGs' \$50,000 share for the project would be taken "off the top" of the 4th year Blueprint grant funds.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the Valley COG Directors Blueprint budget allocation of \$50,000 toward KVPT Great Valley series on Public Television.

D. Regional Transportation Plan [THOMPSON]

Summary: Staff will provide a verbal presentation on specific public outreach activities related to RTP stakeholder interest groups and an RTP Community Forum.

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

E. High Speed Rail Update [THOMPSON]

Summary: On September 23, the California High-Speed Rail Authority approved an application for more than \$4.5 billion in federal stimulus funding for engineering, environmental review, design and construction on the state's 800-mile high-speed train system, thereby generating an investment of \$9.1 billion when state matching bond funds, approved by the voters last November, are added. Governor Schwarzenegger is expected to formally submit California's bid by the October 2 deadline for states to seek a share of \$8 billion set aside for high-speed train development under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The state's application includes \$466 million for Fresno to Merced and \$819.5 million for Fresno to Bakersfield for right-of-way acquisition, grade separations, utility relocation, environmental mitigation, earthwork, guideway structures, track relocation and new track.

At its most recent meeting on September 24, the Fresno COG Policy Board decided not to approve the formation of a High-Speed Train Task Force within the COG. Instead, the Policy Board determined the Task Force would be more appropriately positioned as a subcommittee of the High-Speed Rail Strategy Committee, a policy and advocacy committee recently established by the County of Fresno with leadership from Supervisors Susan Anderson and Henry Perea. The focus of the Task Force will be on technical matters related to high-speed rail issues in Fresno County, including initially the Heavy Maintenance Facility/Operations Center. The Fresno COG has issued a Request for Proposals for consultant services to assist the Task Force with its tasks.

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

F. Measure "C" Update: Amendment to Regional Transportation Plan – Short Range Plan [BESHEARS]

Summary: Pending action by the Transportation Authority, a significant amount of Measure funding from the prior Measure "C" will become available to specific projects funded in the Measure Extension that are eligible under the old Measure. There is also unprogrammed funding available from the State/Local Partnership, and STIP funds freed up from the application of Federal ARRA funds to SR 180. The discussion will center on developing shelf ready projects to take advantage of future infusion of State or Federal funds.

Action: Initiate 45-day review of Amendment to Regional Transportation Plan – Short Range Plan.

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A. 4D Modeling Consultant Contract for Green House Gas Targets for SB375 [BITNER]

Summary: Fresno COG staff has determined that it is important to submit proposed Green House Gas (GHG) targets to the California Air Resources Board in preparation for SB375. In order to accomplish this task in time to submit the proposed GHG targets it is necessary to utilize highly technical consultant services to develop the 4D elasticities application necessary for analyzing the effects of smart growth.

Staff proposes to retain Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants to help us with this important project. Fehr & Peers has developed methods to adjust the output from transportation models to more accurately reflect the benefits of smart growth development. The purpose of the 4D adjustment process is to enhance the sensitivity of conventional models and provide policy makers with more reliable forecasts of likely effects of their policies.

Fehr & Peers will integrate the 4D adjustments into the Fresno COG travel model to estimate the per capita vehicle trip and vehicle miles traveled reductions that would occur with the implementation of smart growth policies. This work will be done concurrently with Fresno COGs' developments of test case Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) alternatives in preparation for submitting proposed Green House Gas targets for SB 375 to the California Air Resources Board.

Fehr & Peers has previously worked with the Fresno COG Traffic Model and implemented the 4D elasticities into our Blueprint modeling process. Fehr & Peers is recognized as the leader in development of the 4D process for Smart Growth analysis.

Action: Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract not to exceed \$50,000 with Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants for development of the 4D elasticities process for the Fresno COG model to develop Green House Gas targets for SB375

B. FY08-09 Fourth Quarter Report [BESHEARS]

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

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the fourth quarter progress report as presented.

C. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update [SOBRADO]

Summary: Agricultural Stakeholder interviews are underway by Dr. Gary Manross. According to Dr. Manross, they are going well and appear to be leading to a point of consensus among stakeholders. At the current time, it is not possible to determine how long it will take to complete the process, but we are moving along as fast as possible. Please contact Todd Sobrado at Fresno COG with questions or requests for additional information.

Action: This is an informational item action only with additional direction to be provided by the Board.

D. Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT]

Summary: A report will be handed out at the meeting 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.

A. 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 September.

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

F. Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO]

Project	Applicant
1. 2009 Section 202 Supportive Housing Capital Advance Grant Program	Southern California Presbyterian Homes
2. Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Development Program	City of Fresno

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

1. *US Department of Housing and Urban Development 2009 Section 202 Supportive Housing Capital Advance Grant Program.* – Construction of a 68 unit affordable housing community for low-income seniors in the City of Fresno, CA. - \$10,695,924 – Federal, \$25,000 – Applicant, \$400,000 Local for a total of \$11,120,924
2. *US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Development Program* - Construction of a 15.5 acre infrastructure project to accommodate the expansion of at least two manufacturers in an Agency project area that is expected to create 600 new high-wage, higher skill manufacturing positions - \$2,400,000 – Federal, \$300,000 – Applicant, \$850,000 – \$1,800,000 Program Income for a total of \$5,350,000

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.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2010 "One Voice" Call for Projects Update [STECK]

Summary: We have begun the process of planning for our eighth annual "One Voice" trip back to Washington DC where we will present a list of priorities for our region. The 2010 "One Voice" trip will take place February 6-11, 2010. The timeline for the 2010 project selection process is as follows:

- Kick-off Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2009 @ 3:00 PM at COG
- Mail/Email Call for Projects – Monday, September 21, 2009
- Deadline for project submittal – Friday, October 9, 2009
- Project Selection Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 1:00 PM
- Policy Issues Discussion and Recommendation - Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 3:30 PM
- COG Policy Board Approval of Project List – Thursday, November 19, 2009

A recommended list of projects as well as policy issues will be presented to the COG Policy Board for their decision at the November 19th meeting.

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

B. SB 406 Update [BOREN]

Summary: SB 406 (DeSaulnier) Land Use: Environmental Quality

This bill authorizes an additional fee of \$1 or \$2 on vehicle registration through an existing fee mechanism to be used for planning purposes related to SB 375 (Steinberg), Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008, and proposes new duties, membership, and funding for the Strategic Growth Council and the planning Advisory and Assistance Council.

Provides a permanent and necessary funding source for the regional and local planning required to successfully implement SB 375 through DMV fees.

Based on 2008 vehicle registration in Fresno County, an estimated \$623,032 could be raised in a one year period based on a \$1 fee collected, or \$1,246,064 based on a \$2 per vehicle fee.

Action: Staff asks for guidance in anticipation of the status of SB 406 after October 11, 2009, at which time the Governor will approve or veto the bill. The options are to endorse a \$1 fee, a \$2 fee or no fee to support the permanent funding of planning activities necessary for compliance with SB 375.

XI. 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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