



BOARD ACTIONS

October 2009

Council of Fresno County Governments

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OUR MISSION

A Region of Diverse Partners Building a Progressive Future as One Voice

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2009, the Policy Board of the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) took action or was briefed on the following items.* Formal minutes of this meeting will be included in the next meeting package.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Paul Dictos, CPA addressed the Policy Board.

Leroy Brown gave a brief presentation regarding Grandmother's Love, Inc. Mr. Brown also asked for a Letter of Support from the Policy Board for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Building and Construction Trade Prep Program.

Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Fresno County Office of Education gave a presentation regarding Fresno County Voluntary Preschool Master Plan. The Plan is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

Jesse Rodriguez, Univision 21 gave a presentation regarding Fresno/Visalia DMA Market. Mr. Rodriguez stressed the importance of an accurate census. Mr. Rodriguez presentation is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

2009-10 Transportation Development Act Claims – City of Firebaugh, Resolution 2009-40

Fresno COG Policy Board approved \$201,431 in LTF funds for the City of Firebaugh.

Blueprint – Valleywide Budget Expenditure

Fresno COG Policy Board voted to approve the Valley COG Directors Blueprint budget allocation of \$50,000 toward KVPT Great Valley series on Public Television. For more information on the Blueprint please see our website or contact Deputy Director, Barbara Steck.

Call for Projects:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316/5317 Program – due Friday, December 11, 2009 by 5:00 PM PST – contact staff person, Todd Sobrado for more information.

Bicycle Transportation Account – due December 1, 2009 to the District 6 Office of Local Assistance - Caltrans - contact staff person, Clark Thompson for more information.

Congestion Management Process Report

Fresno COG Policy Board voted to approve the Congestion Management Process Report. 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. This report is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information on this report contact staff person, Kristine Cai.

Request by County of Fresno and City of Fresno for the Council of Fresno County Governments to Identify Potential Funding Options for Developing and Incentivizing the High Speed Rail Maintenance Facility and Downtown Intermodal Center

Fresno COG Policy Board requested that staff prepare information and bring back to the Policy Board for consideration. For more information, contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

Amendment #1 to Measure C Regional Transportation Plan – Short Term Regional Transportation Program

Fresno COG Policy Board was notified of the proposed amendment of the Measure “C” Short Term Regional Transportation program. Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, November 19th at 5:30 pm during the next regularly scheduled Policy Board meeting. For more information contact staff person, Les Beshears.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4D Modeling Consultant Contract for Green House Gas Targets for SB375

Fresno COG Policy Board authorized 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. For more information contact staff person, Mike Bitner.

Fresno COG “One Voice”

Fresno COG Policy Board received an update on the 2010 Washington, DC “One Voice” call for projects. The recommended list of projects and policy issues will be presented to the Board on November 19th for approval. For more information on “One Voice” please see our website at www.fresnocog.org and click on the “One Voice” icon or contact Deputy Director, Barbara Steck.

Fresno COG Policy Board voted to send a letter to the Governor in support of the appointment of Joseph De Los Santos to the Board of Directors of the “Big Fresno Fair”.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mayor Silva (Mendota) distributed a flyer notifying the Board that the Catholic Charities Diocese of Fresno will be holding a food drive on Thursday, November 12 to Sunday, November 15 at River Park Shopping Center in the Borders parking lot on El Paso.

Meeting Dates:

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Transportation Technical Committee Meeting – Friday, November 6 - 8:30 am

Policy Advisory Committee Meeting – Friday, November 6 - 10 am

City Managers Luncheon Meeting – Friday, November 6 following PAC meeting

Beautification of Highway 99 Association – Monday, November 9 - 3 pm

Fresno COG offices closed in observance of Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11

SB 375 Kick Off Meeting – Thursday, November 12 – 10 am

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee – Thursday, November 12 - 5:30 pm

Fresno COG Policy Board/FCRTA Meeting – Thursday, November 19 - 5:30 pm

Fresno COG Offices will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving

*Complete Agenda, Annotated Agenda and meeting package are available on our website under Committees & Agendas and also by clicking on the event on the website Calendar.

**Please see the Fresno COG website Calendar for upcoming meetings for various Committees and Sub Committees.

Fresno COG Board Members

CLOVIS – Mayor Harry Armstrong

COALINGA – Mayor Ron Lander

FIREBAUGH – Mayor Marcia Sablan

FOWLER – Councilmember Rico Aguayo

FRESNO CITY – Mayor Ashley Swearengin

HURON – Mayor Ramon Dominguez

KERMAN - Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chair

KINGSBURG – Mayor Bruce Blayney

MENDOTA – Mayor Robert Silva

ORANGE COVE – Mayor Victor Lopez

PARLIER – Mayor Armando Lopez

REEDLEY – Mayor Mary Fast

SAN JOAQUIN – Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal

SANGER – Mayor Jose Villarreal

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FRESNO COUNTY – Supervisor Susan Anderson