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ANNOTATED AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010

NOTE TIME: Time: 8:00 a.m.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010

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*
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Transportation Technical Committee

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) will consider Items I – IV prior to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. This portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

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III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

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IV. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Items from Staff

B. Items from Members

a. Dennis Manning re: letter of support PRT project in Winona, MN

The TTC and the PAC will meet as a joint Committee to consider scheduled public presentations brought before the Committees. This portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program - Veronica Rodriguez, California Department of Water Resources**
- B. ADA Issues and Senate Bill 1608 – Rebecca Hellwig, Lars Andersen & Associates, Inc.**
- C. Air District Update: Employer-based Trip Reduction Rule 9410 – Jessi Fierro, Senior Air Quality Specialist, Planning-San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**
- 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. 2009/10 Overall Work Program Amendment #4 [BESHEARS]

Summary:

WE 152 High Speed Rail Planning

In November the Board authorized \$100,000 to HOK to provide a feasibility study for the proposed High Speed Rail Maintenance Facility. Subsequently, at the request of the County of Fresno, Precision Civil Engineering developed a variety of technical information for the High Speed Rail Sub Committee that was very well received. The County and City of Fresno have requested we increase our contract with HOK \$30,000 to add Precision Civil Engineering to the team.

WE 312 Internet Homepage

In response to increased demands for public communications and outreach, from the public as well as from our state and federal funding sources, staff has prepared an RFP to select a consultant to revise our website and recommends budgeting \$30,000.

Action: Authorize Overall Work Program and Budget Amendment #4 increasing the budget \$60,000 consisting of \$53,118 federal Consolidated Planning grant funds and a \$6,887 match.

B. Fresno COG 2009-10 1st Quarter Progress Report [BESHEARS]

Summary: Included in your agenda packet is the FY 2009-10 1st Quarter Progress Report which is a summary of funds expended and work completed in each work element during the first quarter, FY 2009-10.

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

C. Regional Transportation Plan – Mini Grant Update [THOMPSON/LAUCHNER]

Summary: Staff intends to involve nontraditional as well as traditional audiences in the development of the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan to ensure diverse and extensive input and address environmental justice issues. In order to accomplish this, Fresno COG has issued a Request for Proposals for mini-grants of \$2,500 each to three organizations for outreach activities. These outreach activities will coordinate with on-going public involvement activities underway with elected officials, community and business leaders, and other stakeholders in preparing the 2011 RTP. It is the goal of the Fresno COG to empower each of the three grant recipients to begin implementing their RTP Outreach Strategy right away.

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

D. Proposition 84 Update [TWEBSTER]

Summary: In October 2009, the eight MPOs of the San Joaquin Valley received \$2.5 million to update transportation and land use models in preparation for meeting the requirements of SB 375. This award represented nearly 25% of the approximately \$10 million “early release” awarded state wide. Approximately \$60 million dollars remains in Proposition 84 funds for cities, counties and MPOs to conduct planning activities related to SB375 and sustainable community planning.

The program is being overseen by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) created by SB 732 specifically to guide the implementation of SB 375 and the allocation of Proposition 84 funds in meeting those goals. A public hearing will be conducted on January 11, 2010 in Sacramento to receive comments on the draft grant guideline criteria. Following, a workshop will be conducted on January 12, 2010 to work on the details of incorporating input in the final draft prior to adoption in February. Fresno COG staff will be present at both events.

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

E. San Joaquin Valley 511 Update [SOBRADO]

Summary: For the past two years, Fresno COG has been working with the seven other San Joaquin Valley MPOs to implement a Traveler Information System or 511 system. A year ago, the eight participating MPOs signed a memorandum of understanding with the Sacramento Council of Governments to provide wireless access to 511 information in the San Joaquin Valley.

Since that time, Caltrans District 6 has brought forth between \$300,000 and \$400,000 to be used in the development of the 511 system for the San Joaquin Valley. This money is being used to pay for two things:

1. The switching costs for wireless access to the SACOG 511, and
2. The development of a website for participating Valley MPOs

This money is intended to complement the components for SJV 511 implemented through SACOG. A precondition that came with the Caltrans District 6 money was that all funds be expended by June 30, 2010. Thereafter, funding for the SJV 511 system would fall upon transportation stakeholders.

In order to ensure that the opportunity that the Caltrans District 6 money represents is not lost, the City of Fresno has offered to provide 'in-kind' services that would cover the operating costs of the SJV 511 website for a period of three (3) years from June 30, 2010. This offer consists of hosting and 10 hours per month of support and maintenance of the website.

Fresno COG is currently working with other San Joaquin Valley MPOs to define a "511 oversight" committee that would be responsible for management of the system as well as look for additional funding opportunities to build out the 511 system for the San Joaquin Valley.

The website for the San Joaquin Valley 511 system is currently in development with completion expected within the next two months at the very latest. Switching of both land-line and wireless access to SJV 511 is also ongoing.

For questions or to request additional information, please contact Todd Sobrado at (559) 233-4148 or todds@fresnocog.org.

Action: Information item only. Additional direction to be provided at the direction of the Committee.

F. Video Conferencing Update [TWEBSTER]

Summary: In spring of 2009 Fresno COG member agencies were quoted a bid to purchase and install Video conferencing equipment. Currently, 7 of the 8 San Joaquin Valley MPOs/RTPAs are connected through video conferencing technology which operates over the internet, or IP protocol.

In addition, five COG member agencies including the cities of San Joaquin, Kerman, Parlier, Orange Cove and Fowler, as well as the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) have also purchased systems.

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

G. Monthly Legislative Update: 2009 Legislative Activity Summary [FAWCETT]

Summary: Included as an attachment is a report that includes the outcome of the 2009 legislative session, as well as current bills that will be relevant to the 2010 legislative session and will be tracked by Fresno COG.

- In the above mentioned legislative report, is a description of SB 83, a transportation bill that was signed into law on October 11, 2009, which authorizes a countywide transportation planning agency to impose, upon a majority vote of the electorate, **an annual fee of up to \$10 on motor vehicles** registered in a county for transportation-related programs and projects.
- **Enclosure of a Summary of the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2010 provided by Steve Samuelian of California Consulting:** The Senate Local Government Committee will author the "Local Government Omnibus Act of 2010" which proposes 13 relatively minor, noncontroversial changes to the laws affecting local agencies' powers and duties. When signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the omnibus bill will take effect on January 1, 2011.

- **Enclosure of CALCOG 2010 PRIORITY ACTIONS which were adopted November 30, 2009:** to work with a broad coalition to provide for stable, adequate, and long-term funding for transportation infrastructure, including highways, transit, high-speed and passenger rail, local streets and roads, and transportation demand management, in order to meet increased population capacity, safety, and goods movement needs.

To locate current and past year **state bill information** go to the Official California Legislative Information webpage at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>

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Please contact staff person, Laural Fawcett, if you have any questions.

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H. Monthly Report – 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.

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

I. Monthly Report – Strategy Research Institute [BOREN]

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X. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno COG's Draft 2010 Legislative Platform Review [FAWCETT]

Summary: The 2009 Legislative Platform has been updated as a first draft of the Fresno COG's 2010 Legislative Platform. The final platform will be on the February agenda for approval.

Action: Review and comment on Fresno COG's Draft 2010 Legislative Platform.

B. Fresno COG's 2010 Sacramento One Voice Update [FAWCETT]

Summary: The 2010 Sacramento One Voice trip dates of March 9th and 10th, have been confirmed. The Draft 2010 Regional Advocacy Issues are included in your package. The final Regional Issues list will be on the February agenda for approval.

Action: Review and comment on Fresno COG's 2010 Regional Advocacy Issues list.

C. 2010 "Valley Voice" Schedules – Sacramento and Washington, D.C. [FAWCETT]

Summary: The San Joaquin Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC) has confirmed its 2010 "Valley Voice" Sacramento Trip dates: Wednesday and Thursday, February 3-4, 2010. Fresno County representatives include: San Joaquin Mayor Dhaliwal, Supervisor Judy Case, Fresno COG Director Tony Boren, and Fresno COG Planner Laural Fawcett.

The dates for the Washington D.C. trip are still under discussion and will be addressed by Candice Steelman, VLAC Chair, at the next San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Directors' Meeting to be held on Friday January 8, 2010. Advocacy Issues that will be discussed at the State

and Federal meetings are enclosed for review. Please contact staff person, Laural Fawcett, if you have any questions.

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D. Washington D.C. One Voice Update [STECK]

Summary Updated Regional project and issues information for the Washington DC “One Voice” trip is included in your packet. A delegation of 31 participants, including 7 elected officials, will be traveling back east this year. We will be leaving Fresno on Saturday, February 6th and returning on Thursday, February 11th. Delegates should attend one of the two orientation meetings that will be held at Fresno COG on January 27th (3:00 – 5:00 PM) and February 4th (9:00 – 10:30 AM). Contact Marla Day at mday@fresnocog.org to RSVP.

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

E. Request to Review/Comment on Joint Powers Agreement – CalVANS, A Public Transit Agency [LAUCHNER]

Summary: Kings County APTA (KCAPTA) provides between 300 - 350 vanpools to those traveling a seven-county project area, including Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Monterey, Tulare, and Ventura Counties. For future stability and to provide representation of all participants, KCAPTA is recommending that the present vanpool operation be transitioned to a new joint powers agency called CalVANS with representation from Councils of Governments (COGs) served by the program. Since COGs represent both counties and cities, it is suggested that a COG representative serve as a member of the new joint powers agency. Any member agency may withdraw its membership from the agency by written notice 180 days before actual withdrawal.

The current vanpool program does not require outside funding for its operation; and it is not anticipated that any member agency would be obligated to provide funding to the new agency. This would not prevent any COG or agency, however, from providing support if it so chooses (i.e., the flexibility of a transportation commission, county, city, or transit operator to expend LTF for vanpool operating and capital improvements for agricultural worker transportation to and from work is greatly enhanced under SB716).

Ron Hughes, Executive Director of KCAPTA submitted, for your review, a draft Joint Powers Agreement to establish the CalVANS agency. Mr. Hughes will make a presentation to the Committee regarding the proposal. Legal counsel has reviewed and commented on the document.

Action: Review and comment on the draft CalVANS JPA concept and document.

F. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement [THOMPSON]

Summary: At its meeting on November 19, 2009, the COG Policy Board approved a policy for use of AVA funds for vehicle purchase or lease. That policy states that local agencies may use AVA revenues for vehicle purchase or lease to the extent the vehicle is utilized for AVA activities and to the extent the agency has current revenues and unexpended revenues allocated. Furthermore, the local agency must receive prior authorization from the Fresno County AVA Service Authority if the amount of the purchase or lease exceeds \$2,500.00 and must provide a written statement to the Service Authority indicating the extent to which the vehicle will be utilized for AVA activities.

The County of Fresno is requesting funding to purchase two vehicles at a cost of \$29,000 each for use in the County's AVA program, operated through the Sheriff's Office. Currently there are two Community Service Officers assigned to the County's AVA program. They are currently using high-mileage vehicles beyond their useful life. The new vehicles will be used exclusively for the AVA program and allow the CSOs to better service the unincorporated community through the AVA program.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the County's funding request to the extent Fresno County has current revenues and unexpended revenues allocated.

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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