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**Executive Minutes
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
POLICY BOARD**

Date: Thursday, March 25, 2010
Time: 5:30 pm
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present: Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, City of Kerman, Chair
Mayor Dennis Lujan, City of Selma, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Jose Flores, City of Clovis
Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor Javier Marquez, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
Councilmember Blong Xiong, City of Fresno
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Bruce Blayney, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Jose R. Villarreal, City of Sanger
Supervisor Judy Case, County of Fresno

Sharri Bender-Ehlert, Caltrans
Janelle Kelley, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 16 members present representing 100% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trinidad Rodriguez, Chair, at 5:33 p.m.

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the COG on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the COG on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

Sal Gonzales – representing Lance Kashian & Co. – would like to have resolution regarding the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee be revised to exempt the commercial community. This item will be placed on the April RTMF Agency agenda.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Judge Jim Petrucelli.** Judge Petrucelli briefly addressed the Policy Board regarding his re-election campaign for Superior Court Judge.
- b. **NAS Lemoore's Economic Impact Assessment – Roman V. Benitez, Sr. Community Planner & Liaison Officer, Public Works Department Lemoore.** A brief powerpoint presentation was made to the Policy Board regarding the impact to Fresno county. This presentation is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org – Committees & Agendas/handouts.

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

REQUEST TO ADD URGENCY ITEM TO THE POLICY BOARD AGENDA

- 1) Requires Determination that the item is urgent and cannot be dealt with at a later meeting. (2/3 vote - item came to attention after posting of agenda and within 72 hours of meeting)
- 2) Requires a 2/3 vote to add the item to the agenda for action.

VII. C. Letter of Support for Continuance of State of California's Enterprise Zone

Mr. Boren (Fresno COG) explained the urgency of this request. As part of our 2010 "One Voice" Advocacy trip to Sacramento earlier this month, the Fresno COG delegation (with the Economic Development Corporation in the lead role) advocated for continuance of the State of California's Enterprise Zone program. Mr. Boren pointed out that the Enterprise Zone designation brings with it certain tax and hiring benefits, and by all accounts has been very beneficial in terms of "leveling the playing field" for Fresno County as it competes with other areas of the country for economic development opportunities.

A meeting of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy has been scheduled for April 20, 2010 in Sacramento. The purpose of the Committee Hearing is to determine whether or not state funding should still be made available for Enterprise Zones. Due to the fact that the Policy Board will not meet again before this date, Mr. Boren asked that the Policy Board take action at this meeting to issue a formal resolution that can be submitted as part of the record. A copy of the draft resolution was distributed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Case (County) and seconded by Councilmember Xiong (Fresno) finding that there was need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of Fresno COG subsequent to the posting of the agenda and should be added to the agenda. A vote was called for and the motion was approved.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

III. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Policy Board or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.

A.	2009-10 Transportation Funding Claims – [FAWCETT]	Accept
	1. City of Coalinga Resolution 2010-05 - \$574,723	
	2. Fresno County Resolution 2010-06 - \$4,996,337	
	3. City of Fresno Resolution 2010-07 - \$14,660,134	
B.	FY 2009-10 Second Quarter Progress Report [BESHEARS]	Accept
C.	Valley Model Improvement Contract [BITNER]	Authorize
D.	Fresno County Regional Transit Consolidation Plan Contract [DOWNS]	Authorize
E.	Public Transportation Infrastructure Study Update [DOWNS]	Information
F.	Grading Results for 2010 COG Administered FTA Sections 5316 (JARC) and 5317 (New Freedom) Grant Programs [SOBRADO]	Information
G.	Blueprint Update [STECK]	Information

For a summary of these items, please see the March 25, 2010 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to approve the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Rail Update [THOMPSON]

Clark Thompson (COG) gave a brief update. Mr. Thompson reported that the Rail Authority is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director. Mr. Morshed has retired. The role of the Authority

is changing to implementation. Mr. Thompson also noted that the Expression of Interest proposals that were presented to the Authority are available on the website. The focus now is to keep the Fresno site in front of Authority and to identify any obstacles that might come up in hope that the Fresno site will be chosen for the heavy maintenance facility. Completion of the Environmental Study is due in the fall of 2011.

Mr. Thompson mentioned that the high-speed rail passenger station is being studied by several groups including the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS) and the Downtown Revitalization group. These groups are working together to develop strategy.

Supervisor Case (County) asked for a briefing on the Tulare county project. This item will be added to the April agenda.

This was an Information/discussion item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

B. SB 375 Update [CAI]

Kristine Cai (Fresno COG) gave a brief powerpoint presentation noting that staff has been working with the Fresno County SB375 Task Force, which consists of representatives from the member jurisdictions and other stakeholders in the Fresno region, with the goal of providing an ambitious and achievable greenhouse gas reduction target for our region to the Air Resources Board (ARB). Ms. Cai reported that the Task Force has developed 3 scenarios, based directly upon input from the jurisdictions. The baseline scenario reflects the adopted 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); alternative scenario 1 includes planning activities that have taken place since the 2007 RTP with some adjustments; alternative scenario 2 is based on more aggressive planning with concentrated growth on corridors and activities centers. The greenhouse gas reduction numbers are expected to be finalized in April, and will be presented to the Board in April with recommendations from the Task Force as well as TTC and PAC.

The ARB is expected to have draft targets out for all the regions in the State by June 30th, and the regional targets will be finalized by the ARB Board by September 30th. After the target is set, the Fresno region will have until 2014 to prove that our region will be able to achieve the target through the development of a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in our Regional Transportation Plan, which will be consistent with the local general plans.

Ms. Cai pointed out that although there is the option of not submitting any target to the ARB, COG staff considers it to the Fresno Region's advantage that a realistic target number comes from the Fresno Region, instead of the ARB. After going through the planning scenario modeling exercise in the target-setting process, staff has a better understanding of what is achievable for the Fresno Region, and the Fresno Region will be more prepared in meeting the target through the SCS development in the 2014/2015 RTP process.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Policy Board. This issue will be brought back to the Policy Board in April for approval.

C. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]

Sharri Bender-Ehlert (Caltrans) reported that Caltrans Director Randell Iwasaki is leaving the Department this month to become the new Executive Director for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. Ms. Ehlert also reported on progress on several projects in Fresno County.

This was an information/discussion item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board

V. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. February 25, 2010 Executive Minutes | Approve |
| B. Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT] | Information |
| C. Monthly Report – Strategy Research Institute [MANROSS] | Information |

For a summary of these items, please see the March 25, 2010 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno COG's 2010 Sacramento One Voice Trip Report [FAWCETT]

Laural Fawcett (Fresno COG) handed out the packet of information that was distributed at the recent One Voice meetings in Sacramento. Ms. Fawcett briefly reviewed the agenda for the two days of meetings with legislators.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

B. Monthly Report – California Consulting LLC [SAMUELIAN]

Mr. Samuelian reviewed the report that was distributed to the Policy Board. This report is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org Committees & Agendas under Handouts. The report highlighted the activities of California Consulting for the month of March.

Information was emailed out to members regarding the H.I.R.E. bill.

Mr. Samuelian asked that the Water Bond issue on the April agenda. Supervisor Case (County) also asked that information be sent to the County to put on the Board of Supervisor's agenda.

Mr. Samuelian also introduced new staff member Juan Garza.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board

C. Letter of Support for Continuance of State of California's Enterprise Zone

This item was covered earlier in the meeting when added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Silva (Mendota) and seconded by Supervisor Case (County) to authorize staff to issue resolution of support. A vote was called for and unanimously approved.

VIII. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) to keep the current chair (Mayor Trinidad Rodriguez, Kerman) and vice chair (Mayor Dennis Lujan, Selma) for the next year. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

The Policy Board was reminded that Form 700s are due by no later than April 1.

- B. Items from Members
None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



TONY BOREN, Executive Director

Attachment A

Observers and Non-Members
COG Board Meeting
March 25, 2010

Roman V. Benitez, Lemoore NAS
Jim Petrucelli, Fresno Superior Court
Dennis Manning, CFLC
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County
Diane Lander, Coalinga
Steve Samuelian, California Consulting
Juan Garza II, California Consulting
Jeffrey Webster, FCRTA
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno CO
Lauren Dawson, Fresno COG
Jeff Long, Fresno COG / FAX
Laural Fawcett, Fresno COG
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG