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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, April 16, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, April 16, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place:

COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Transportation Technical Committee Members Attending:

Nicholas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Jeffrey D. Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Dennis Manning, FARRC
Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County
Ken Hamm, City of Fresno/FAX
Will Washburn, Provost & Prichard
John Donaldson, League of Women Voters

Scott Mozier, City of Fresno
Gary Joseph, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Corp.
Janet Dailey, Fresno County
Renee Mathis, City of Clovis
Chip Ashley, Sierra Club
Noe Martinez, City of Reedley

Others Attending:

Walt Plachta, BSK Associates
Bryan Jones, City of Fresno
Patrick Smith, Harris Ranch
Ruth Donaldson, Visitor
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Jeff Long, Fresno COG/FAX
John Downs, COG/FAX

Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG
Lindsey Monge, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG

Transportation Technical Committee

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) will consider Items I – IV prior to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Scott Mozier, Chair at 8:30 am.

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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There were no public presentations.

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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

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A motion was made by Jeff Webster (FCRTA) and seconded by Bernard Jimenez (County of Fresno) to approve the Consent Items with the exception of items D & I. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Item D. - Recommending Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Target for Fresno Region.

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1. City of Fresno's South East Growth Area (SEGA) plan is not adopted, and is still under environmental assessment.
2. The proposed corridor intensification is still being studied. The results of the City of Fresno's Corridor Study will be incorporated in the City's general plan update.
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Ken Hamm (City of Fresno) asked if the trucking industry representatives were involved in the process.

Ms. Cai explained that SB 375 is only focused on passenger vehicles. Truck emissions are not included in the SB 375 analysis.

A motion was made by Ken Hamm (City of Fresno) and seconded by Bernard Jimenez (County of Fresno) to recommend approval of Alternative 1 as the target scenario as recommended by the Fresno County SB375 Task Force. A vote was called for and the motion carried with 10 yes votes and 2 no votes from John Donaldson (LWV) and Chip Ashley (Sierra Club).

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

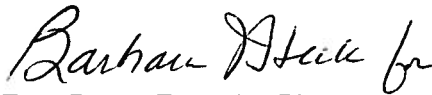
Mr. Boren reminded the committee that the Board meeting for April will start at 7:00 pm instead of 5:30 pm.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara H. Boren" or similar, written in dark ink.

Tony Boren, Executive Director

JOINT Transportation Technical Committee / Policy Advisory Committee

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

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Braided Ramp Presentation – Caltrans Enclosure

Neil Bretz, Project Manager, gave a presentation and explained the Braided Ramp project. Maps showing the project were discussed.

B. Air District quarterly Update – Tom Jordon

Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director, of San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.

C. Tulare County Association of Governments Presentation on Status and Implications of Progress Railroad Abandonment in Tulare County - Enclosure

Ted Smalley, Executive Director, of Tulare County Associated Governments addressed the Committee regarding this item. A brief PowerPoint presentation was made.

D. Caltrans Monthly Report

A monthly report from Caltrans was enclosed in the meeting packet for review.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10:00 AM

Policy Advisory Committee Members Attending:

Alan Bengyel, City of Orange Cove
David Elias, City of Fowler
Kathy Millison, City of Clovis
Noe Martinez, City of Reedley
D-B Heuser, City of Selma

Dan Spears, City of Sanger
Don Pauley, City of Kingsburg
Gabriel Gonzalez, City of Mendota
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Policy Advisory Committee

The Policy Advisory Committee will consider all Transportation and Administrative Items on the Agenda.

The meeting was called to order by David Elias, Vice Chair.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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Kathy Millison (Clovis) talked about the various issues that are happening with the Greenhouse Gases. Ms. Millison also expressed her concerns on the SB 375.

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IX. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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- A. **On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract Amendment [BITNER]**
- B. **Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT]**

Approve
Information

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A motion was made by Don Pauly (Kingsburg) and seconded by Gabriel Gonzalez (Mendota) to approve the Consent Items. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Monthly Report – California Consulting LLC

Steve Samuelian of California Consulting Inc. provided a verbal report to the Policy Board on the consulting activities that he did for the COG during the month. The report that was distributed at last month's Policy Board meeting was included in the meeting package.

The following are additional items that were presented by Mr. Samuelian at the meeting and will be presented at the Policy Board.

1. **SB 1445 (DeSaulnier) – Planning, Strategic Growth Council, and State funding for SB 375/Blueprint activities**

This bill requires the Strategic Growth Council to consult with and coordinate its recommendations with the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council within the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Vehicle Registration Fee: increases the state vehicle registration fee by \$1, starting July 1, 2011.

Background: SB 1445 is similar to SB 406 (DeSaulnier, 2009) which the Senate Local Government Committee passed by the vote of 3-2. Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed last year's bill because it allowed MPOs, COGs, and county transportation commissions to impose motor vehicle fees without local voter approval. This year's bill relies on a statewide fee, imposed directly by the Legislature.

Status: Because SB 1445 increases the state's vehicle registration fee, the Senate Rules Committee has ordered that the bill go to the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee for review, after it leaves the Senate Local Government Committee.

Support: California Association of Councils of Governments, American Planning Association-California Chapter, Association of Bay Area Governments. **Opposition:** Unknown.

Enclosures included CalCOG's letter of support, and an analysis of the latest version (03/24/10) of this bill.

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

2. **Water Bond (Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010): Proposed Resolution of Support**

California's water system is outdated and straining to meet the needs of its residents, farms, businesses and environment. Designed 30 years ago to serve 16 million residents, our water system now serves more than 38 million. A myriad of problems plagues our water system,

including severely limited supplies of water, contamination and pollution of rivers, lakes, streams and groundwater, an environment at risk, crumbling and aging infrastructure and the Delta in crisis. The Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 is a \$11.14 billion bond proposal on the November ballot that will provide funding to fix California's aging water infrastructure, protect the environment and restore reliability of water supplies.

**Comparing issues considered to be among the MOST IMPORTANT to voters in
the 2010 gubernatorial election to the 2006 gubernatorial election
(among registered voters)**

	2010 %	2006 %
Jobs and the economy	69	39
The state budget deficit	68	N/A
Education	60	45
Health care	51	36
Taxes	47	32
Illegal immigration	37	42
Water	36	N/A
Gasoline prices and energy	29	34
Crime and prisons	28	24
Environmental protection	26	28
Reforming the state constitution	25	N/A
Global warming	23	N/A

A motion was made by Lou Martinez (Sanger) and seconded by Kathy Millison (Clovis) to recommend a resolution of support for the safe, clean, and reliable drinking water supply act of 2010 to be placed on the November 2010 Ballot. Enclosed is the draft resolution and a current list of Supporters. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

3. Resolution in Support for Continuance of State of California's Enterprise Zone

A resolution was adopted on March 25th, in support of the California Enterprise Zone Program this was distributed to Fresno COG member agencies as a boilerplate for each city to adopt its own resolution in support of this important economic issue.

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

XI. Other Business

A. Items from Staff

Tony Boren informed the committee of the time change for the April Board meeting to 7:00 p.m.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from member.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Tony Boren, Executive Director

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