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ANNOTATED AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, May 14, 2010
Time: 8:30 a.m.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, May 14, 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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Action: Staff recommends adopting the final Local Transportation Fund estimate by approving Resolution 2010-13.

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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Formal Amendment #20: This was a "clean up" amendment that included many changes to single projects, revenues, and to the lump sums projects and back up lists. Amendment #20 initially included STIMULUS II revenues but was later split with Amendment #21 to remove the STIM II revenues. The direction to split the amendment was given by Caltrans and FHWA. The amendment was approved by FHWA on April 16, 2010.

Formal Amendment #21: This amendment added the preliminary target revenues only from the "Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010" (Stimulus II) to the financial element of the 2009 FTIP. This guidance was superseded when FHWA issued a ruling that stated they would not approve any amendments that contained Stim 2 funding and/or projects. Fresno COG withdrew Amendment 21 since the potential funds associated with the Jobs for Main Street Act were no longer considered "reasonably available". COFCG consulted with Caltrans HQ Programming and FHWA FTIP Coordinators and received concurrence that Amendment 21 should be withdrawn. Therefore the amendment was officially withdrawn on April 21, 2010 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Policy Board.

Administrative Modification #22: A minor modification to one project included a phase change to existing funding within the same year. This modification was approved on March 17, 2010 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.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2010-11 Final Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget – Resolution 2010-04 [BOREN]

Summary: Since the initial Draft OWP was released in February, we have made the following modifications: \$10,000 for *RTP On-Call Services* has been added to WE170 - Regional Transportation Plan; \$25,000 has been added to WE 411- Land Buffer Task Force for a public opinion survey for the Farmland Conservation Study; \$350,000 has been added to WE 415 - SJV IPlaces Pilot Program for a State Planning Resources Grant to fund the 8 Valley MPOs development of a model for analyzing various land use scenarios; and \$10,000 in donations has been added to WE 820 for the Valley Voice lobbying consultant.

The FY 2010/11 Overall Work Program totaling \$16,174,956 (including carryover projects) is submitted for your review and approval. This year's budget total reflects an increase of 15% (\$2,098,806) from the approved FY 2009-10 budget. Federal revenues have decreased by \$78,362. State revenues have increased 95% largely due to the Prop 84 state grant and a State Planning Resources grant we have agreed to administer for the valley MPO partners. Local Revenues have decreased 3%, (\$193,118) largely due to lower sales tax from the Local Transportation Fund. To off set this reduction and balance the budget, \$289,008 is carried forward from reserves.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the 2010-11 Overall Work Program and Budget by adopting Resolution 2010-04

B. **Draft 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and Conformity Analysis - PUBLIC HEARING May 27, 2010 [THOMPSON]**

Summary: Fresno COG is currently updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and related documents to incorporate current information and activities concerning our transportation system and legislative and project changes.

Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): The 2011 RTP represents the long range planning vision for Fresno County's regional transportation system through the year 2035. A new addition to the RTP is the inclusion of a Climate Change Element. This Element affirms Fresno COG's support of efforts to address greenhouse gas emissions and identifies strategies, many of which are already in process, to reduce emissions. The RTP will not, however, address requirements of SB 375, specifically the inclusion of a Sustainable Community Strategy. An SCS cannot be developed until the greenhouse gas emissions targets have first been established and that will not occur until September 30, 2010, after the date by which the RTP must be adopted. Fresno COG will fully comply with SB 375 in the 2014 RTP, the first RTP to follow establishment of the final regional targets. The RTP addresses requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP): The 2011 FTIP is the incremental implementation of the long-range Regional Transportation Plan, providing for a four-year programming of projects. It includes new projects and updates to other projects.

Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR): The RTP consists of policy, action, financial, climate change, and environmental elements. The SEIR serves as the RTP's environmental element. Since certification of the previous RTP EIR in May 2007, new projects have been included in the 2011 RTP, the timing of those projects has changed, and other changes have occurred. As a result of these changes, rather than prepare a complete new EIR, Fresno COG was able to use the previous EIR and update/change sections to address RTP project changes, as well as greenhouse gas/global warming (Climate Change) and other issues.

Conformity Analysis: An air quality conformity analysis is required in nonattainment areas to ensure that transportation plans and programs are (1) consistent with the state and local air quality plans, and (2) do not interfere with the timely implementation of transportation control measures. The Draft Conformity Analysis for the 2011 RTP and 2011 FTIP demonstrates that all of our adopted transportation plans and programs are in conformance with the rules for the applicable air quality standards.

Initiation of the 45-day review and comment period commenced on April 30 and will conclude on June 14, 2010. The Fresno COG Policy Board will conduct a public hearing on the RTP and related documents on May 27 and must adopt the documents on July 29, 2010. The period of time from the conclusion of the 45-day review and comment period to adoption by the Policy Board will be used to respond to any comments received, including at the public hearing.

A CD containing all of the documents was mailed to Committee and Board members for their review and comments. The documents were also posted on the COG website. Hard copies will be provided upon request.

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

C. **Update Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee [BESHEARS]**
➤ **RTMF Vesting Issues**

Summary: During the formation of the JPA and the framing of the language for implementing the fee the RTMF sub-committee went through a long reiterative process to "level the playing field" to equate tentative maps that were filed and deemed complete with tentative maps that were filed, deemed complete, and vested per the map act. It was clear the sub committee wished to equate all tentative subdivision maps as well as all tentative parcel maps. It has been pointed out the sections referencing the map in our resolution, Sections 66498.1 - 66498.9 refer only to a very small part of the map act. For instance the Sections governing parcel maps, multiple parcel maps, and their statutory extensions are

found in Section 66463. There are many other sections of the map act that may be applicable to our process. County Counsel has been requested to review the issue and if appropriate draft a resolution to remedy the situation. If a change to the adopted resolution is in order an RTMF Board public hearing will be duly noticed to adopt an amendment to the resolution.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

JOINT Transportation Technical Committee / Policy Advisory Committee

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. Fresno Freight Rail Realignment Study – Sandy Stadtfeld (URS Corp.)

Summary: Sandy Stadtfeld with URS Corp. will make a presentation on the Fresno Freight Rail Realignment Study. The Executive Summary of the Study is enclosed. The complete Study is available for review on the COG website at www.fresnocog.org.

Action: Staff recommends TTC/PAC accept the Fresno Freight Rail Realignment Study.

B. Caltrans Monthly Report

Policy Advisory Committee

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Administrative Amendment #17: Minor modifications made to ten projects. Modifications included adjustments and updates to existing lump sums, internal project adjustments in phase and year funding, and a change in funding source to an existing project. This administrative modification was approved by Caltrans on November 30, 2009.

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Administrative Modification #19: A minor modification to two projects that included adding two projects to the SHOPP program and modifying available funding between fiscal years. This modification was approved by Caltrans on December 29, 2009.

Formal Amendment #20: This was a "clean up" amendment that included many changes to single projects, revenues, and to the lump sums projects and back up lists. Amendment #20 initially included STIMULUS II revenues but was later split with Amendment #21 to remove the STIM II revenues. The direction to split the amendment was given by Caltrans and FHWA. The amendment was approved by FHWA on April 16, 2010.

Formal Amendment #21: This amendment added the preliminary target revenues only from the "Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010" (Stimulus II) to the financial element of the 2009 FTIP. This guidance was superseded when FHWA issued a ruling that stated they would not approve any amendments that contained Stim 2 funding and/or projects. Fresno COG withdrew Amendment 21 since the potential funds associated with the Jobs for Main Street Act were no longer considered "reasonably available". COFCG consulted with Caltrans HQ Programming and FHWA FTIP Coordinators and received concurrence that Amendment 21 should be withdrawn. Therefore the amendment was officially withdrawn on April 21, 2010 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Policy Board.

Administrative Modification #22: A minor modification to one project included a phase change to existing funding within the same year. This modification was approved on March 17, 2010 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.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2010-11 Final Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget – Resolution 2010-04 [BOREN]

Summary: Since the initial Draft OWP was released in February, we have made the following modifications: \$10,000 for *RTP On-Call Services* has been added to WE170 - Regional Transportation Plan; \$25,000 has been added to WE 411- Land Buffer Task Force for a public opinion survey for the Farmland Conservation Study; \$350,000 has been added to WE 415 - SJV IPlaces Pilot Program for a State Planning Resources Grant to fund the 8 Valley MPOs development of a model for analyzing various land use scenarios; and \$10,000 in donations has been added to WE 820 for the Valley Voice lobbying consultant.

The FY 2010/11 Overall Work Program totaling \$16,174,956 (including carryover projects) is submitted for your review and approval. This year's budget total reflects an increase of 15% (\$2,098,806) from the approved FY 2009-10 budget. Federal revenues have decreased by \$78,362. State revenues have increased 95% largely due to the Prop 84 state grant and a State Planning Resources grant we have agreed to administrate for the valley MPO partners. Local Revenues have decreased 3%, (\$193,118) largely due to lower sales tax from the Local Transportation Fund. To off set this reduction and balance the budget, \$289,008 is carried forward from reserves.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the 2010-11 Overall Work Program and Budget by adopting Resolution 2010-04

B. Draft 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and Conformity Analysis - PUBLIC HEARING May 27, 2010 [THOMPSON]

Summary: Fresno COG is currently updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and related documents to incorporate current information and activities concerning our transportation system and legislative and project changes.

Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): The 2011 RTP represents the long range planning vision for Fresno County's regional transportation system through the year 2035. A new addition to the RTP is the inclusion of a Climate Change Element. This Element affirms Fresno COG's support of efforts to address greenhouse gas emissions and identifies strategies, many of which are already in process, to reduce emissions. The RTP will not, however, address requirements of SB 375, specifically the inclusion of a Sustainable Community Strategy. An SCS cannot be developed until the greenhouse gas emissions targets have first been established and that will not occur until September 30, 2010, after the date by which the RTP must be adopted. Fresno COG will fully comply with SB 375 in the 2014 RTP, the first RTP to follow establishment of the final regional targets. The RTP addresses requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP): The 2011 FTIP is the incremental implementation of the long-range Regional Transportation Plan, providing for a four-year programming of projects. It includes new projects and updates to other projects.

Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR): The RTP consists of policy, action, financial, climate change, and environmental elements. The SEIR serves as the RTP's environmental element. Since certification of the previous RTP EIR in May 2007, new projects have been included in the 2011 RTP, the timing of those projects has changed, and other changes have occurred. As a result of these changes, rather than prepare a complete new EIR, Fresno COG was able to use the previous EIR and update/change sections to address RTP project changes, as well as greenhouse gas/global warming (Climate Change) and other issues.

Conformity Analysis: An air quality conformity analysis is required in nonattainment areas to ensure that transportation plans and programs are (1) consistent with the state and local air quality plans, and (2) do not interfere with the timely implementation of transportation control measures. The Draft Conformity Analysis for the 2011 RTP and 2011 FTIP demonstrates that all of our adopted transportation plans and programs are in conformance with the rules for the applicable air quality standards.

Initiation of the 45-day review and comment period commenced on April 30 and will conclude on June 14, 2010. The Fresno COG Policy Board will conduct a public hearing on the RTP and related documents on May 27 and must adopt the documents on July 29, 2010. The period of time from the conclusion of the 45-day review and comment period to adoption by the Policy Board will be used to respond to any comments received, including at the public hearing.

A CD containing all of the documents was mailed to Committee and Board members for their review and comments. The documents were also posted on the COG website. Hard copies will be provided upon request.

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

C. Update Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee [BESHEARS]

➤ **RTMF Vesting Issues**

Summary: During the formation of the JPA and the framing of the language for implementing the fee the RTMF sub-committee went through a long reiterative process to "level the playing field" to equate tentative maps that were filed and deemed complete with tentative maps that were filed, deemed complete, and vested per the map act. It was clear the sub committee wished to equate all tentative subdivision maps as well as all tentative parcel maps. It has been pointed out the sections referencing

the map in our resolution, Sections 66498.1 - 66498.9 refer only to a very small part of the map act. For instance the Sections governing parcel maps, multiple parcel maps, and their statutory extensions are found in Section 66463. There are many other sections of the map act that may be applicable to our process. County Counsel has been requested to review the issue and if appropriate draft a resolution to remedy the situation. If a change to the adopted resolution is in order an RTMF Board public hearing will be duly noticed to adopt an amendment to the resolution.

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

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE 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 Committee 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. On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract Extension [BITNER]

Summary: The On-Call Modeling Services contract provides COG staff with needed assistance in creating specialized script files, trouble shooting modeling problems and providing specialized training in dealing with the latest air quality regulations. The contract provides the following benefits:

- Assists COG staff with development of new and refined script when needed especially for air quality and conformity purposes.
- Research and develop new scripts and processes that will help staff use the model more effectively
- Troubleshoots major and minor problems.
- Assists in the professional development of the COG modeling and demographic staff.
- Assures that staff is aware of the latest land use techniques and data.
- Keeps staff informed on the latest modeling techniques and software.

Dowling Associates has developed the Fresno COG model and has assisted us with modeling issues related to SB 375. Because of Dowling's experience with our model and our experience with their technical staff we recommend the extension of the On-Call Modeling services contract.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the contract extension and authorization for the Executive Director to contract with Dowling Associates for on-call modeling assistance in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year.

B. Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT]

Summary: The enclosed report includes current bills in the 2010 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.

C. California Consulting LLC Report [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. The report that was distributed at last month's Policy Board meeting is included in the meeting package.

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

D. **Strategy Research Institute Report [BOREN]**

Summary: Gary Manross, SRI, will provide a written report this month on his consulting activities for the COG.

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

E. **Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO]**

Project

Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program

US Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Services, Rural Rental Housing Loans / Section 515

USDA Rural Development for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant

Applicant

City of Fresno

Parlier Avila Associates, A California Limited Partnership

City of San Joaquin

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

City of Fresno is applying for a FAA Airport Improvement Program for Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program Acoustically Treatment Residences in the amount of \$3,000,000 (Federal) and \$157,895 in matching funds for a grant total amount of \$3,157,895.

Parlier Avila Associates is applying for a USDA Rural Rental Housing Loan for the Avila Avenue Apartments, a 33-unit multi-family apartment complex and community building in the City of Parlier, CA. USDA-RD RRH 515 funding requested is \$1,000,000, \$213,396.00 in deferred developer's fees, \$1,900,000.00 City of Parlier / HOME funds, \$5,173,040.00 in other funds for a total development cost of \$8,286,436.00.

City of San Joaquin is applying for a USDA Rural Development for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant to install a new water well and water storage tank in the amount of \$1,425,000 (Federal) and \$475,000 in matching funds for a grant total amount of \$1,900,000.

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. **California Consulting LLC Contract Renewal [BOREN]**

Summary: The contract with California Consulting, LLC runs through June 30, 2010. Steve Samuelian has requested an extension of the contract through June 30, 2011 under the same terms as the existing contract which provide for a \$3,000 per month retainer, \$600 for special filings, and up to \$1,200 in reimbursed expense upon approval by the Executive Director.

Action: Fresno COG staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to enter into the contract extension with California Consulting LLC through June 30, 2011 under the existing contract terms.

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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