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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

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

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

Walt Plachta, BSK Associates
Jack Castro, City of Huron
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
John Downs, COG/FAX
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG

John Donaldson, League of Women Voters
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:

Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG
Lindsey Monge, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Lauren Dawson, 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 Nicolas Paladino, Vice Chair at 8:30 am.

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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John Donaldson (LWV) suggested that the TTC members stay around the table with the PAC members until after the presentations are over.

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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A. TTC/PAC Executive Minutes of April 16, 2010

B. 2009-10 Transportation Funding Claims – [FAWCETT]

C. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Final Estimates [FAWCETT]

Approve

Info/Approve

Approve

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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program Amendment #5 [BESHEARS] E. Transit Planning Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CSTA) FY 2010-11 Operations Program and Budget [JOSEPH – FRESNO EOC] 2. FCRTA Item: FY 2010-11 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Budget [JWEBSTER] 3. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CSTA) FY 2010-11 Operations Program and Budget [HALTERMAN] F. Blueprint Update [STECK] G. PTIS Update [DOWNS] H. Safe Routes to School (SR2S), Cycle 9 - Call for Projects [THOMPSON] I. 2009 FTIP Amendment Update [GARZA] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Initiate 45 day review Information Information Information Information |
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For a summary of these items please see May 14, 2010 Annotated Agenda.

Staff had items E, G, and I removed for further discussion.

A motion was made by Jeff Webster (FCRTA) and seconded by Ken Hamm (City of Fresno) to approve the Consent Items with the exception of items E, G, and I. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

E. Transit Planning Documents

John Donaldson (LWV) asked for an explanation of the differences between Urban and Rural Consolidated and the Rural Transit. John Downs explained that the Rural Consolidation service agency is Fresno County Rural Transit. EOC also works with this agency, both of the agencies stay outside of the urbanized areas where the consolidated services are done. As for the City of Fresno (CTSA) is a combination of Fresno Area Express and EOC. These agencies work together and are focused on the urbanized parts of the community. The City of Clovis has their own CTSA. Jeff Webster (FCRTA) explained that in 1979 this all related to the social services transportation improvement act and focused on numerous non-profit agencies that provide transportation. The COG was responsible to prepare a plan that coordinated with these functions. COG adopted a plan in 1982 and designated an Urban, Rural, and the City of Clovis.

3. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CSTA) FY 2010-11 Operations Program and Budget

Chip Ashley (Sierra Club) questioned why the Farebox ratio was exactly 10% across on the chart for the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service. John Downs (FAX) gave a brief explanation on how this is calculated.

G. PTIS Update

John Donaldson (LWV) questioned the increase in efficiency, why would the Vehicle miles only change by one tenth. John Downs gave a brief explanation.

I. 2009 FTIP Amendment Update

John Donaldson questioned why FHWA would issue a ruling that did not approve funding for Stim 2. Melissa Garza (COG) explained that when the H.I.R.E. bill was signed by the President there was no language about Stim 2.

Following discussion, a motion was made by John Donaldson (LWV) and seconded by Ken Hamm (FAX) to approve Consent Items E, G and I. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Tony Boren, Executive Director, reported on this item. The initial Draft OWP was released in February. Staff has 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) was submitted for 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.

John Donaldson (LWV) asked where the reserves come from. Les Beshears (COG) explained what happens in the process and where it is applied.

A motion was made by Ken Hamm (City of Fresno) and seconded by Dennis Manning (FARRC) to recommend approval of the 2010-11 Overall Work Program and Budget by adopting Resolution 2010-04. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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

Clark Thompson (COG) reported that 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.

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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.

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

**C. Update Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee
RTMF Vesting Issues**

> RTMF Vesting Issues

Les Beshears reported on this item. 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 that 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. This item will not be taken to the Board until June.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

1. Discussion of moving TTC/PAC meeting day in light of potential furlough Fridays. Mr. Boren pointed out that several cities are on Friday furloughs as well as Caltrans and suggested that the Committee look at other possible dates for the meeting. Mr. Boren will discuss this with the PAC and report back at the June meeting.

2. Potential Funding Sources. Ms. Steck handed out information regarding some potential funding sources related to sustainable communities, Blueprint and SB375. It was also noted that members should apply directly to the Department of Transportation for Tiger II funds.

B. Items from Members

Dennis Manning (FARRC) asked about forming a sub-committee for the new technology and who can participate. Staff will arrange a meeting to discuss this issue with Mr. Manning.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Sandy Stadtfeld with URS Corp. gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Fresno Freight Rail Realignment Study. The Executive Summary of the Study was enclosed in the packet. The complete Study is available for review on the COG website at www.fresnocog.org.

A motion was made by Lynn Gorman (County of Fresno) and seconded by Dave Elias (Fowler) to recommend TTC/PAC accept the Fresno Freight Rail Realignment Study. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. 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:

Rocky Rogers, City of Reedley
Lynn Gorman, County of Fresno
Alan Bengyel, City of Orange Cove
Jack Castro, City of Huron
David Elias, City of Fowler
Renee Mathis, City of Clovis
Roy Huerta, California Highway Patrol

Jose Ramirez, City of Firebaugh
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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 Rocky Rogers, Chair.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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A motion was made by and seconded by Gabe Gonzalez (Mendota) and second by Alan Bengyel (Orange Cove) to approve the Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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IX. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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A. On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract Extension [BITNER]	No	Approve
B. Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT]	Yes	Information
C. California Consulting LLC Report [BOREN]	Yes	Information
D. Strategy Research Institute Report [BOREN]	Yes	Information
E. Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO]	Yes	Approve

Project	Applicant
1. FAA - Airport Improvement Program - Noise Compatibility Program Treatment Residences	City of Fresno
2. USDA - Rural Housing Services - Rural Rental Housing Loans / Section 515	Parlier Avila Associates
3. USDA Rural Development for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant	City of San Joaquin

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A motion was made by Dave Elias (Fowler) and seconded by Jose Ramirez (Firebaugh) to approve the Consent Items with the exception of Item D. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. Strategy Research Institute Report

Lynn Gorman (County of Fresno) asked that staff schedule a meeting with Dr. Manross to review the progress on the Farmland Conservation issue before going forward with recommendation. Ms. Gorman and Mr. Rudd will attend.

A motion was made by Dave Elias (Fowler) and seconded by Gabriel Gonzalez (Mendota) to approve Item D. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. California Consulting LLC Contract Renewal

Tony Boren, Executive Director, reported on this item. The contract with California Consulting, LLC runs through June 30, 2010. Steve Samuelian 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.

A motion was made by Dave Elias (Fowler) and seconded by Alan Bengyel (Orange Cove) to recommend authorizing the Executive Director to enter into the contract extension with California Consulting LLC through June 30, 2011 under the existing contract terms. A vote was called for and the motion carried with eleven yes votes and one abstention from Lynn Gorman (County of Fresno).

XI. Other Business

A. Items from Staff

1. Discussion of moving TTC/PAC meeting day in light of potential furlough Fridays. Mr. Boren pointed out that several cities are on Friday furloughs as well as Caltrans and suggested that the Committee look at other possible dates for the meeting. After discussion the Committee felt that a change was not necessary.

2. Potential Funding Sources. Ms. Steck handed out information regarding some potential funding sources related to sustainable communities, Blueprint and SB375. It was also noted that members should apply directly to the Department of Transportation for Tiger II funds.

3. Immigration. At the April Board meeting, Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) requested that an item on Immigration be placed on the May agenda. Mr. Boren wanted to inform the City Managers of this item in the event that they wanted to brief the Mayors prior to the May 27th Board meeting.

B. Items from Members

Bruce Rudd (Fresno) briefly commented on the homeless housing issue and the City of Fresno's plans for developing a non-profit. Mr. Rudd also commented on the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee process for exemptions.

Mr. Beshears noted that an RTMF Subcommittee will be scheduled in early June to discuss appeal process and exemptions.

Steve Samuelian thanked the Committee for their vote of confidence and announced a round Table meeting with Barbara Alby on May 17th at 10 am.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director

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