

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-38

In the Matter of:)
)
TRANSPORTATION)
DEVELOPMENT ACT)
OF 1971)
_____)

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
CLAIM FOR THE CITY OF
FIREBAUGH, 2010-11

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (COG) is the administrator of the Local Transportation Fund as provided by Chapter 1400 of the California Statutes of 1971, and the State Transit Assistance Fund as provided by Chapter 161 & 322 of the Statutes of 1979 and 1982, respectively, and

WHEREAS, the COG has the authority to review claims and allocate such funds in accordance with the Transportation Development Act of 1971 and Chapter 3 of Title 21 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Firebaugh has submitted a Transportation Funding Claim for its 2010-11 fiscal year apportionment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation Funding Claim submitted by the City of Firebaugh has been reviewed and the following findings are hereby made:

1. The Funding Claim submitted by the City of Firebaugh has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan.
2. That the COG finds that priority consideration has been given to claims to offset reductions in federal operating assistance and the unanticipated increase in the cost of fuel, to enhance existing public transportation services, and to meet high-priority regional, countywide, or area wide public transportation needs.
3. On June 24, 2010 the COG Board approved Resolution 2010-14 which found that public transportation needs within the City of Firebaugh and its sphere of influence will be reasonably met in 2010-11.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COG hereby approves the Transportation Funding Claim submitted by the City of Firebaugh and allocates monies from the Transportation Development Act in accordance with the attached claim which is hereby made a part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Auditor-Controller of the County of Fresno cause the approved claim to be paid in the manner and time directed by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 18th day of November, 2010.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day of October, 2010.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 10-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIREBAUGH AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND CLAIM FOR FY 2010/2011

WHEREAS, the City of Firebaugh has prepared and hereby submits a Local Transportation Fund Claim from the Local Transportation Fund of Fresno County for fiscal year 2010/2011; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments has authority to review claims and allocate funds in accordance with the Transportation Development Act of 1971 and Chapter 3, Subchapter 2 and 2.5 Title 21 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments encourages inter jurisdictional coordination of transportation needs and increased coordination of transportation implementation plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Firebaugh City Council hereby requests the Council of Fresno County governments to allocate from the Local Transportation Fund to the City of Firebaugh for fiscal year 2010/2011 for the purposes allowed under Articles III, IV, and VIII of the Transportation Development Act of 1971, as identified in the attached claim and which is in accordance with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan and authorizes the City Manager to sign the claim;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Firebaugh further agrees to provide the Council of Fresno County Governments with such information as may be necessary to support its Annual Transportation Claim.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Firebaugh hereby requests that of the City's total Transportation Fund Apportionment for the fiscal year 2010/2011, an amount of \$173,692.00 shall be allocated from the Local Transportation Fund to the Council of Fresno County Governments for the purpose of conducting Regional Transportation Planning.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Firebaugh City Council at a regular meeting on the 18th day of October 2010, by the following vote, to wit:

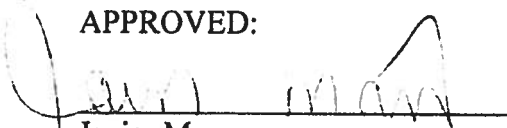
AYES: Council Members Sablan, Lake, Lowe, Marquez

NOES: Council Members

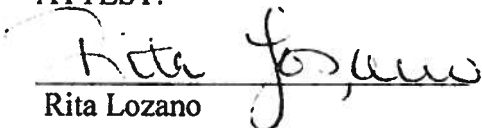
ABSTAIN: Council Members

ABSENT: Council Members DeFrancesco

APPROVED:


Javier Marquez
Mayor

ATTEST:


Rita Lozano
Deputy City Clerk

**ATTACHMENT A
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES
CERTIFICATIONS AND CLAIM**

TO: Fresno County Transportation Authority

FROM: City of Firebaugh

Address: 1575 11th Street
City: Firebaugh Zip Code 93622
Contact: Jose Antonio Ramirez, City Manager
Telephone: (559) 659-2043

1. The City of Firebaugh ("claimant") is an eligible claimant of funds for local transportation purposes pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 142257.
2. The Fresno County Transportation Authority has adopted a Resolution of Apportionment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 setting .73% of the amount for Local Transportation Purposes available to the claimant. On behalf of claimant, I hereby request release of the funds to claimant in accordance with:
 - (a) Monthly payments consistent with adopted percentage, based on actual receipts.
3. On behalf of claimant, I hereby certify as follows:
 - (a) That Local Transportation Purpose Funds are not being used to substitute for property tax funds which claimant had previously used for local transportation purposes. Such substitution of property tax funds is prohibited by California Public Utilities Code Section 142257.
 - (b) That claimant has segregated property tax revenues from claimant's other general funds revenues used to support local transportation purposes so that verification of non-substitution can be proved through audit or that the non-substitution of funds shall apply to claimant's entire general fund.
 - (c) That claimant shall account for Local Transportation Purpose Funds received pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 142257. Claimant shall maintain current records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and shall separately record expenditures for each type of eligible purpose. Claimant shall make such records available to the Authority for inspection or audit at any time.
4. Claimant understands that should financial or compliance audit exceptions be found, the Fresno County Transportation Authority will take immediate steps to resolve the exceptions in accordance with its adopted procedures.

Claimant's Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Jose A. Ramirez
City Manager

10/29/10

ATTACHMENT: Evidence of Formal Action for Approval and Submittal

Approved by: Fresno County Transportation Authority

Date: _____

Chairman: _____

Enter Date: 10/8/2010

Claimant Name: City of Firebaugh

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR: 2010/11

Two percent (2%) of the claimant's Local Transportation Fund apportionment must be spent on bicycle and pedestrian facilities (PUC 99233.3 and 99234); such claims are to be filed as Article 3. Claims for projects in excess of 2% may be filed as Article 8a (PUC 99400(a)). If other funding is to be used with Local Transportation Funds to implement projects, such funding should be shown on the claim form.

PROJECT TITLE & BRIEF DESCRIPTION	PROJECT COST
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1. Various Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities throughout the claimant's jurisdiction:

\$	3,474.00
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AND/OR:

1. Specify:

\$	-
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2. Specify:

\$	-
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TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

\$	3,474.00
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Revenue Source & Amount

LTF Article 3:

\$	3,474.00
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LTF Article 8a:

\$	-
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Other (specify):

\$	-
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Other (specify):

\$	-
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Audit Exception - General Payback Fund:

\$	-
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SUB-TOTAL

\$	3,474.00
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STREETS AND ROADS CLAIM FOR FISCAL YEAR: 2010/11

Local Transportation Funds coming to claimants within Fresno County may be used for streets and roads improvements and maintenance pursuant to Article 8 (PUC 99400), but only after Fresno COG makes a finding that public transportation needs within the claimant's jurisdiction are reasonably met by satisfying the service requirements set forth by the Regional Transportation Plan (PUC 99401.5).

PROJECT TITLE & BRIEF DESCRIPTION	PROJECT COST
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1. Development, Construction & Maintenance Facilities throughout the claimant's jurisdiction:

\$	-
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AND/OR:

1. Specify:

\$	-
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2. Specify:

\$	-
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TOTAL PROJECT COSTS

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Revenue Source & Amount

LTF Article 8a:

\$	141,488.00
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Other (specify):

\$	-
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Other (specify):

\$	-
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Audit Exception - General Payback Fund:

\$	-
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SUB-TOTAL

\$	141,488.00
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Press Release

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November 4, 2010

Contact: Rachel Wall
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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL DEDICATED TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY

\$4.3 Billion Will Go Toward Establishing Core of California System

SACRAMENTO – Following last week's announcement of an additional \$715 million award for the development of California's high-speed rail system, federal officials have clarified that the entirety of federal funding California has received so far must be spent in one of the two Central Valley sections of the project.

Which means approximately \$4.3 billion in infrastructure investment will be directed somewhere in the region between Merced and Bakersfield.

California High-Speed Rail Authority CEO Roelof van Ark announced today that a letter received Wednesday from Federal Railroad Administrator Joe Szabo outlines the federal agency's requirement that all federal funds for the project must be directed to either the Merced-to-Fresno or to the Fresno-to-Bakersfield portion of the project. The available funding total incorporates the Authority's January 2010 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal funding award, matched dollar-for-dollar with state funds, and last week's award of \$715 million matched with an additional 30 percent in state funding.

"The Central Valley is indeed key to creating the core of a true high-speed rail system in California, as that is where our trains will travel truly high speeds of 220 miles per hour," van Ark said. "But no matter where we start building, the goal remains the same: a statewide high-speed rail system up and running in 2020 connecting the Bay Area with the metropolitan area of Los Angeles and Anaheim, that creates thousands of jobs, improves air quality, and provides us all with a cheaper, faster and more convenient way to travel."

The first phase of the 800-mile project will connect the Bay Area with Los Angeles and Anaheim, traveling through Merced, Fresno and Bakersfield. California has received the largest amount of federal funding awarded to this work in any state, which signals that the project has the confidence of the Obama administration.

Board members meet today to consider formal criteria to guide the selection of which of the segments of the project will receive the initial capital funding. The proposed criteria reflect both the legal requirements in Proposition 1A and federal law, as well as steps to maximize the benefits to the public while minimizing risks to project completion.

The legal requirements include meeting the federal deadline of fall 2017 for completing construction and "operational independence" – meaning quantifiable benefits such as improved travel reliability, reduced travel time, or more frequent intercity rail service, even if the overall high-speed rail system is not completed.

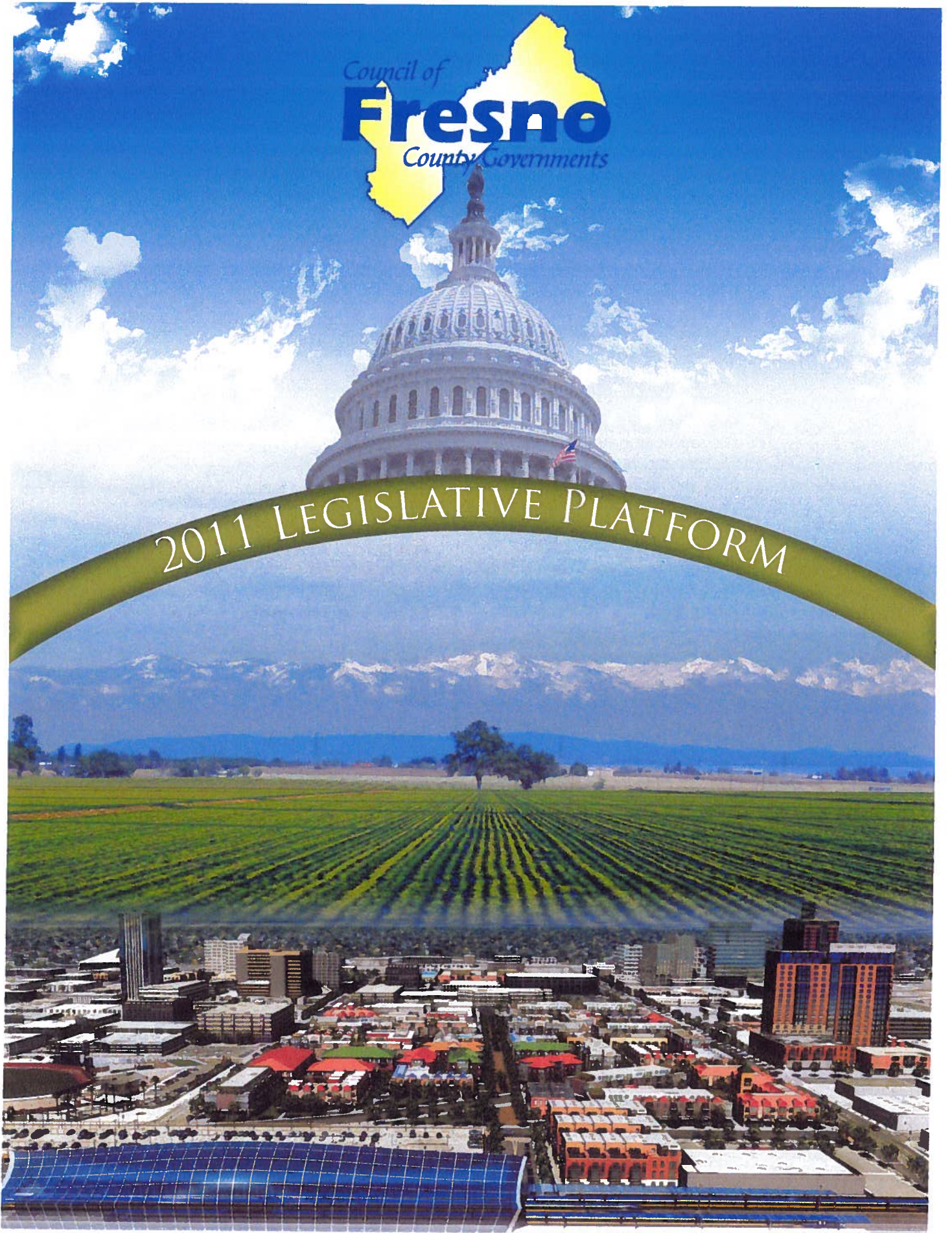
Other factors proposed for consideration include ensuring that the first segment built forms the core of a statewide system; building the most useful high-speed train infrastructure at the lowest cost; and any other factors, including potential litigation, that could delay construction.

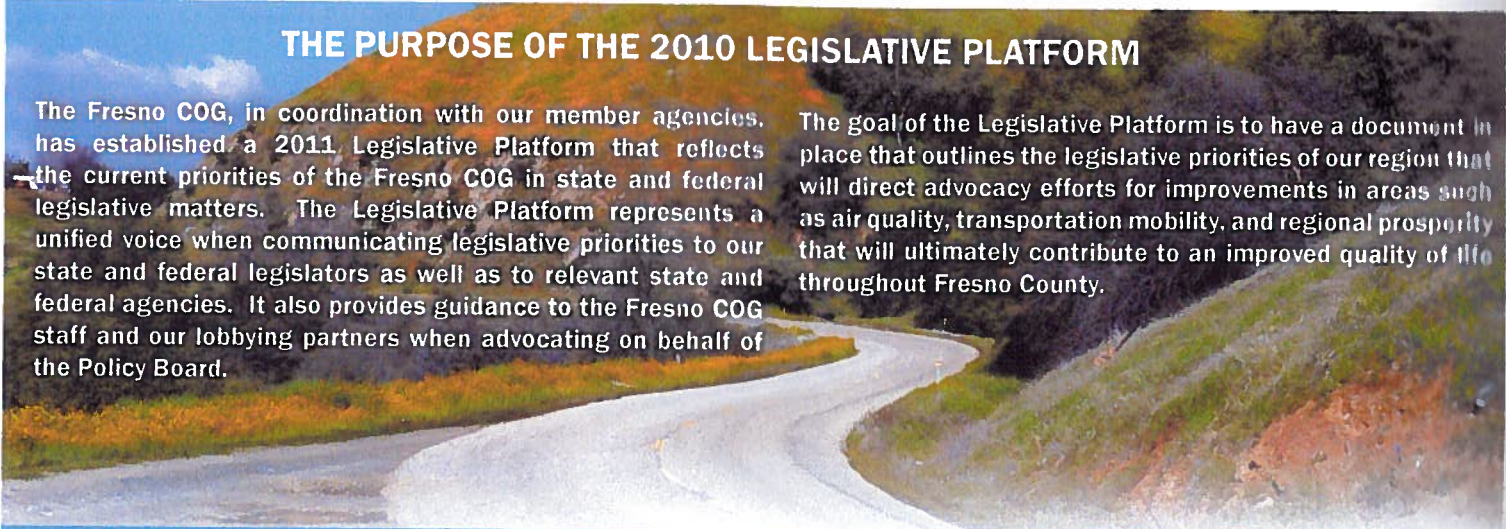
The Board is scheduled to select the project section which is first to be constructed at its December meeting. The selection of a heavy maintenance facility will not be a part of that decision, and will not be decided until after the environmental review process has been completed.

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Council of
Fresno
County Governments

2011 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM





THE PURPOSE OF THE 2010 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Fresno COG, in coordination with our member agencies, has established a 2011 Legislative Platform that reflects the current priorities of the Fresno COG in state and federal legislative matters. The Legislative Platform represents a unified voice when communicating legislative priorities to our state and federal legislators as well as to relevant state and federal agencies. It also provides guidance to the Fresno COG staff and our lobbying partners when advocating on behalf of the Policy Board.

The goal of the Legislative Platform is to have a document in place that outlines the legislative priorities of our region that will direct advocacy efforts for improvements in areas such as air quality, transportation mobility, and regional prosperity that will ultimately contribute to an improved quality of life throughout Fresno County.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Protect and enhance current funding levels for transportation-related programs.
- Continue to advocate for transportation-related improvements in state and federal legislation that build sustainable communities and facilitate economic development.
- Continue to coordinate advocacy efforts with our local and regional partners to advance common goals and shared interests that will contribute significantly to an improved quality of life for Fresno County residents.

MEMBER AGENCY PRIORITIES

- Advocate for legislative priorities that are consistent with our identified general principles throughout the year by our local member agencies and agreed upon by the Fresno COG Policy Board.
- Pursue state and federal programs that contribute to economic development and support economic recovery.

ONE VOICE ADVOCACY EFFORTS

- Support Federal Surface Transportation Program and FY 2011 Federal appropriation requests for Fresno COG One Voice projects and priorities.
- Continue to pursue state support for the projects and policy issues identified through the Fresno COG One Voice efforts.

VALLEY VOICE ADVOCACY EFFORTS

- Support Federal Surface Transportation Program authorizations and FY 2011 Federal appropriation requests for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council's Valley Voice projects and priorities.
- Continue to pursue state support for the projects and policy issues identified through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council's Valley Voice efforts.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

FUNDING - FEDERAL

Actively participate with Caltrans and other interests on the development of state and national consensus principles and priorities that will be favorable to the Fresno County region for the next Federal Surface Transportation Bill anticipated in 2011.

FUNDING - STATE

Support legislation to implement and maximize Fresno County's regional share of bond funding provided by Proposition 1B (includes 99 Corridor improvements and local match programs), and Proposition 84 (includes the sustainable communities and climate change reduction grants).

FUNDING - LOCAL

- Support efforts to reward self-help counties in funding programs and policies.
- Support legislation that lowers the threshold required to pass transportation initiatives to 55%.
- Support legislation that includes the use of design/build, public/private partnerships, and other innovative financing for transportation infrastructure projects.

HIGH SPEED RAIL

- Support federal and state funding for the development of the high-speed rail system in California.
- Support location of High-Speed Rail heavy maintenance facility in the City of Fresno or Fresno area consistent with Fresno County's Expression of Interest.
- Support the Central Valley segment of the high-speed rail system being completed first since its construction is not as complex or costly as other alternatives.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Promote the inclusion of transportation and other types of infrastructure funding in any state and federal proposal for an economic stimulus package.
- Support policies that create the skilled and labor ready work force that Fresno County desperately needs to combat high rates of unemployment and poverty of Fresno County residents.
- Remove policy obstacles to the regional economy as a whole, and direct jobs-creation provisions, including a direct wage subsidy for small businesses to create jobs and grants to retrofit public buildings.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANNING

SENATE BILL 375 (2008)

Reject the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission targets adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Targets were not based on the best information available from the SJV regions. The SJV urges the CARB to work in conjunction with the Valley MPOs and with the best methodology available to reevaluate the targets in 2012 or earlier.

Ensure cleanup legislation and implementation guidelines related to SB 375 that advance Fresno County's transportation and land use goals.

Advocate for funding proposals submitted for Proposition 84 and other sources, to adequately assist Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and local governments in implementation of SB 375.

Advocate for expansion of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) streamlining for transportation projects that are consistent with a Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Advocate for local agencies to be able to use the EIRs and EISs prepared for the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy when performing project-level CEQA analysis for transportation projects. This will reduce the analytical burden and cost for transportation projects and eliminate duplication of effort.

BLUEPRINT PLANNING

- Support consistent and ongoing funding in the state budget for the implementation and update of regional blueprints.
- Support consistency with regional blueprints as a major factor in allocating bond funds from state agencies and in developing legislation and state policies on climate change.



PROCESS STREAMLINING

Support legislation and/or administrative reforms to streamline the federal and state government's project delivery process and to eliminate unnecessary and/or duplicative requirements.



AIR QUALITY

Seek the establishment of a new San Joaquin Valley designation as an Air Quality Enterprise/Empowerment Zone at the state and federal levels.

WATER

- Water is currently the most critical issue being faced by the San Joaquin Valley. The San Joaquin Valley needs the support and partnership of State and Federal legislators, and water management and infrastructure agencies as we work through the complex issues surrounding water supply, reliability, and quality.
- The region relies on a combination of ground water pumping and surface water deliveries to supply its water needs, which are crucial to Fresno County's and the San Joaquin Valley's ag-based economies.
- The successes or failures of the agricultural industry reverberate throughout the regional economy.
- The loss of surface water supplies over the last decade, especially the last two years of drought exacerbated by pumping restrictions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, have put a tremendous strain on the agricultural economy and the communities it supports.
- As drought and Delta pumping restrictions reduce surface water supplies, increased pumping pressures are placed on groundwater supplies, risking the long-term reliability and quality of these crucial water sources.

ENERGY

Support the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's Energy Development advocacy efforts. Their mission is to promote energy use efficiencies and adoption of clean, renewable energy technologies to ensure a reliable supply, grow the economy, and improve air quality.

ABOUT THE FRESNO COG

OUR ROLE:

The Fresno Council of Governments, better known as Fresno COG, brings together mayors, city council members and county supervisors to work on regional issues for Fresno County. Since its inception in 1969, Fresno COG has primarily acted as the transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for Fresno County. Fresno COG functions as both the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency and for federal purposes, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

ORGANIZATION:

A 16-member Policy Board gives Fresno COG policy direction. The Board consists of the mayors from each of the 15 incorporated cities in Fresno County and the Chairman of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. Fresno COG offers each of these agencies an opportunity to come together on a level playing field to discuss and resolve transportation and related air quality issues that go beyond their own jurisdictional boundaries.

REGIONAL PROFILE:

Fresno County is classified as an urban county (despite many rural characteristics) and is located in the Central San Joaquin Valley within the state of California. Fresno County is the first most populous county and second geographically largest county in the San Joaquin Valley, encompassing approximately 6,000 square miles. With \$5.4 billion a year in commercial crop production it is the nation's leading farm county. The January 2010 population of 953,761 places Fresno as the tenth most populous of the 58 California counties and the City of Fresno is the fifth most populous city in the state, with a population of 502,303. There are fifteen incorporated cities and the county contains a federally-recognized urbanized area – the Fresno Clovis Metropolitan Area – with a January 2010 population of 683,000.

FRESNO COG POLICY BOARD

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Caltrans Status of Projects
(As of November 2010)

Route	Location Description	Estimated Ready to Begin Construction	Estimated End Construction	Project Manager	Comment
41	From 0.3 Mi north of Bullard Ave OC to Herndon Ave UC - Herndon Aux Lanes	07/10	01/12	Anand Kapoor (559) 243-3588	Under construction. On Schedule.
41	From Ashlan Ave to 0.2 Mi north of Bullard Ave - Install Ramp Meters at 4 locations	06/10	01/12	Anand Kapoor (559) 243-3588	Under construction. On Schedule.
99	From North Goshen Overhead to Conejo Ave Separation - Widen 4 Lane Freeway to 6 Lanes	02/11	08/14	Phillip Sanchez (559) 243-3466	Advertised 8/30/2010; Bids open 10/19/2010. 60 day Award.
99	From Ashlan Ave to Grantland Ave - Widen 4 Lane Freeway to 6 Lanes	08/10	09/12	Jim Bane (559) 243-3469	SR99 Bond funded project with construction costs estimated at \$21 M. Construction contract awarded and approved. Scheduled to start construction activity in mid to late October.
99	From Grantland Ave to Ave 7, Widen 4 Lane Freeway to 6 Lanes	04/12	07/16	Jim Bane (559) 243-3469	Preparing final design. Right of Way mapping complete. Property appraisals underway. Coordinating with utility companies for relocation work. Will be meeting with SJ River regulatory agencies and concerned groups concerning bridge aesthetics, necessary permitting, and specific work requirements within the river bottom.

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