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ANNOTATED AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, November 5, 2010
Time: 9:00 am

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, November 5, 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 9:00 a.m.

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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

1. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]

Summary: Caltrans staff will present an update.

Action: This is an information item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

2. SJV 511 Web site and COG02 Presentation [SOBRADO]

Summary: In July of this year, San Joaquin Valley MPOs quietly released the www.511sjv.org website. The website includes:

- Basic real-time traffic information for the San Joaquin Valley
- Traffic for the City of Fresno
- California Highway Patrol incident information
- Public transit information for Fresno County
- Rideshare information
- Bicycling information
- and more.

Currently, Fresno COG is working with the other participating MPOs of Kern County, Tulare County, Kings County, Madera County, San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County and Merced County to add additional content to the site.

Sometime back, Fresno COG started a project named COG02 whereby staff designed and built a small map application for cities in Fresno County to use to display planned road closures within their cities. Each city will have the ability to upload their traffic data to the website using an Excel worksheet. The system will process the data and display it on a Google map layer. The report incident information will be automatically removed by the system at the time designated by the city administrator. Staff will be sending out log-in information to cities along with providing personalized instruction when the system is completed in the next week or two.

The completed planned road closures website will be added to the www.511sjv.org website.

Action: This information is intended for TTC / PAC members but if recommended, Fresno COG staff will present this information to Fresno COG Policy Board members.

3. West Area Transportation Circulation and Planning Study – Jeff Clark, P. E., Fehr & Peers [TWEBSTER]

Policy Advisory Committee

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

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A. Amendment No. 2 to FY 2010-11 Overall Work Program [BESHEARS]

Summary: Work Element 152 High Speed Rail Study – \$15,000 is being carried over to complete the HOK High Speed Rail Maintenance Station Study that was previously authorized. The project was funded with FHWA PL local match.

Work Element 312 COG View Homepage – A \$30,000 contract with JSA, previously authorized to update the Website, is being carried over with FHWA PL and local match.

Work Element 313 Environmental Justice – The San Joaquin Valley MPOs have agreed to participate in Kern COG's \$277,000 San Joaquin Valley Tribal Environmental Justice Grant incorporating participation from 47 Central Valley Tribal governments to balance the protection of cultural resources and plan for sustainable communities. Objectives of the grant include Tribal workshops on protection of cultural resources, transportation planning, and resource mapping. Fresno's portion is \$6,453 which includes \$1,400 In Kind and \$5,000 cash match.

Work Element 320 Technical Assistance to Member - The County of Fresno was awarded grant funds to do a \$330,000 Old Fig Garden Community Transportation Land Use Plan to explore potential traffic calming measures and landscaping of major and minor streets in Old Fig Garden. We have been asked to contribute \$5,000 in cash matching funds to the study.

Work Element 811 San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement – The San Joaquin Valley MPO's were awarded a State Planning Resources Grant to perform a \$635,000 Valley Goods Movement study. There are \$300,000 in SPR grant funds requiring a \$75,000 match and the Valley MPO's have agreed to provide an additional \$260,000 over match. Caltrans advised that the over match can be funded with FHWA PL funds. Fresno's share of the project is \$79,196 of which \$54,415 is FHWA PL and \$24,781 will be funded with Measure "C" Planning funds.

Work Element 940 Freeway Service Patrol - \$1,800 in Local Match funding is included to correct a typographical omission in the initial adopted budget.

Action: Staff recommends adoption of 2010/11 OWP Amendment #2 increasing the budget \$693,253.

B. Monthly Legislative Update [GARZA]

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, Melissa Garza, if you have any questions.

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

C. Strategy Research Institute Report [BOREN/MANROSS]

Summary: Dr. Gary Manross, Strategy Research Institute will provide a verbal report at the Policy Board. A written report is included in the meeting package.

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

D. Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO]

	Project	Applicant
1.	One Time Program Improvement 2011 Head Start-Preschool and Early Head Start	Fresno County EOC

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

1. *Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission – Head Start-Preschool and Early Head Start 2011 Refunding Application.*
\$30,116,740 – Federal, \$7,529,185 – Applicant: \$37,645,925 - Total

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.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2011 Legislative Platform [GARZA]

Summary: Staff has completed the 2011 Legislative Platform, a copy of which will be handed out at PAC for approval due to the meeting package mail out prior to receiving feedback at the October Policy Board meeting. The Fresno COG Legislative Platform includes the advocacy priorities of the Fresno COG in state and federal legislative matters. It represents a unified voice when communicating legislative priorities to our state and federal lawmakers 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 final Legislative Platform reflects the most current priorities for advocacy in the upcoming 2011 state and federal legislative sessions.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the Fresno COG 2011 Legislative Platform as the official positions on transportation and other associated legislative policies.

B. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

Summary: Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC will provide a verbal report at PAC and the Policy Board. A written report is included in the meeting package.

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

C. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Items [THOMPSON]

1. FY 2009-10 Fourth Quarter Summary Status Report

Summary: Status reports are typically submitted quarterly to ensure proper distribution of funding to the member agencies. This status report contains the following information:

- The gross amount of money received by the Authority from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund during the quarter.
- An itemized statement of the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund monies expended by the Authority during the quarter.
- An accounting of money expended for major purchases, if any.
- An accounting of unexpended revenues from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund.
- An accounting of the total number of vehicles and parts thereof abated by the Authority during the quarter.

The enclosure for this item indicates the level of activity and distribution of funding to the member agencies. During the quarter, member agencies expended \$205,979.98 conducting AVA activities. A total of 1,104 vehicles were abated this quarter, compared to 723 vehicles abated during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, a significant increase of nearly 53%.

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2009-10 Fourth Quarter Summary Status Report as presented.

2. FY 2009-10 Annual Report

Summary: The total number of vehicles abated in Fiscal Year 2009-10 was 3,986, or 398 more vehicles than the previous year. A total of \$705,982.38 in revenue from the additional \$1 vehicle registration fee was received by the AVA Service Authority and total expenditures were \$754,690.21. Because expenditures exceeded revenues by \$48,707.83, the first time this has occurred since the program began in Fiscal Year 2004-05, the program's accumulated surplus has declined to slightly under \$200,000. This number is just 5 percent of total program revenues of nearly \$4 million.

In addition to the declining surplus, which staff expects to continue this and subsequent years, other positive program developments include the increased number of vehicle abatements and participation by the cities of Mendota and Orange Cove. Of concern, however, is the lack of

participation by some jurisdictions and, in some cases, the related loss of trained personnel to implement the program due to local budgetary issues and other factors.

The enclosure for this item provides additional information on Fresno County's Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program. This information is required by the State Controller's Office on an annual basis.

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***Items listed as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Committee.**

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