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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD

Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present: Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, City of Kerman, Chair
Mayor Dennis Lujan, City of Selma, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Jose Flores, City of Clovis
Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor Javier Marquez, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
Mayor Ashley Swearengin, City of Fresno
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Bruce Blayney, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Victor Ruiz, City of Sanger
Supervisor Judy Case, County of Fresno

Christine Cox-Kovacevich, Caltrans
Janelle Kelley, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:53 p.m. by Mayor Trinidad Rodriguez (Kerman).

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 14 members present representing 46.48% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and Fresno County). Mayor Ramon Dominguez (Huron) arrived at 5:53 p.m. after the meeting was called to order (15 members, 47.33%) and Mayor Ashley Swearengin (Fresno) arrived at 6:00 p.m. (16 members, 100%).

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

Mayor Dhaliwal had requested that a short presentation be given by Pashaura Singh Dhillon, Education Coordinator Sikh Council of Central California. Mr. Dhillon reported that November 2010 is being recognized by the California Assembly as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month as acknowledgment of the significant contributions made by Californians of Sikh heritage. After his presentation many members of the Board mentioned their cities would also be preparing a Proclamation for this occasion.

I. TRANSPORTATION 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.

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| A. FY 2010-11 Transportation Funding Claims – [FAWCETT] | Approve |
| B. Triennial Performance Audits [BESHEARS] | Approve |
| C. Federal Fiscal Year Call for Projects: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 4 – [GARZA] | Accept |

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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| D. Unmet Transit Needs Quarterly Report [LONG] | Information |
| E. New Madera Amtrak Station Grand Opening [THOMPSON] | Information |
| F. Blueprint Update [STECK] | Information |
| G. Fresno COG 2011 One Voice Update [STECK] | Information |

For a complete summary of these items, please see the October 28, 2010 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Ruiz (Sanger) to approve all Transportation Consent Items. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. SB 375 Update [BOREN/CAI]

Ms. Cai (Fresno COG) presented this item and reported that per the direction of the Board at the September meeting, a letter was written to the Governor regarding the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) representation on the ARB Board. At the SJVAPDC Board meeting last week, it was discussed that Dr. Telles should present the Valley position at the ARB so that the Valley is accurately represented. There was also discussion regarding this position being filled by an elected official.

Mr. Boren (Fresno COG) mentioned that Steve Samuelian is following up with the Governor on this issue and will continue to do so even after the election next week. The Fresno COG Board will continue leadership on this issue and will revisit.

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

B. Golden State Corridor Progress Report – Michael Knopf, President of Quad Knopf [DAWSON]

Ms. Dawson (Fresno COG) introduced the team from Quad Knopf who have been working on the Golden State Corridor Project. Michael Knopf, Steve Brandt, Lydia Zabrycki, and Ron Wathen from Quad Knopf, along with Georgiena Vivian from VRPA Technologies gave an update on this Project based on their involvement with the Project. The topographic survey was delivered on October 4, 2010 (approximately one-third of the budget) and the design guidelines manual is approximately 50% complete. They are continuing to work on these items as well as the investigation of the use of reclaimed wastewater for irrigation, traffic study, economic development opportunities and environmental analyses.

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

C. Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS) Update – Kimley-Horn [DOWNS]

Mr. Downs (FAX/Fresno COG) introduced Jim Daisa and Julie Eldridge from Kimley-Horn & Associates who gave an update on the Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS).

QUORUM: Mayor Rodriguez (Kerman) left the meeting at 6:47 p.m. and Mayor Lujan (Selma) assumed the Chair position. There were 15 members present representing 98.49% of the population and there was a quorum.

Mr. Daisa reported that a Very Small Starts application for \$35 million was submitted to the FTA in September to fund Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Blackstone and Ventura/Kings Canyon. He expects to hear any day on the outcome of this application. A feasibility study for a downtown streetcar, with a preferred alignment and economic impacts analysis, is nearing completion. The study also looked at the feasibility of Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) in a test case application for the CSU Fresno campus.

Ms. Eldridge presented three transportation and land use scenarios and the resulting mode shift to transit, walking and bicycling, along with a set of draft policy recommendations. These are for discussion prior to inclusion in the final plan recommendations. Final deliverables on this project are due by the end of May 2011.

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

D. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]

Ms. Cox-Kovacevich (Caltrans) presented this item and reported that the State has a budget; however, there was a large reduction in capital staffing. There is currently a hard freeze where they are unable to fill vacancies. There was also a line item veto in the budget of the project initiation document resource for quality assurance on oversight project initiation documents. There was a misunderstanding on the part of the Governor's office and CalTrans staff is working diligently to resolve this. They have reviewed the qualified firms for design build of the Hwy 180 braided ramps and an RFP and contract should be issued soon. The North Goshen to Conejo widening project bids came in 1% lower than the engineer's estimate which is a savings of \$72 million. This will go into the Hwy 99 bond savings effort. There were a number of schools in the Fresno County area that received Safe Routes to School grants for improvements.

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

Fresno COG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board

III. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Fast (Reedley) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. September 30, 2010 Executive Minutes | Approve |
| B. Monthly Legislative Update [GARZA] | Information |
| C. SJV Regional Policy Council Update from Fall Policy Conference [STECK] | Information |

For a complete summary of these items, please see the October 28, 2010 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve all Administrative Consent Items as outlined above. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Mayor Swarengin (Fresno) asked for clarification on Item C, specifically Items 9 and 12 on the Regional Policy Council Executive Minutes dated October 7, 2010. Mr. Boren (Fresno COG) addressed this question and responded that CALCOG is pulling out of advocacy to focus on policy instead due to the difficulties they have had in finding statewide consensus on issues for which they can advocate. As far as regional organization in the Valley, the COG Directors continue to focus and work on the issues they have in common. No changes in this structure are planned at this time.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – Funding Request [BOREN]

Mr. Boren (Fresno COG) reported that the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley is in the fourth year of its Strategic Action Plan. The Governor extended the Executive Order on the Partnership indefinitely, but state funding is not assured. Last year, Fresno COG contributed \$33,500 and the Partnership is requesting a similar amount this year.

A motion was made by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) and seconded by Mayor Marquez (Firebaugh) to table this item until after the November election. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Contract for Valley Model Improvements [BITNER]

Mr. Bitner (Fresno COG) presented this item and reported that this contract is for transportation model improvements for each of the eight San Joaquin Valley MPO traffic models. The money for

this contract is from Proposition 84 funds awarded by the Strategic Growth Council in October 2009. Fresno COG is the lead MPO for this contract and an RFP was released in early September 2010. One proposal was received from a team of eight modeling consultants and the valley model improvements must be completed by February 2012.

There was discussion from the Board Members about being uncomfortable authorizing this expenditure without seeing the contract or proposal.

A motion was made by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flores (Clovis) to table this item until the November 18, 2010 Policy Board Meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Gang Prevention Subcommittee Appointment [BOREN]

Mr. Boren (Fresno COG) presented this item and reported that the Fresno County Interagency Council for Children and Families has asked the Council of Fresno County Governments to identify a representative for the category Mayor's Offices for a Steering Committee for the County's gang prevention initiative.

Mayor Lopez (Parlier) nominated Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove), Mayor Lujan (Selma) nominated Mayor Fast (Reedley), Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) nominated Mayor Silva (Mendota) who declined the nomination.

A motion to forward these names to the Fresno County Interagency Council for Children and Families was made by Supervisor Case (Fresno County) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin). A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. 2011 Legislative Platform [GARZA]

Ms. Garza (Fresno COG) presented this item and asked for any input before the final draft is prepared for approval in November.

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

E. AB1234 Training in November [STECK/BOREN]

Mr. Boren (Fresno COG) reported that Hilda Montoy will conduct AB1234 Ethics training prior to the Board Meeting on November 18. Please contact Marla Day (Fresno COG) to sign up. Ms. Day noted a time change from 3:30 to 3:00 p.m.

F. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

Juan Garza of California Consulting gave a verbal report on consulting activities for the COG during the month. There have been meetings with the ARB, CalEPA, Governor's office and others throughout the month. He reported that Darius Assemi has been confirmed to the California Transportation Commission and a trip is being planned to Sacramento for February for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council. They are also working to secure meetings with the new Governor, Senators and Valley Legislators after the election takes place.

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

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Mr. Boren (Fresno COG) mentioned the press release that the California High-Speed Rail Authority has been awarded \$715 million by the federal government. This brings the total funding secured to begin construction on the core of the system to \$4.3 billion. The \$715 million included a designation that \$715 million of the funding be used on an eligible section in the Central Valley. No decisions have been made as to where the first segment will be built, but this is a definite plus for the Valley.

QUORUM: Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. There were 14 members present representing 97.89% of the population and there was a quorum.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from Members.

VII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the COG on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the COG on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

Leroy Brown addressed the Board about the need to develop a program that will help those who live in the housing projects in Fresno County to obtain construction jobs on these projects. The Fresno City/County Housing Authority has been resistant to developing such a program and Mr. Brown asked for the members of this Board to get together and help the Fresno City/County Housing Authority see the need for this type of program.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier). A vote was called for and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned to the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Agency Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director

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Attachment A

Observers and Non-Members
COG Board Meeting
October 28, 2010

Lydia Zabrycki, Quad Knopf
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County
Ron Wathen, Quad Knopf
Steve Brandt, Quad Knopf
Mike Knopf, Quad Knopf
Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies
Juan Garza, California Consulting, LLC
Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Julie Eldridge, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Jim Daisa, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Scott Anderson, Terry's House
Leta Cravaglia, Terry's House
John Downs, FAX/Fresno COG
Denise Goodman, Community Regional Medical Center
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Lauren Dawson, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Laural Fawcett, Fresno COG
Kai Han, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG
Toni Graham, Fresno COG