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ANNOTATED AGENDA

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2010
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

NOTICE:
**COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD MEETING WILL
BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FRESNO COUNTY RURAL
TRANSIT AGENCY MEETING**

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

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.

A. FY 2010-11 Transportation Funding Claims – [FAWCETT]

Summary: FY 2010/11 Transportation Development Act Claims. The amounts claimed for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) funds are:

Jurisdiction:	LTF Fund:	STA Fund:	Other:	Grand Total:
City of Clovis	\$2,424,034	\$ 503,007	\$ 236,222	\$3,163,263
City of Firebaugh	\$ 173,692	\$ 35,617	N/A	\$ 209,309
County of Fresno	\$4,373,785	\$ 896,885	\$239,984	\$5,510,654

The County of Fresno claim was received after the TTC/PAC meeting. In the interest of timely processing of this claim, Resolution 2010-39 is being presented to the Policy Board for approval.

Action: TTC, PAC and Staff recommend approval of the funding claims by adopting Resolution 2010-37, 38 and 39.

B. Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) [LONG]

Summary: The SSTAC was formed in May 1988 by the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) Policy Board to; respond to State legislation and to coordinate social service transportation; assist the Fresno COG Board in identifying transit needs throughout Fresno County; review and recommend action for the Fresno COG to address at its unmet transit needs hearing; and advise the Fresno COG on any other major transit issues. The Fresno COG Board appoints SSTAC members for a term of three years.

Two SSTAC members whose terms expired in this year have agreed to accept re-appointments to the Council. They are; Mr. Bob Hand, Resources for Independence Central Valley and Ms. Terri Staples a Potential Transit User 60 Years of Age or Older.

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

In addition to these re-appointments, SSTAC will be removing Mr. Bill Sheen from the Council due to his inability to continue serving.

Article III, Section 99238 of The Transportation Development Act requires a minimum number of SSTAC members in specific categories. There is no maximum number of members specified in the TDA and in the interest of diversity, staff is seeking additional nominations. Specifically, staff is seeking members who represent minority groups and potential transit users. A complete list of SSTAC members is included in your agenda package.

Action: TTC, PAC and Staff recommend approval of the reappointment of two existing members to SSTAC and the removal of one member from SSTAC.

C. Blueprint Update [STECK]

Summary: The consultant team will be delivering the Blueprint Roadmap Implementation Strategy and a beta version of the web-based planner's toolkit in November. We will be sending links out for review as we do not have scheduled committee meetings in December. We plan to have the items on the agenda in January for discussion and comment. The summary of the SJV Blueprint planning process (the first deliverable) is available on line at www.valleyblueprint.org.

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

D. Fresno COG 2011 One Voice Update [STECK/GARZA]

Summary: We are in the process of planning for our annual One Voice trip back to Washington DC where we will present a list of priorities for the region. The 2011 One Voice trip will take place February 26 - March 3, 2011. Our trips over the past several years have been quite fruitful as noted in the Fresno COG website www.fresnocog.org under the "One Voice" tab.

At the kick-off meeting on September 8th, participants suggested that we delay the project selection schedule until we know the outcome of the mid term elections. The revised timeline for the 2011 project selection process is as follows:

- Kick-off Meeting – Wednesday, September 8, 2010 @ 3:00 PM at COG
- Mail/Email Call for Projects – Wednesday, September 15, 2010
- Meeting with legislative staff – Wednesday, November 17, 2010 @ 3:00 PM
- Deadline for project submittal – Friday, November 19, 2010 @ 5:00 PM
- Project Selection Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 1, 2010 @ 1:30 PM
- Policy Issues Meeting – Wednesday, December 8, 2010 @ 3:00 PM
- COG Policy Board Approval of Project List – Thursday, January 27, 2011

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

E. EPA Proposal to Disapprove PM2.5 Plan [DAWSON]

Summary: On November 8, 2010, EPA's Regional Administrator signed a proposed rule, and issued a press release, to approve in part and disapprove in part the San Joaquin Valley 2008 PM2.5 Plan. The parts of the plan (prepared by the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and the California Air Resources Board) that they propose to approve strengthen the PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP). The portions of the plan EPA proposes to disapprove do not meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and EPA regulations. EPA is taking public comments for 60 days after the publication in the Federal Register.

A fact sheet explaining this action is included in your packet. EPA, ARB and the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District are confident that the inadequacies will be satisfactorily addressed when the Air District completes the April 2011 PM2.5 SIP Mid-Course review.

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

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Measure C Regional Transportation Program [BESHEARS]

Summary: On, September 14 and October 21, 2010 the Measure "C" Subcommittee met to discuss the programming of State and Local Partnership funding (SLPP), to determine the usage of currently available STIP county shares and nominate the next project for future STIP funding. The Staff reports for both Committee meetings are included in the board package. Highlights of those reports include:

- Measure C Sales Tax Estimates are down 29.3% from the Ballot Measure estimate total of \$147.6 million, lowering the estimates for the Urban and Rural program \$73.8 million each.
- The SR41/180/168 Braided Ramp project was awarded \$55 million in SHOPP funds.
- RTMF collections totaled \$262,000 during the first six months. Going forward it is estimated \$1.1 million per year may be collected and expected to increase 5% annually therefore it will take some time before significant amounts are available for major projects.
- There is \$22.3 million in Prop. 1B State and Local Partnership funding to be reprogrammed for Construction during the five year bond period 2008/09 – 2012/13. The subcommittee recommended reprogramming \$13.5 million on SR 180 Quality to Trimmer and \$8.8 million on Mountain View in 2012/13.
- There is \$28.1 million in current STIP county shares to be programmed for a major project. The \$5.5 million landscaping for SR 180 West – Hughes to Brawley is required mitigation for the freeway project and thus the next priority candidate. The subcommittee recommended programming the \$22.6 million STIP balance in 2013/14 to acquire Right of Way for the next phase of SR 180 Trimmer to Frankwood.
- The subcommittee discussed options to determine the Next Candidate for future STIP funds. Two options, from the three discussed, are forwarded for consideration. Option 1 gives priority to the Construction phase of SR 180 Trimmer to Frankwood. Option 2 gives priority to the Right of Way phase for Veterans Blvd. It is emphasized that the timing and availability of future STIP funds to satisfy either option is uncertain at present. The third option that was discarded placed all current and future STIP and RTMF funding on Veterans Blvd.

Utilization of Future STIP Funding

- Option 1 - Program the Construction Phase of SR 180 Trimmer to Frankwood with the future STIP funds in 2015/16. Program the Right of Way for Veterans Blvd. with the next available future STIP funds in 2016/17. Future STIP funds and RTMF fees would be required to accumulate to do the construction phase of Veterans in 2021/22.
- Option 2 – Program the Right of Way for Veterans Blvd. with future STIP funds in 2014/15. Program the Construction phase of SR 180 Trimmer to Frankwood with the next available future STIP funds in 2016/17. Future STIP funds and RTMF fees would be required to accumulate to do the construction phase of Veterans in 2021/22.

Among the membership the subcommittee vote was 5 to 4 vote in favor of Option 2, however a population vote would have been strongly in favor as the city and county of Fresno concurred with the option. The Building Industry Association and public advocates for Fresno Bicycling favored Option 2 also. Proponents of Option 2 pointed out that it resulted in the development of two shelf ready projects, one Urban, one Rural, whereas Option 1 puts all future STIP funds on SR 180 East until the project is complete.

The TTC voted to separate the discussion of future STIP, and forward the first three recommendations regarding SLPP and current STIP. After a controversial discussion the

Committee voted in favor of Option 1 giving the construction of SR 180 Trimmer to Frankwood priority over Right of Way acquisition for Veterans.

Discussion of the issue continued at the PAC with the Committee agreeing to forward the three recommendations on SLPP and current STIP to the Board. The decision on the status of future STIP funds (Option 1 and 2) was tabled while stakeholders work out an acceptable course of action.

On a separate topic, in order to clearly align the work currently in progress on the Golden State Corridor with the Measure "C" approved project limits, minor changes are necessary in the project scope. Staff will reserve \$90,000 in the Rural Program to resolve the issue and will negotiate the lowest cost with the consultant and project stakeholders. This will be taken only from funds available to Golden State Corridor and will not affect scheduling or funding of any other Rural project.

Action: TTC, PAC and Staff recommend adopting the update to the Measure C Regional Transportation Program incorporating the subcommittee recommendations.

1. Reprogram \$13.5 million in State and Local Partnership Funding on SR 180 E Quality to Trimmer, and \$8.8 million on Mountain View in 2012/13.
2. Program \$5.5 million of current STIP on SR 180 W Hughes to Brawley-Landscaping.
3. Program the remaining \$22.6 million STIP balance in 2013/14 to acquire Right of Way for the next phase of SR 180 E Trimmer to Frankwood.
4. Table the discussion on programming future STIP funds per the PAC recommendation and allow the stakeholders to work out an acceptable course of action.

B. Rail Update [THOMPSON]

Summary: Staff will provide a verbal update on recent developments concerning high-speed rail, the heavy maintenance facility, and Amtrak.

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

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

Summary: As the Fresno County region continues to urbanize, mobility for both people and goods will become a growing concern. The need to identify and analyze issues relating to transportation, land use, air quality and community livability will continue to increase. In order to understand the impacts that current and future population growth will have on our transportation options it is necessary to periodically assess the operational and infrastructure issues that exist within and between metropolitan and rural areas, and interconnections to and through regions. In addition to identifying and documenting the transportation projects and services that will be required to meet regional mobility needs, these studies also need to investigate methods to reduce vehicle travel and expand transportation choice.

In November of 2007, Fresno COG in conjunction with the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno began conducting a West Area Transportation Planning Study. The area of study extends from the Herndon Avenue/State Route 99 Interchange to the north, to State Route 180 to the south; and from Grantland Avenue to the west to State Route 99 to the east. This study identified and evaluated required roadway and intersection improvements ranging from current needs through year 2035.

The tasks within these elements included among other things a review of current City and County planned circulation elements and forecasted improvements, as well as verified consistencies between Fresno COG travel demand model, 2025 General Plan land uses. The recommendations for the priority improvements made to the West Area roads and traffic signal network include both short term (3-5 years) and medium term (5-10 years).

In addition, part of the requirement for the consultant in conducting the West Area Study, was an analysis of Blueprint Planning Process integration. The final recommendations from the study include some measure of planning strategies that are consistent with the Blueprint process, such as increase density, transit and activity based corridor analysis, and resource/habitat preservation and appropriate road sizing.

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

D. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]

Summary: A verbal report will be given by Caltrans staff. A written report is also included in the meeting package.

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

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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A. October 28, 2010 Executive Minutes

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

Summary: 2010/11 OWP Amendment #2 increasing the budget \$739,501. \$98,048 of this is to make technical corrections for prior authorizations and carry over funding from 2009/10. The WE 313 \$6,453 Tribal Grant and the \$635,000 SJV Goods Movement are new.

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 810 Blueprint - \$46,248 is being carried over from the 2010/11 Blue Print Program authorization to reconcile to actual activity among the Valley MPO's during the 2010/11 fiscal year.

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 MPOs

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: PAC and Staff recommend adopting FY 2010/11 OWP Amendment #2 increasing the budget \$739,501.

C. 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 Policy Board.

D. Fresno COG 2011 Meeting Calendar [BOREN]

Summary: The 2011 meeting schedule for Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board is included in the meeting package.

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

E. Strategy Research Institute Report [BOREN/MANROSS]

Summary: A written report from Dr. Gary Manross, Strategy Research Institute is included in the meeting package this month.

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

F. Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO]

	Project	Applicant
1.	<i>One Time Program Improvement 2011 Head Start-Preschool and Early Head Start</i>	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.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2011 Legislative Platform [GARZA]

Summary: Staff has completed the 2011 Legislative Platform, a copy is included in the meeting package. 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: PAC and Staff recommend approval of the Fresno COG 2011 Legislative Platform as the official positions on transportation and other associated legislative policies.

B. Contract for Valley Model Improvements [BITNER]

Summary: Contract for the eight San Joaquin Valley MPO Transportation Model Improvements for SB 375

With the announcement of the availability of Proposition 84 funds for transportation model improvements to meet the requirements of SB 375 the San Joaquin Valley MPOs entered into an MOU to apply for and utilize the grant funds to update and improve each of the 8 MPO models. Based on their professional experience and demonstrated leadership Fresno COG was selected as the lead agency for this project.

In October 2009 the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs were awarded \$2.5 million from the Proposition 84 funds by the Strategic Growth Council. These funds were awarded for San Joaquin Valley MPO model development and data gathering to meet the requirements of SB 375

The first step in utilizing the funds was the development of a joint scope of work for the use of the grant funds.

The scope of work for the San Joaquin valley model improvements was completed in early September and RFP for the San Joaquin Valley Model Improvements was released.

The 8 Valley MPO model improvements scope of work as requested in our joint RFP included requirements to:

- Update and improve each of the 8 San Joaquin Valley MPO traffic models with particular emphasis on the short term improvements capable of implementation by early 2012.
- Develop advanced model projects to meet the near term needs of select MPOs with the intent of transferability to other San Joaquin Valley MPOs beyond 2012.
- Develop an ongoing work plan to ensure continued maintenance and improvement to the modeling process beyond 2012.

One proposal was received from a team of eight modeling consultants consisting of Fehr & Peers, Dowling Associates, Cambridge Systematics, Resource Systems Group Inc. (RSG), Bowman-Bradley, McCoy-Roth (UC Davis), Cari Anderson Consulting and Citilabs.

1. Fehr & Peers has extensive experience and expertise in travel demand modeling and are developers of the "4 D" modeling process used to analyze interactions between land use and transportation.
2. Dowling Associates has developed several valley MPO travel demand models and are very familiar with modeling in the San Joaquin Valley.

3. Cambridge Systematics developed the San Joaquin Valley truck model and will be applying their knowledge and experience in goods movement and truck modeling.
4. Resource Systems Group (RSG) will lead the effort in developing advanced activity based modeling in the San Joaquin Valley. RSG has extensive experience in developing activity based models in California and other parts of the country.
5. Bowman-Bradley are architects of numerous activity based models throughout the USA, including the model most closely addressing the needs of the San Joaquin Valley, the SB 375 compliant model for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).
6. McCoy-Roth (UC Davis) contributed heavily to the Valley Blue Print project and are developers of the California Statewide Transportation Model.
7. Colby Brown (Citilabs) will advise on land use issues and has overseen the Kern COG Citilabs Cube Land Pilot Study.
8. Cari Anderson (CAC) Will advise on San Joaquin Valley air quality issues. Ms. Anderson has extensive experience dealing with air quality issues for the San Joaquin Valley.

Highlights of the Fehr & Peers Proposal: (the complete proposal is included in your package)

- Update each of the 8 San Joaquin Valley MPO Traffic Models to meet or exceed the requirements of SB 375 and the 2010 RTP Modeling Guidelines.
 - Disaggregate TAZs in areas of high density/mixed use
 - Review and update road and transit networks
 - Add congestion and toll pricing
 - Add parking pricing
 - Develop consistent land use categories
 - Develop vehicle availability model based on demographic factors
 - Ensure that all MPO models generate person trips
 - Update trip distribution base on multimodal time and cost
 - Multiclass assignment
 - Drive alone
 - Drive alone toll
 - Shared ride 2
 - Shared ride 3+
 - Trucks
 - Separate bike, walk and transit modes
- Feedback loop
- Update mode choice in counties with existing mode choice (Fresno, Kern)
- Develop mode choice models in counties that require mode choice and don't currently have it (San Joaquin, Stanislaus)
- Develop mode choice factoring process in remaining counties
- Test all models for smart growth and implement ways to improve it
- Recalibrate and revalidate all models
- Test all models to be sure they will be able to conform to air quality budgets
- Develop an interregional trip process that will allow consistent trips between each MPO model and each MPO model and the rest of the state.
 - Will allow each MPO model to reflect changes in jobs housing balance in various regions throughout the valley and state
- Develop a quick response tool to analyze strategies that cannot be analyzed with traditional travel demand models
- Update and refine the Kern COG Cube Land land use model
- Develop a 3 county activity based model in the 3 northern counties (San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced)
- Develop an activity based model for Fresno County
- Develop a data and knowledge sharing center for the San Joaquin Valley MPOs.
 - Will share model data, land use data, GIS data, etc.

- Provide training to all valley MPO modelers in the use and operation of the new updated travel demand models, activity based models and quick response tools.
- Develop an ongoing work plan to insure maintenance and improvement to the valley modeling process post 2012

The proposal is very thorough and meets all the requirement of the RFP.

Funding for the project is entirely from Proposition 84 funds with no matching funds required.

The award is supported and recommended by each of the eight San Joaquin Valley MPO Executive Directors.

Action: Staff recommends award of the contract to the Fehr & Peers consultant team in the amount of \$ 2.5 million dollars and authorization for the Fresno COG Executive Director to enter into a contract with Fehr & Peers on behalf of all eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs.

C. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

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. A written report is included in the meeting package.

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

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. 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.**

Fresno COG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

VIII. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement

A. 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: PAC and Staff recommend 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.

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

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

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