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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

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

Members Present: Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, City of Kerman, Chair
Mayor Dennis Lujan, City of Selma, Vice Chair
Mayor Harry Armstrong, City of Clovis
Mayor Javier Marquez, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
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 by Mayor Trinidad Rodriguez (Kerman).

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 14 members present representing 45.33% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and Fresno County).

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

REQUEST TO ADD URGENCY ITEM TO THE POLICY BOARD AGENDA

To add this item a 2/3 vote is required finding that:

- (1) There is a need to take immediate actions; and
- (2) That need for action came to the attention of COG subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

ITEM 1

Item V. D. Letter of Support for High-Speed Rail Alignment(s)

Requested by: Tony Boren, Executive Director

Issue: Fresno COG has received a request for a letter of support signed by the Policy Board for the High-Speed Rail Alignment(s).

Mr. Boren gave the Board a brief review of this request.

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

A motion was made by Mayor Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) not to add this item to the agenda. A roll call vote was called with 11 members voting in favor of not adding the item to the agenda. The motion carried and the item was not added to the agenda.

ITEM 2

Item II E. *RTP Modification Fresno Bus Rapid Transit Project [Downs]*

Requested by: John Downs, Fresno Area Express/Fresno COG

Issue: In September of this year, FAX submitted an application for a Very Small Starts Grant to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$38.56 million. FAX has been informed that FTA wants to recommend the award of this grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2011-2012. However, for FTA to recommend award, they are asking the Fresno COG to pass a resolution that includes additional details regarding the BRT project. The details requested include:

- Total project cost of the BRT project;
- Sources of funding and respective amounts;
- Notice of intent to modify the updated RTP to include the aforementioned information following the RTP's approval;
- Anticipated dates of federal approval of the RTP and modification to include the project financial information; and
- Confirmation that funds proposed to support the project will not be used for other purposes.

Action: Staff recommends approving Resolution 2010-40 clarifying specific details of Fresno's Blackstone / Kings Canyon/Ventura BRT corridor project.

Mayor Blayney (Kingsburg) asked for Mr. Boren to explain the reason that this was an emergency item. Mr. Boren responded that a call was received on Tuesday notifying FAX that the FTA planned to recommend the award of this grant but needed additional clarification.

A motion was made by Mayor Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to add Item II E. RTP Modification Fresno Bus Rapid Transit Project to the agenda. A roll call vote was called for and passed unanimously.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. FY 2010-11 Transportation Funding Claims – [FAWCETT] | Approve |
| B. Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) [LONG] | Approve |
| C. Blueprint Update [STECK] | Information |
| D. Fresno COG 2011 One Voice Update [STECK/GARZA] | Information |
| E. EPA Proposal to Disapprove PM2.5 Plan [DAWSON] | Information |

For a complete summary of these items please see the November 18, 2010 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Armstrong (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Fast (Reedley) to approve the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Measure C Regional Transportation Program [BESHEARS]

Les Beshears (Fresno COG) addressed the Board on this item. 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.

Supervisor Case, Mayor Lujan, Mayor Ruiz, Mayor Lopez all voiced their support of Option 1. Mayor Dhaliwal and Mayor Silva supported Option 2. A letter supporting the Veterans project, received from Lance-Kashian, was distributed.

Following Board discussion, Chairman Rodriguez asked for public comment. Several members of the public addressed the Board supporting SR 180 East.

Mr. Beshears stated that the TTC, PAC and Staff recommended 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.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Lujan (Selma) made a motion to approve items 1-3. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier). A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board did not want to table item number 4. Supervisor Case (County of Fresno) made a motion to approve Option 1 designating the Construction phase of SR 180 East Trimmer to Frankwood as the next candidate for future STIP funding. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lujan (Selma). A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Rail Update [THOMPSON]

Clark Thompson (Fresno COG) provided an update on recent developments concerning high-speed rail, the heavy maintenance facility, and Amtrak. Mr. Thompson mentioned the opening of the new Amtrak station in Madera and highlighted the recent announcement of federal money for High Speed Rail to be spent in the San Joaquin Valley. Staff will continue to keep the Committee updated as information becomes available.

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

QUORUM: Mayor Fast (Reedley) left the meeting at 6:30 pm. There were 13 members present representing 42.58% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and Fresno County).

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

Jeff Clark, Fehr & Peers gave a brief powerpoint presentation highlighting the current status of the Study. A copy of the presentation was included in the meeting package. Mr. Clark mentioned that 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.

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

D. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]

Christine Cox-Kovacevich provided a brief report on current Caltrans activities. A written report was also included in the meeting package.

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

E. RTP Modification Fresno Bus Rapid Transit Project [Downs]

John Downs (FAX) reported that in September of this year, FAX submitted an application for a Very Small Starts Grant to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$38.56 million. FAX has been informed that FTA wants to recommend the award of this grant in Federal Fiscal Year 2011-2012. However, for FTA to recommend award, they are asking the Fresno COG to pass a resolution that includes additional details regarding the BRT project. The details requested include:

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Due to receiving this request after the posting of the agenda, the item was added as an urgency item. A copy of Resolution 2010-40 was handed out for Policy Board approval.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Armstrong (Clovis) and seconded by Supervisor Case (County) to approve Resolution 2010-40 clarifying specific details of Fresno's Blackstone / Kings Canyon/Ventura BRT corridor project. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) 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. October 28, 2010 Executive Minutes | Approve |
| B. Amendment No. 2 to FY 2010-11 Overall Work Program [BESHEARS] | Approve |
| C. Monthly Legislative Update [GARZA] | Information |
| D. Fresno COG 2011 Meeting Calendar [BOREN] | Information |
| E. Strategy Research Institute Report [BOREN/MANROSS] | Information |
| F. Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO] | Approve |

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

For a complete summary of these items please see the November 18, 2010 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) and seconded by Supervisor Case (Fresno County) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2011 Legislative Platform [GARZA]

Melissa Garza (Fresno COG) reported that Staff has completed the 2011 Legislative Platform, a copy was 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.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lujan (Selma) and seconded by Supervisor Case (County) to approve the Fresno COG 2011 Legislative Platform as the official positions on transportation and other associated legislative policies. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Contract for Valley Model Improvements [BITNER]

Mike Bitner (Fresno COG) presented this contract for the eight San Joaquin Valley MPO Transportation Model Improvements for SB 375.

Mr. Bitner reported that 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 Blueprint 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 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

Mr. Bitner pointed out that 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.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion by made by Supervisor Case (County) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to 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. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

C. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

Juan Garza of California Consulting Inc. provided a verbal report to the Policy Board this month on the consulting activities for the COG during the month. A written report was included in the meeting package. Mr. Garza pointed out that California Consulting will be setting the meetings for the 2011 Valley Voice endeavor in Sacramento on February 2 and 3. The Valley MPOs and Regional Policy Council members will be attending. Mr. Garza also pointed out that a trip to Sacramento for the swearing in of the new California administration will be made on December 5-7. A flyer detailing the trip was handed out.

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

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Staff reminded the Policy Board that there are no December meetings scheduled.

Board members were reminded to turn in copies of their Ethics training to Marla Day before the end of December.

B. Items from Members

None.

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.**

There were no public presentations.

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

Mr. Thompson presented this item. 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%.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to accept the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2009-10 Fourth Quarter Summary Status Report as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

2. FY 2009-10 Annual Report

Mr. Thompson went on to report that 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.

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

There being no further business, Chairman Rodriguez briefly addressed the Board and the Policy Board thanked Chairman Rodriguez (Kerman) and Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) for their long time service on the Fresno COG Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Boren, Executive Director

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Observers and Non Members

Jim Avalos, City of Selma
Trish Sorensen, Public, Sanger
Isabel Murillo, Public, Sanger
Steve Ortiz, Public, Sanger
Natasha Rocha, Public, Sanger
Marc Rocha, Public, Sanger
Ed Barajas, Public, Sanger
Steve Orton, Public, Sanger
Jaime Garza, Public, Sanger
Eleanor Cantu, Public, Sanger
Rita Flores, Public, Sanger
Marcia Castellano, Public, Sanger
Bobbie Newman, Public, Sanger
Doris Knowlton, Public, Sanger
Christine Arichm, Public, Sanger
Fred Heizman, Public, Sanger
Karen Steinhauer, Public, Sanger
Dan Shelin (sp) Public, Sanger
Tom Alessandro, Public, Sanger
Henry Provost, Public, Sanger
Brian Haddix, City of Sanger
Michael Montelongo, City of Sanger
John Downs, FAX/Fresno COG
Rob Woolley, City of Clovis
Jose Flores, City of Clovis
Jeff Clark, Fehr & Peers
Juan Garza, California Consulting
Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
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