

ANNOTATED AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, April 8, 2011
Time: 8:30 a.m.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Place:

**COG Sequoia Conference Room
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Item	Description	Enclosure	Action*
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Lastly, there are currently 12 taxi cab companies that accept Taxi Scrip.

Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF): [FAWCETT]

Fresno COG continues to process the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF), a component of the Measure C Extension approved by voters in 2006. For the period January – March 2011, 197 applications were received; fees were collected for 67 applications while 130 applications were exempt from the RTMF due to vesting protection. Of the 130 exempt applications, 129 were for single-family dwellings. Of the 67 non-exempt applications, 58 were for single-family dwellings. A total of \$117,487.47 was collected of which \$1,675.00 is the administrative processing fee.

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III. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

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 given at the discretion of the committees.

2. Amtrak San Joaquin Corridor Environmental Study [Tom Dodson, Tom Dodson and Associates]

Summary: Tom Dodson, an environmental consultant, will describe the Amtrak San Joaquin Corridor Environmental Study.

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

3. High Speed Rail Update [Boren]

Summary: Staff will provide an update at the meeting.

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided by the committees.

4. 2010 Central California Children's Agenda - Endorsement [Tim Curley, Children's Hospital]

Action: Recommend endorsement

5. Child Care Facilities – Process Streamlining [Michelle Roman, Fresno Co. Office of Education]

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Policy Advisory Committee

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

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Measure C Senior Taxi Scrip Program: [Martinez]

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Below is a table of purchasing and usage statistics for the 3 aforementioned months:

MONTH	# of Individual Purchases	Total Value of Scrip Purchased	# of Individuals that used Scrip	Amount Paid out to Taxis for Usage
October 2010	291	\$26,690.00	502	\$25,386
November 2010	292	\$27,180.00	504	\$22,848
December 2010	274	\$24,820.00	389	\$18,835

Lastly, there are currently 12 taxi cab companies that accept Taxi Scrip.

Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF): [FAWCETT]

Fresno COG continues to process the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF), a component of the Measure C Extension approved by voters in 2006. For the period January – March 2011, 197 applications were received; fees were collected for 67 applications while 130 applications were exempt from the RTMF due to vesting protection. Of the 130 exempt applications, 129 were for single-family dwellings. Of the 67 non-exempt applications, 58 were for single-family dwellings. A total of \$117,487.47 was collected of which \$1,675.00 is the administrative processing fee.

Action: This is an information item. Direction may be given at the discretion of the committee.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE 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. Monthly Legislative Update [GARZA]

Summary: The enclosed report includes current bills in the 2011 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. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Policy Board.

B. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Vacancies [VEENENDAAL]

Summary: The Fresno COG Policy Board, sitting as the County Mayors' Select Committee and the Chair of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors will be appointing members to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee consistent with the November 2006 voter-approved Measure C Expenditure Plan. The vacancies must be filled within 90 days of the current term expirations which is June 30, 2011.

The purpose of the Citizen Oversight Committee is to inform the public and to ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public.

DEADLINE: Applicants will need to fill out the attached application form and submit it by June 1, 2011 to:

Measure C *Citizen Oversight Committee* Selection Committee
c/o Fresno COG
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721
Telephone: (559) 233-4148
Website: www.fresnocog.org
Email: brendal@fresnocog.org

There are 6 members of the Citizen Oversight Committee whose terms are expiring June 30, 2011. Members must meet certain eligibility and residency criteria as noted on the application form and in the attached Appendix G – Citizen Oversight Committee. Appendix G also states the Committee's duties and responsibilities.

Action: This is an information item. Direction may be given at the discretion of the committee.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2010-11 Overall Work Program Amendment #3 – Travel Budget [BESHEARS]

Summary: Fresno COG has \$26,000 budgeted for travel in its overhead accounts and another \$5,000 budgeted in WE 910 for a total travel budget of \$31,000. Three quarters of the way through the year, increased travel demands due to our expanding Valleywide role and need for more broad based staff training, we have effectively expended that budget. Staff request \$10,000 in carry over LTF funds to provide travel and staff training for the remainder of the year. The increased travel demands have been recognized and accounted for in the proposed 2011/12 budget.

Action: Recommend OWP Amendment #3 increasing the travel budget \$10,000.

B. Caltrans Planning Grant Application on behalf of Central CA Regional Obesity Prevention Project (CCROPP) – Resolution 2011-09 [STECK]

Summary: This item is on behalf of CCROPP's request that Fresno COG partner on a Community Based Transportation Planning Grant to coordinate regional engagement of low income residents in planning for transportation improvements in 8 counties: by developing and implementing a Transportation and Health Leadership module in Spanish; conduct 8 county Transportation Surveys with unrepresented diverse residents, and develop curriculum on transportation and health for 14 Smart Valley Places communities in 8 Planning Institutes. Knowing CCROPP's work on built environment policy and their ability to engage community members, we are confident that they will be successful in producing valuable outcomes on this proposal.

CCROPP was not aware of the need for Fresno COG's participation until after our March Policy Board meeting and therefore does not have a resolution to submit with the proposal. In addition, we are not able to sign the application signature page until we have Policy Board approval. We are hoping that Caltrans will accept the application with the understanding that we will be taking

the item and the resolution through our committee process in April. Match funding will come from CCROPP's RWJF Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Grant.

Action: Recommend approval of Resolution 2011-09 authorizing Fresno COG to act as fiscal agent for Caltrans grant related to CCROPP proposal.

C. San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Consultant [BOREN/SIGALA]

Summary: In fiscal year 2010-2011, the eight valley regional transportation planning agencies received a funding award for a Caltrans partnership planning grant for the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan. The Plan will build on previous work efforts and further refine the criteria and decision-making process for future coordinated selection for valley wide projects. The Study will occur over a 24-month period beginning in May 2011. Fresno COG is the fiscal agent for the project. The total project cost is \$635,000. Of this amount, \$300,000 will be funded by the eight regional transportation planning agencies and \$300,000 from Caltrans. \$35,000 is identified as an in-kind match from all eight regional planning agencies.

A request for proposals was issued on February 8, 2011 for consultant services to conduct the project. Three proposals were submitted and all three firms were interviewed on March 28, 2011. Cambridge Systematics was chosen by a selection committee representing six staff from valley regional planning agencies. The consultant contract will be for a maximum of \$549,795.

Action: Authorize the Fresno COG Executive Director, on behalf of the eight valley regional transportation planning agencies, to negotiate and execute an agreement for professional services with Cambridge Systematics for \$549,795 to conduct the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan.

D. Fresno COG 2011 One Voice Sacramento Trip – April 5th and 6th [GARZA]

Summary: Staff will provide a verbal report at the meeting.

Action: This is an information item. Direction may be given at the discretion of the committee.

E. Regional Policy Council Report [STECK]

Summary: The SJV Regional Policy Council held its quarterly meeting on Friday, March 25, 2011 at Fresno COG. The agenda for the meeting is included in your packet. The minutes for the meeting will be provided at your April 8th meeting.

Action: This is an information item. Direction may be given at the discretion of the committee.

F. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

Summary: A written report is included in your agenda package.

Action: This is an information item. Direction may be given at the discretion of the committee.

G. SRI Report [MANROSS]

Summary: A written report is included in your agenda package.

Action: This is an information item. Direction may be given at the discretion of the committee.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

XI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

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

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