

Caltrans Update

Fresno Council Of Governments

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Special points of interest:

- AB 105 Passes Both Houses and is signed by Governor. Gas Tax Swap is reaffirmed. \$2 Billion in transportation funding remains intact.
- CTC allocates \$101 Million to expands State's economy and improve transportation at the March CTC meeting.
- "From one end of the state to the other, transportation projects are providing jobs and improving mobility for people and businesses in California," said Caltrans Director Cindy McKim.

Update on Fresno County Projects:

Westside Expressway—State Route 180 Route Adoption

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement is out for public review until May 9, 2011. A public hearing was held on March 30, 2011. Following the close of the public comment period, a final environmental document (ED) will be prepared for a selected alternative. The final ED will be approved early next year.

For more information contact: Bob Hull, Project Manager (559)243-3443.

Route 145 Intersection Improvement Project— State Route 145 and Jensen Avenue

Environmental and preliminary design work continue. Additional air quality studies are underway and additional alternatives are being analyzed. There will be a presentation to the Kerman City Council on April

20, 2011.

For more information contact: Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager (559)243-3432.

Kings Canyon Expressway Segment 1 Four Lane Expressway— State Route 180

In construction, completed westbound lanes and switched traffic onto new lanes. Eastbound lanes will be open to traffic near the completion of the project, which is anticipated in late summer 2011.

For more information contact: Neil Bretz, Project Manager (559)243-3465

North Fresno Six Lane— State Route 99

Contractor started October 2010. Weather permitting, pavement and median barrier work will begin late April 2011.

For more information contact: Jim Bane, Project Manager

(559)243-3469

Route 269 Bridge Project— Near Huron

Project is being amended into the 2010 SHOPP and environmental studies should begin late Spring 2011.

For more information contact: Neil Bretz, Project Manager (559)243-3465

Goshen to Kingsburg 6-Lane — State Route 99

The project is in construction. Groundbreaking was held on April 1, 2011. Project savings have been proposed for use on other SR 99 Bond projects.

For more information contact: Phillip Sanchez, Project Manager (559)243-3466.

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California Transportation Commission and State Budget Update:

CTC—The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today (March 24th) allocated \$101 million in funding to 90 projects to improve transportation statewide.

"From one end of the state to the other, transportation projects are providing jobs and improving mobility for people and businesses in California,"

said Caltrans Director Cindy McKim.

Highlights of the local project allocations include:

Visalia - An off-ramp widening and intersection lighting project along State Route 198 in the City of Visalia, from the Conyer Street Overcrossing to west of the Watson Street intersection that will reduce congestion and

increase overall safety for local traffic.

Tulare - Near the city of Tulare on State Route 99, at Avenue 200 Overcrossing, a bridge improvement project to replace existing deck and upgrade metal beam guardrail.

State Budget - The Governor and Legislature have approved a number of budget bills, including AB 105 the "Gas Tax Swap"

The "X" Factor: Does your Grant Application Have It?

For more information on grant programs administered by Caltrans, Contact Paul Marquez at (559)445-5867 or Randy Treece at (559)488-4153

The Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants provide local agencies with the resources to meet their planning needs. The program offers a variety of funding categories including; Environmental Justice, Community Based Transportation Planning, Partnership Planning and Transit Planning Grants.

Essential components of a grant application are the following:

- A strong correlation between Project Objective and Justification and State and Federal Goals is necessary.
- The public participation plan is a critical component within the grant application. The participation of key stakeholders, tribal govern-
- A clear delineation of activities within the Project Scope of Work that reflects how the project objective will be accomplished is at the heart of the grant application.
- The inclusion of required documentation (Board/Council Resolution, Timeline, Letters of Support, etc.) within the grant application strongly influences the evaluation of the project.
- Applicants should keep the

Caltrans Transportation Planning grant cycle in mind, the grant application is available early December, application deadline is end of March and awards are announced once a state budget has been adopted.

To date, District 6 has been very successful in capturing a good percentage of Transportation Planning grants in relation to the number of applications submitted.

Caltrans provides the Transportation Planning Grants as a way to become a partner in meeting the land use and transportation planning needs of local governments and regional planning agencies within the San Joaquin Valley.



For more information on Traffic Management, Contact Benjamin C. Camarena Chief, Office of Traffic Management at (559)488-4348 or by email at Benjamin.C.Camarena@dot.ca.gov

The Central Valley Traffic Management Center:



Caltrans, District 6 is responsible for all state routes in Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno and Madera Counties. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Central Division has responsibility for the aforementioned counties, including the counties of Merced, Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Mariposa. The Central Valley Traffic Management Center (CVTMC) began to extend their coverage north into District 10 until it established its own TMC.

A primary function of the CVTMC is to reduce congestion by monitoring traffic and providing timely information pertaining to traffic conditions, which could affect the

safe movement of persons or property in and around the Central Valley, Sierra Nevada or Coastal Range mountains. This is accomplished by the use of live radio and TV reports during the morning and afternoon commute times. The CVTMC disburses information to those media centers not only located within the Central Valley, but also reaching the areas of Sacramento, San Francisco, Central Coast, Los Angeles basin, and Desert Communities.

As part of this system, a dispatcher operates the District's ten channel radio base station serving as a communications link between

employees in the field and District office staff. They also coordinate communications during emergency road conditions such as accidents, chemical spills and storm conditions. They operate fixed and portable control elements such as Changeable Message Signs and Highway Advisory Radios. They maintain communications with various local media personnel, and provide real time motorist information to the public.

This system also plays a role in Planned Lane Closures by minimizing traffic delays. By informing motorists of planned lane closures, the system assists travelers in choosing alternate routes. An informed motorist helps reduce congestion by avoiding the impacted section of highway. This helps to manage the existing freeway system more efficiently while providing additional safety to the motoring public.

Update on the California Central Valley Tribal Collaboration Transportation Planning Project

Central Valley – With cultural sensitivity awareness at the forefront of governments, businesses, and social circles, Caltrans takes a lead role in preserving the dignity of Native American cultural heritage while staying true to its mission. This commitment is best demonstrated by the California Central Valley Tribal Transportation Environmental Justice Collaborative Project completed in 2010.

With Kern County Council of Governments as the lead agency, this grant project was a collaboration of eight San Joaquin Valley (SJV) councils of governments to develop a tribal Transportation Environmental Justice Report specific to the needs and concerns of Native American communities. The effort included outreach to approximately 47 California Indian tribes within the eight-county San Joaquin Valley region consisting of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties. The project's four main goals were to:

1. Build the knowledge base of tribal-related transportation Environmental Justice issues and priorities;
2. Promote tribal participation and reporting on tribal transportation Environmental Justice issues and other long-range planning issues through the SJV Blueprint and Partnership processes;
3. Promote preservation of tribal cultural heritage while

adding certainty to the timely delivery of projects in the region by developing a Culturally Sensitive Tribal Resource Map and protocol for tribal monitoring within the eight San Joaquin Valley counties; and,

4. Explore the possibility of creating a tribal coalition for the region that could encourage streamlined participation of tribal nations in government planning and the delivery of projects and services.

The Environmental Justice Report addresses and provides an update of these goals along with a newly implemented website created to assist the California tribes and counties towards a better understanding of tribal environmental justice, SJV Blueprint Planning, and Culturally Sensitive Resource Mapping. By working with regional transportation planning agencies to identify key transportation issues, and by including other critical transportation and environmental justice elements (such as cultural resource mapping, ethnographic mapping, and linguistic geographical mapping), the tribal communities are more readily identifiable for participation and response to public notices of proposed land use developments and changes. The GIS mapping data is being overlaid with proposed new road or construction routes to help identify potential areas of cultural sensitivity. In addition, contact information and maps were provided to the cultural resource consultant for the Cali-

fornia High Speed Rail (HSR) Authority. Early contact during the environmental process for the HSR program is anticipated to reduce the potential for late findings that could delay implementation and increase overall costs of the program.

In summary, Caltrans, the eight councils of governments, tribal governments, and other federal, state, and local agencies promoted trust and accountability through consistent and sincere actions. This collaboration demonstrated good stewardship, cultural sensitivity, and excellent teamwork. The result is an environmental justice report that provides guidance to ensure that a balance between the protection of cultural resources and a plan for sustainable communities will be implemented and maintained. Further information regarding this outstanding collaborative grant project can be obtained at: www.caltribalej.com

Update on Building the Bay Bridge: California's Mega Project

Oakland– The latest lift of tower sections for the Self-Anchored Suspension Span (SAS) on the Oakland Bay Bridge will see the tower eclipse the original East Span, whose high point stands at 388 feet tall. The tower will grow to 480 feet, about 91 percent of its final 525 foot height. The work began Monday, Feb. 28 and was completed later in the week.

The latest set of four tower sections arrived in the Bay Area on February 14. The tower is made up of four independent legs, each of which is composed of five vertical sections. The fourth set of tower sections are

105.6-foot-tall and each weighs nearly 1 million pounds. When completed, the SAS, the signature element of the new East Span, will take its place on the list of iconic Bay Area landmarks.

Two strand jacks will hoist each section about 55 stories into the air, so that each segment can be moved into the erection tower just above the first three sections of the tower. Once the fourth section is lowered into place, crews will bolt it to the third section using splice plates. These are the final individual leg sections to be placed; the next lift is a single piece that connects to all

four legs at the top of the tower.

Crews will work around the clock, using two 12-hour shifts, to erect all four tower sections; it takes approximately 30 hours to lift, place and bolt each section and then lower the strand jacks into position before the next section can be lifted.

Crews placed the first tower sections onto the foundation in July 2010, the second set in October 2010, the third in December 2010, and the fourth in March 2011. The fifth and final section, which also arrived in mid-February, is expected to be placed in April.



"Today we celebrate another impressive engineering and construction milestone in the ongoing seismic retrofit of one of the country's most vital bridges," said Dale Bonner, Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. July 2010



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 6 is headquartered in Fresno. This geographically diverse district is the second largest of the 12 Districts statewide, stretching from the southernmost part of Yosemite National Park in the north to the Mojave Desert. It includes Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties. Interstate 5 and State Route 99 run the length of District 6, serving as the main north-south arteries for not just the Central Valley, but for the entire state as well.

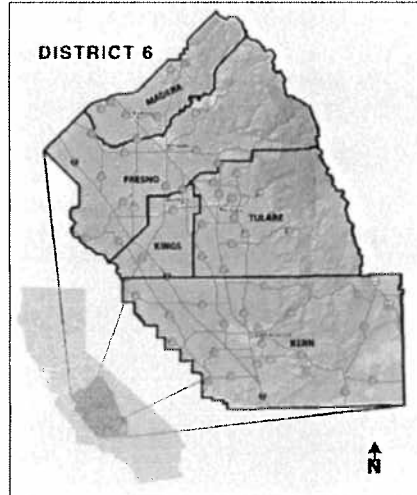
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Winter Storms Hit Valley Hard This Spring:

Central Valley— With above average rainfall and late winter storms hitting hard in March, Caltrans maintenance crews worked hard to keep roads cleared. Fresno's totals are at 14.94 inches for this season with our average rainfall being 9.64 inches. Similar totals have been seen across the valley.

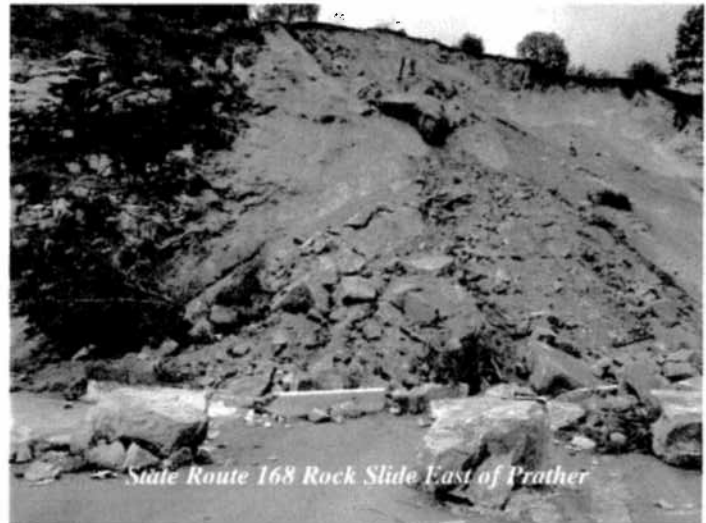
Huron - State Route 269 was closed for two weeks while State crews waited for a break in the weather to remove debris from the roadway. Caltrans recently amended a proposed project into the 2010 SHOPP which will start the environmental studies and design work. Construction funding will be provided by Fresno County's Measure C program.

Shaver Lake - State Route 168

closed due to a rockslide on Saturday, March 26 and was later reopened, only to close again because of additional rockslides triggered by natural springs in the mountain side. The highway is anticipated to be closed for several weeks while crews work to stabilize the slopes above the highway.

Oakhurst -State Route 41 closed during recent storms due to heavy snow fall. Crews worked to quickly reopen routes as stranded visitors to Yosemite National Park were escorted out due to power outages.

Coalinga - State Route 198 West of Coalinga was closed due to rockslides East of State Route 25.



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REGIONAL POLICY COUNCIL

Executive Minutes

Friday, March 25, 2010

10:00 am

Fresno Council of Governments
Sequoia Room
2035 Tulare St. Suite 201
Fresno, California 93721

Toll Free Number: 877-455-8688

Participant Code: 278933

Members Attending:

Bill Spriggs, Mayor, City of Merced, MCAG
Allen Ishida, Supervisor, County of Tulare, TCAG
Joe Oliveira, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Gustine, MCAG (phone)
Robert Poythress, Mayor, City of Madera, MCTC
Judy Case, Supervisor, County of Fresno, Fresno COG
Amarpreet, Dhaliwal, Mayor, City of San Joaquin, Fresno COG
Paul Boyer, Councilmember, City of Farmersville, TCAG
Tony Barba, Supervisor, County of Kings, KCAG
Cheryl Wegman, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Wasco, Kern COG
Sayed Sadredin, Executive Director, SJVAPCD

List of Other Attending: Appendix A

1. Approval of Minutes

Bill Spriggs, Chair, opened the meeting – Introductions

Mayor Dhaliwal moved to accept the minutes and Mayor Robert Poythress seconded the motion. December 15, 2010 Policy Council minutes approved by consensus.

At this time Supervisor Judy Case entered and joined the meeting after the minutes were approved.

3. California Partnership – INFORMATION – M. Dozier

Ms Stacie Dabbs updated the Policy Council on the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley's latest activities. She informed everyone that they have started their work on the Smart Valley Places grant the organization received and have Bill Fulton as their consultant and that Ms. Barbara Steck is the representative for the Regional Policy Council.

Chair
Mayor Bill Spriggs
City of Merced

Vice-Chair
Supervisor Allen
Ishida
Tulare County

Council of
Fresno County
Governments

Kern Council of
Governments

Kings County
Association of
Governments

Madera County
Transportation
Commission

Merced County
Association of
Governments

San Joaquin
Council of
Governments

Stanislaus Council
Of Governments

Tulare County
Association of
Governments

Ms. Steck noted that future applications that are consistent with Smart Valley Places will receive bonus points with their applications. She also highlighted the support letters that were in the agenda packet.

Mr. Ismael Herrera informed the Policy Council that the Rural Development center officially launched on February 25th. They had over 80 representatives from throughout the valley and some of the neighboring foothill communities. He pointed out the executive summary in the agenda packet, the organizational chart and the list of partners. He noted that Mr. Mike Dozier's vision for the Rural Development Center was that it would serve as a one stop shop for rural communities and serve as a support staff center for those places. Mr. Herrera noted that they would like to have each of the COGs represented and will be having an event in May.

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2. Discussion with Bob Rucker – DISCUSSION – B. Spriggs

Mr. Bob Rucker thanked everyone for allowing him the time to speak to the Policy Council. He informed the group that Congressman Denham would like to speak to the group and receive ideas from them during one of his congressional work weeks in the district. He noted a few dates and Mayor Spriggs gave direction to staff consultant Mr. Michael Sigala to follow up on a time and date with Mr. Rucker after the meeting was over. He noted it would not need to be a meeting in an official capacity.

Mr. Seyed Sadredin joined the meeting at this point.

Supervisor Ishida asked Mr. Rucker if their planned Valley Voice trip to Washington D.C. in September would be too late. Mr. Rucker informed them he would check when he would be going to D.C. the next week and follow up with the group. A quick discussion followed talking about the transportation bill that congress is looking at and the intentions of the Valley Voice trip.

Mr. Tony Boren informed everyone that he had been requested to share some information with the group. There had been effort to create a San Joaquin Valley Caucus, called the Friends of the San Joaquin Valley. A short discussion continued and the directors will explore the issue further.

4. High Speed Rail – INFORMATION – J. Abercrombie

Ms. Bryn Forhan gave the update to the Policy Council in place of Mr. Jeff Abercrombie as he was unable to attend the meeting. She informed the group that the valley engineering is being conducted along with local alignment. She noted that urban design guidelines would be available the next week to review. Environmental is still underway, including the San Jose to Merced section. The Merced to Sacramento section should have an alternative analysis available in late Fall and the Altamont alternative analysis has already been presented to the board.

Councilmember Boyer asked Ms. Forhan what the deadlines were for the ARRA funding. She pointed out that the EIRs need to be completed by the end of the year and that construction must begin by September 2012. Mayor Dhaliwal commented on the political climate in Washington D.C. about the project and asked about the business plan portion of the project. Ms. Forhan informed him that the business plan is available online but it is being reviewed and should be refined by October.

5. Short Haul Rail – INFORMATION – T. Smalley

Mr. Ted Smalley informed everyone on the latest developments for this issue. He reported that they are working on purchasing abandoned right of way and are looking at the existing and potential upgrade of the tracks for the next 20 to 30 years of useful life. The bill establishing a rail authority is being submitted by Senator Rubio for final language shortly. Supervisor Case informed everyone that Fresno COG is supporting the bill. Ms. Dianne Barth told the Policy Council that the bill will be heard April 12th at the senate meeting for Transportation and Housing in Room 4203 at 1:30 pm.

Mr. Sadredin told the Policy Council that the air district will have approximately \$217 million in grant fundings in the next year and in the next month he will be taking a proposal to the board setting aside \$10m to go to government agencies for clean air. They would like to return funds to the public by utilizing municipalities and cities for clean air initiatives in a competitive process. Supervisor Tom Wheeler noted that Madera's Board of Supervisors and MCTC both passed resolutions supporting the bill.

6. State Route 99 Bond Savings Project List – INFORMATION – T. Boren

Mr. Boren informed the Policy Council that the directors are looking to finalize their priority list quickly to get it to the CTC by June and will let them know when they have it resolved in the next two weeks.

7. San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement – INFORMATION – M. Sigala

Mr. Sigala reported that the Interregional Goods Movement study is a valleywide funded activity analyzing all goods movement systems for the valley. They will have consultant interviews Monday and will have a decision shortly after.

8. 2010 California Regional Progress Report – Information – M. Sigala

Mr. Sigala noted that when meeting with Ms. Heather Fargo from the Strategic Growth Council she gave him the document. Councilmember Boyer asked if it would be updated the next year and Mr. Sigala told him that he would get back to him about the question.

Mr. Sadredin wanted to clear up any potential confusion about air quality and asthma. He noted that asthma is not caused by air pollution, only that it can exacerbate the asthma.

9. SJV Blueprint Roadmap – DISCUSSION – B. Steck / Mintier Harnish

Ms. Barbara Steck gave a quick background on the Blueprint process for everyone. Two years prior, the Regional Policy Council had adopted the 12 principles of the blueprint. A year ago, the group had contracted with Mintier Harnish to develop and present the deliverables that were being presented at the meeting, including the planner's toolkit. John Wright, was also available to answer any questions as the head of the planner's workgroup.

Mr. Jim Harnish handed out the blueprint implementation strategy and gave a powerpoint presentation on their methodology and some of their findings. He noted the collaborative efforts between the COGs and the valley planner's workgroup. Mr. Harnish presented an overview of the Blueprint Roadmap, Guidance Framework, and the planner's toolkit. Mr. Harnish and Mr. Ted Holzem then gave their powerpoint presentation and the beta version of the planners toolkit to the Policy Council.

Discussion of the administration aspect of the toolkit came up at the end of their presentation. Mr. Harnish and Mr. Wright acknowledged that a vetting process is essential to the quality of the planner's toolkit. There was consensus among the planner's workgroup that a small group to help determine how to address these issues and the funding aspect. Ms. Steck noted that this product will be coming back to the Policy Council in June, and they were receiving the documents today.

10. Regional Planning Agencies – DISCUSSION – A. Ishida

Supervisor Ishida wanted to bring up this topic as a number of the COGs were going to Washington D.C. and wondered if they could have a discussion about what people were hearing. Supervisor Case noted that earmarks were not going to be happening but departments are still spending money. Supervisor Ishida noted that it could be beneficial to lobby for programs as projects like interregional goods movement and 99 are still very important. The topic of bifurcating congestion and air quality issues came up with the transportation bills. Mr. Sadredin noted that they will be going to Washington D.C. in May and that it is on their agenda. Mayor Robert Poythress noted that in their trip last year they had heard on the last day of meetings with the consultants that there was little to no money in the transportation bill and the group should have been meeting with the departments. Ms. Barth noted that these kinds of comments were taken into consideration and in the fall they will be approaching the trip differently.

11. VLAC – DISCUSSION – D. Barth

Ms. Barth noted that the Valleyvoice trip to Sacramento was felt to be overall a successful trip and they have received good feedback to improve it for the next year. Supporting the California Partnership and participating more with the Strategic Growth Council were some of the follow up items. The next trip on September 14 and 15th in Washington D.C. will be arranged a bit differently. The hotel has been booked and will need to make reservations shortly.

Mr. Sadredin quickly wanted to revisit the earmarks issue. He informed everyone he had met with the head of the EPA and that departments are having their funding cut as well. He noted that to the extent the Policy Council will meet with the departments, they need to be sure to keep their congressional delegation involved in the process to help put the appropriate pressure where necessary especially in such competitive process oriented topics like air quality and transportation.

12. Support for the Central California Railroad Authority – DISCUSSION – R. Phipps

Mr. Smalley noted that Kern COG had put a significant amount of effort into this bill. SB 325 would help establish a central valley rail authority which would also include Merced with the southern counties. The funding of the authority came up in discussion and Supervisor Ishida noted that at this point in time the creation of the authority would not require hard costs. Mr. Robert Ball pointed out that SAFETY-LU had an infrastructure bank component that had a significant portion of money but very little was accessed due to the difficulty in getting it and it could be a potential first test for the group. Mr. Ball also noted that any language changes to the bill were due on March 25th in an email he had received during the meeting.

Councilmember Boyer made a motion to support the bill and Mayor Dhaliwal seconded. The motion passed by consensus.

13. San Joaquin Valley USDA Rural Definition – DISCUSSION – P. Boyer

Councilmember Boyer reported that Congressman Cardoza had submitted the bill in the agenda packet and Congressmen Costa is coauthoring it. It would allow the secretary of agriculture determine if those cities in the valley that historically have been considered eligible for USDA rural funding would still be eligible despite their populations putting them above the thresholds.

Councilmember Boyer moved to support the congressional bill and Supervisor Case seconded. The motion carried. Ms. Patricia Taylor asked that the support letter be circulated.

14. Policy Council Member Comments

Supervisor Ishida noted that during their COG's Washington D.C. trip, they had a good experience sitting down with the President's office.

14. Public Comment

No comments by the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Boren

Chair, SJV Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Others Attending:

Bob Rucker, Congressman Denham's Office
Harold Hanson, Councilmember, City of Bakersfield
John Wright, Blueprint Valley Planner's Workgroup
Bryn Forhan, CHSRA
Tom Jordan, SJVAPCD
Christine Cox-Kovacevich, Caltrans
Sharri Bender-Ehlert, Caltrans
Ismael Herrera, California Partnership
Andrew Chesley, SJCOG
Vince Harris, StanCOG
Carlos Yamzon, StanCOG
Rosa De Leon Park, StanCOG
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Derek Winning, Madera CTC
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Ted Smalley, TCAG
Terri King, KCAG
Rob Ball, Kern COG
Michael Sigala, SJV Coordinator/Sigala Inc
Nathan Wahl, SJV Coordinator/Sigala Inc
Ken Baxter, Caltrans (phone)
Stacie Dabbs, CA Partnership (phone)
Dianne Barthe, SJCOG (phone)
Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG (phone)
Kim Anderson, SJCOG (phone)

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-08

In the Matter of:
**SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED TO FRESNO COG**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
PRELIMINARY GRADING RESULTS
FOR FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT
APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.1F); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for transportation projects for the elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, Fresno Area Express, Fresno County Employment Opportunities Commission, and WestCare desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of paratransit service in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, Fresno Area Express, Fresno County Employment Opportunities Commission, and WestCare has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies)

WHEREAS, Fresno Area Express is seeking \$246,900.00 to replace three buses, Fresno County Employment Opportunities Commission is seeking \$600,000.00 to replace eight buses and Westcare California seeks \$95,000.00 to replace two minivans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno Council of Governments hereby supports the grading recommendations for the three applications reviewed for the Section 5310 grant program that were graded by selected members of the Fresno County Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC).

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 28th day of April, 2011.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

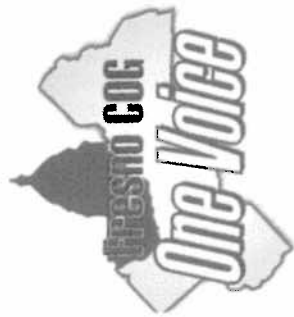
ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chairman

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 28th day of April, 2011.

Signed: _____
Tony Boren, Executive Director



Tuesday & Wednesday, April 5th & 6th, 2011

Capitol Building, Room 2040

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011

8:30 AM	<u>Welcome/Introductions:</u> Tony Boren, Executive Director, Fresno COG
9:00 AM	<u>Briefing/Review:</u> Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC
10:00 AM	<u>California Senator:</u> Michael Rubio, 16th District
10:30 AM	<u>Senate Local Government Committee:</u> Peter Detweiler, Staff Director
11:00 AM	<u>Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.:</u> Alexis Wilson, Deputy Director of External Affairs
11:30 AM	<u>California Assemblyman:</u> David Valadao, 30th District
Noon	LUNCH - On Your Own
1:30 PM	<u>California Department of Finance:</u> Pedro Reyes, Chief Deputy Director
2:00 PM	<u>California Department of Transportation:</u> Martin Tuttle, Deputy Director, Planning & Modal Programs
2:30 PM	<u>California Assemblyman:</u> Henry T. Perea, 31st District
3:00 PM	ADJOURN
6:00 PM	GROUP DINNER (Sponsored - CASH BAR) McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant 1111 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
7:00 PM	Guest Speaker: Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani, 17th District to discuss High Speed Rail.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011

8:30 AM	<u>Briefing/Review:</u> Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC
9:00 AM	<u>Senate Transportation & Housing Committee:</u> Art Bauer, Consultant
9:30 AM	<u>California Assemblywoman:</u> Ivan Altmura, Senior Caucus Member, Office of Connie Conway, 34th District
10:00 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM	<u>California Senator:</u> Brent Finkel, Legislative Director, Office of Tom Berryhill 14th District
11:30 AM	<u>Strategic Growth Council:</u> Heather Fargo, Executive Policy Officer
Noon	LUNCH - On Your Own
1:00 PM	<u>California Air Resources Board:</u> Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer
1:30 PM	<u>California Assembly Transportation Committee:</u> Janet Dawson, Chief Consultant
2:00 PM	ADJOURN - Thank you for attending!

2011 SACRAMENTO "ONE VOICE" FRESNO COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

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We, the

Fresno Council of Governments

Name of Organization

fully endorse the outcomes and policy priorities set forth in the 2010 Central California Children's Agenda and commit to supporting the following policy priority(ies) and/or strategy(ies) which fall within our organization's mission:

Goal 1 Strategy: Improve access to services that ensure planned and healthy pregnancies.

Goal 3 Strategy: Increase access to high quality preschool programs.

Indicate which (i.e. Policy Priority 2, Improve access to services that ensure planned and healthy pregnancies.)

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Are there organizations that you feel would be willing to endorse the 2010 Central California Children's Agenda?

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If Yes, please specify the name/s of the organization/s below:

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