

**FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD
ANNOTATED AGENDA**

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

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NOTICE:

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

- A. *Recognition of Outgoing Board Member by Fresno COG***
Harry Armstrong, City of Clovis
- B. *Introduction of New Board Member***
Jose Flores, City of Clovis

Mayor's City Selection Committee

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Approval of January 27, 2011 Minutes
- 3. Appointments:

City Selection Committee

Two-year terms for both Chair and Vice Chair to expire 4-1-2013
Amarpreet Dhaliwal (incumbent) and Joshua Mitchell (incumbent)

Airport Land Use Commission

Two Four Year terms to expire 5/6/2015
Steve Rapada (incumbent) and Nathan Magsig (incumbent)

Local Agency Formation Commission

Four year term for alternate to expire 5/6/2015
Dennis Lujan (incumbent)

- 4. Public Presentations (This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the committee on any matter the committee has jurisdiction over which is not on this agenda)
- 5. Adjournment

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: A Transportation Funding Claim for the 2010-11 fiscal year, has been submitted by the City of Fresno. This item will be submitted for consent to the Fresno City Council on Monday, April 14, 2011:

City of Fresno	LTF	Other	STA
	\$12,569,674	\$1,494,224 (<i>Fresno County</i>)	\$17,777,272
		\$ <u>16,814</u> (<i>Clovis</i>)	
		\$1,711,038	

Staff has reviewed the claim and finds the amounts consistent with apportionments previously approved by the TTC/PAC and Board.

Action: TTC, PAC and Staff recommend approval of the funding claim for adoption of Resolution 2011-09 by the Fresno COG Board.

B. FY2011 Caltrans Section 5310 Grant Program Grading Results - Resolution 2011-08 in support of preliminary grading results for FY2011 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant program [SOBRADO]

Summary: Earlier this year, Caltrans issued a call-for-projects for the 2010/2011 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant cycle. Fresno COG received three applications from the following organizations:

- Fresno County Employment Opportunities Commission
- Fresno Area Express
- WestCare

The Fresno County Employment Opportunities Commission is seeking \$600,000.00 to replace 8 buses. Fresno Area Express is seeking \$246,900.00 to replace three buses and Westcare California is seeking \$95,000.00 to replace two minivans.

A grading committee made of volunteers from the Fresno County SSTAC (Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee) convened in early March to review the grant applications for the 2011 Section 5310. Recommended scores are to be forwarded to Caltrans for final grading. The results from the Fresno County SSTAC grading process are included in this packet. Please contact Todd Sobrado for questions or to request additional information.

Action: TTC, PAC and Staff recommend approval of Resolution 2011-08 in support of recommended scores for applications received for the 2010/2011 Section 5310 grant program.

C. Unmet Transit Needs Update [LONG]

Summary: The Fresno COG Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in Fiscal Year 2011-12 prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads. The Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins the process of soliciting comments from the public by sending approximately 400 letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County. The request for comments letters, English and Spanish, were sent on February 8, 2011.

In addition to the request for written comments, SSTAC held four information-gathering meetings.

The first meeting was held in the City of Sanger on February 16, 2011. The meeting location was set to facilitate comments from the residents of Eastern Fresno county including: Fowler, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting time was set for 2:00 p.m. No comments were received.

The second meeting was held in City of San Joaquin on February 17, 2011. The meeting time was 5:00 p.m. and was not part of the original schedule, but was added to coincide with a planned community dinner. No comments were received.

A third meeting was held again in the City of San Joaquin on February 23, 2011. The location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of Western Fresno county including: Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, San Joaquin, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting was set for 2:00 p.m. No comments were received.

The final meeting was held in the City of Clovis on February 25, 2011. The meeting location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) and surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting time was set for 1:00 p.m. No comments were received.

We have not received any additional letters regarding potential unmet needs.

The Unmet Needs Report will be scheduled in May to initiate the 45-day review and will be on the June meeting cycle for approval.

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

D. Blueprint Update [STECK]

Summary: In February 2010, the Valley RPAs entered into a contract with Mintier Harnish to prepare three deliverables that comprise the Blueprint Roadmap:

- SJV Blueprint Planning Process Summary Report (September 2010)
- Draft SJV Blueprint Guidance Framework (Implementation Strategy) February 15, 2011
- SJV Blueprint – Planners Toolkit (web based) – beta version is available at <http://toolkitvalleyblueprintorg.alias.strangeocode.com/>

The Blueprint Project Managers from each RPA, the Valley Planners Working Group, the RPA Directors and other stakeholder groups have all been involved in reviewing and commenting on the three deliverables that comprise the Blueprint Roadmap. The first two documents along with the comments received on the Guidance Framework through February 15th are available on line at <http://www.fresnocog.org/document.php?pid=187>

Staff from each of the eight Regional Planning agencies throughout the Valley are currently presenting this material to their member agencies. The Regional Policy Council is scheduled to formally accept the deliverables at their June 24th meeting.

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

E. Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission Annual Report 2010-11 [FAWCETT]

Summary: The Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission was formed as required by State Law, which calls for creation of airport land use commissions as first established under the California State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code Section 21670, et seq.) in 1967. The fundamental purpose of an Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) is to promote land use compatibility around airports and is expressed in the statute as: "... to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the orderly expansion of airports and the adoption of land use measures that minimize the public's exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards within areas around public airports to the extent that these areas are not already devoted to incompatible uses."

The statutes give ALUC's the following powers and duties, subject to limitations, by which to accommodate the following:

- Assist local agencies in ensuring compatible land uses in the vicinity of airports to the extent that land in the vicinity of the airport is not already devoted to incompatible uses.
- Coordinate planning at the state, regional and local level, so as to provide for the orderly development of air transportation, while at the same time protect public health, safety and welfare;
- Prepare and adopt airport land use compatibility plans.

Enclosed is a timeline of actions and activities that have been carried forth by the Fresno County ALUC over the last year, and is intended as an information item. Information on the Fresno County ALUC activities is also available on our website at: <http://www.fresnocog.org/document.php?pid=353>. Fresno COG staff contact is Laural Fawcett, lfawcett@fresnocog.org, 559-233.4148 ext. 223.

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

F. Naval Air Station Lemoore Joint Land Use Study Progress Report and Notice of Public Comment Period [FAWCETT]

Summary: The Lemoore Naval Air Station Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), is a cooperative effort of Fresno County, Kings County, the City of Lemoore, and NAS-Lemoore. The overall goals of the JLUS are to identify land use issues that may impact the operational utility of NAS Lemoore; identify actions the participating agencies can pursue to ensure that incompatible development does not impact the operational utility of NAS Lemoore; and create an action plan to guide future planning that all involved parties will benefit from. The JLUS process is being conducted with the administrative support of the Kings County Association of Governments. For additional information regarding the JLUS background, please refer to the NAS Lemoore JLUS Grant Narrative; available on the NAS Lemoore JLUS website: http://www.lemoorejlus.com/KCAG_JLUS_Report_2010-06-09_item_6d.pdf. The Public Commentary period will end on May 4th, and it should be noted that the final Policy Committee meetings will occur on Wednesday, May 4th and Friday, June 24th, both meetings will be held at the Kings County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, CA, from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon.

Complete details of activities and actions that are progressing during the NAS Lemoore Joint Land Use Study are available at: <http://www.lemoorejlus.com/>. This is an information item, all interested parties are encouraged to review and provide relevant commentary. The current draft of the study is available via the JLUS website: <http://www.lemoorejlus.com/documents.html>. All questions and commentary should be directed to: Chris Lehn, Regional Planner, 559-582-3211 x2677, Chris.Lehn@co.kings.ca.us. Kings County Association of Governments, 339 West D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA 93245. Direction may be given at the discretion of the committee. Fresno COG staff contact is Laural Fawcett, lfawcett@fresnocog.org, 559-233.4148 ext. 223.

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

G. Grant Writing Workshop [MONGE]

Summary: Fresno COG is hosting a two-day grant writing workshop on June 27-28, 2011. The workshop will be presented by Grant Writing USA and is open to grant seekers across all disciplines. Tuition is \$425 and includes a course workbook and accompanying resource CD. Participants will learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. More information and online registration is available at <http://grantstraining.com/fresno>. If you have any questions please contact Lindsey Monge at 559-233-4148 ext. 205 or by email at lmonge@fresnocog.org.

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

H. Measure C Update – Carpool/Taxi Scrip/RTMF [VEENENDAAL/MARTINEZ/FAWCETT]

Summary: The following Measure C programs are implemented by Fresno COG staff.

Measure C Carpool Incentive Program [VEENENDAAL]

As of 3/1/2011, there are 1,825 Valleyrides.com registrants and 1,363 Measure C Carpool Program registrants. The Valleyrides.com registrants are the individuals that have registered in order to try to find a carpool partner. The Measure C Carpool Program registrants are those that are already carpooling and have registered for the Carpool Incentive: \$1,000 each month and grand prizes at the end of the fiscal year. On average, approximately 27% of the carpoolers that are registered have submitted logs in the last few months. Specifically, 390 submitted logs in November 2010, 360 submitted logs in December 2010, and 390 submitted logs in January 2011.

In the last 3 months, staff has made grass-roots contact with 90 local businesses and organizations in order to promote and market the program. Staff has successfully presented the program to the employees of 3 different businesses/organizations by making 4 different presentations in the last 3 months. Approximately 300 employees/potential carpoolers were reached using these grassroots practices.

Measure C Commuter Vanpool Program: [MARTINEZ]

As of 4/1/2011, there are 5 vans that receive the 'New' Vanpool subsidy, and 18 vans that receive the 'Existing' Vanpool subsidy. More than 161 riders are serviced by these 23 vans. Additionally, there are 44 riders in existing vans that are new to carpooling and therefore are eligible for and receive a \$35 voucher award subsidy per month for 12 months.

Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Program: [MARTINEZ]

As of 3/31/2011, there are 454 individuals that receive farmworker vanpool subsidies through Measure C. These individuals are riders in 42 different vans.

Measure C Senior Taxi Scrip Program: [MARTINEZ]

As of 4/15/2011, there are 2,252 Active Taxi Scrip Users. Due to the fact that various satellite locations sell taxi scrip, purchasing statistics lag behind real-time by 1 to 2 months. The table below depicts Taxi Scrip sales and usage information for the months of October, 2010 through March 2011. As of 4/15/2011, some usage data for March 2011 was still to be determined.

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
January 2011	288	\$27,140.00	429	\$22,154
February 2011	269	\$24,420.00	387	\$19,917
March 2011	282	\$25,940.00	TBD	TBD

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 Policy Board.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Selection of Towing Provider for Freeway Service Patrol [THOMPSON]

Summary: The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) has been in continuous operation on segments of the metropolitan area freeway system since September 1993, nearly 18 years. The purpose of the FSP is to promote smooth traffic flow during peak commute periods by providing for the rapid removal of disabled vehicles and vehicles involved in minor accidents. The current three-year towing contract ends on June 30, 2011. A Request for Proposals for a towing provider for the three-year period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2014 was issued on February 1, 2011. In response, the following five companies submitted a proposal by the March 11, 2011 deadline.

- Myers Towing Service
- Reyna Towing
- Curtis Towing
- Fresno Budget Towing
- Tows R Us

The Selection Committee of the FSP partners (Fresno COG, Caltrans District 6, and the California Highway Patrol) interviewed four of the five towing companies Thursday, March 30, 2011. At the conclusion of the interview process, the Selection Committee recommended Fresno Budget Towing based on knowledge of the FSP, enthusiasm, company strength and experience, and provision of all new trucks. The amount of the contract shall not exceed \$888,165 for the three-year period. The recommendation of the Selection Committee was presented to the TTC and PAC at their meeting on April 8 and they concurred in the recommendation.

Action: The FSP Partners Selection Committee, TTC and PAC recommend Fresno Budget Towing as the towing provider for the FSP for fiscal years 2011/12 through 2013/14 in an amount not to exceed \$888,165.

B. Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 3, Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment No. 1 and Corresponding Conformity Analysis – Resolution 2011-02 [MONGE]

Summary: Fresno COG is proposing Draft Amendment No. 3 to the 2011 FTIP, Amendment No. 1 to the 2011 RTP and Corresponding Conformity Analysis. The summary of changes for both amendments is enclosed and all amendment documents can be found at www.fresnocog.org; hard-copies are available upon request.

The public review and comment period was open for 30 days commencing on March 11, 2011 and ending on April 11, 2011; comments were due by April 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. One written comment to the FTIP Amendment No. 3 was submitted by the City of Fresno. A public hearing was held on March 24, 2011 and no comments were received there.

Action: TTC, PAC and staff recommend adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the 2011 FTIP, Amendment No. 1 to the 2011 RTP, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis by approval of Resolution 2011-02.

C. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]

Summary: A verbal report will be given by Caltrans staff. A written report is included in the 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. March 24, 2011 Executive Minutes

B. 2010 Central California Children's Institute - Children's Agenda - Endorsement [STECK]

Summary: Tim Curley, Central California Children's Institute, made a presentation at this month's TTC/PAC meeting requesting that the COG Policy Board endorse Central California Children's Institute's Children's Agenda. The Central California Children's Institute (CCCI) at California State University, Fresno was established in 2001 by the College of Health and Human Services. The Institute's mission is: ***to promote research, policies and practices that support the well-being of children and families, using a regional children's agenda as the guiding framework.*** The Children's Agenda articulates agreed upon outcomes and recommended policy strategies for improving the lives of all children and youth in the San Joaquin Valley. The endorsement form provided by CCCI asks organizations to commit to supporting those policies and/or strategies which fall within its organizational purview. COG staff identified two strategies that were relevant to its mission:

- Improve access to services that insure planned and healthy pregnancies
- Increase access to high-quality preschool programs

Your package includes a copy of the goals of the Children's Agenda as well as a copy of the endorsement form.

Action: Staff and the PAC recommend endorsement of CCCI's Children's Agenda.

C. Child Care Facilities – Entitlement Process Streamlining

Summary: Wilma Hashimoto, Fresno County Office of Education (FCOE), made a presentation at this month's TTC/PAC meeting requesting that the COG Policy Board endorse the concept of streamlining the entitlement permit process for childcare facilities throughout Fresno County. Ms Hashimoto requested that the Fresno COG Policy Board take the draft resolution back to their individual governing bodies for consideration. The Fresno County Office of Education will follow up with local agencies and return to the COG Policy Board to request a joint resolution.

Action: Staff and PAC recommend endorsement of FCOE's concept to streamline the entitlement permit process for childcare facilities throughout Fresno County and take the draft resolution back to their governing body for consideration, noting that FCOE will follow up with each local agency.

D. Caltrans Planning Grant Application on behalf of Central CA Regional Obesity Prevention Project (CCROPP) – Resolution 2011-10 [STECK]

Summary: This item is included 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 did 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: PAC recommends approval of Resolution 2011-10 authorizing Fresno COG to act as fiscal agent for Caltrans grant related to CCROPP proposal.

E. Regional Policy Council Report [STECK]

Summary: The SJV Regional Policy Council held its last quarterly meeting on Friday, March 25, 2011 at Fresno COG. The agenda and minutes for the meeting are included in your packet.

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

F. Monthly Legislative Update [GARZA]

Summary:

Federal Fiscal Year 2011-Spending has been extended (HR 1473)

On April 9, 2011, the President and Congress brokered a deal on the fiscal year 2011 funding, to avoid a government shutdown, which would fund the government until September 30, 2011 with \$1.049 trillion in spending and \$38.5 billion in FY11 spending authority below 2010 levels. Nearly \$40 billion (\$38.5) – largest cuts in U.S. history – have been cut from the federal budget. In general, FY 2010 funding levels for transportation were extended to FY 2011 with the exception of several programs that were cut such as high-speed rail and transit New Starts.

The total subcommittee discretionary budget authority allocation for Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development is \$55.5 billion in FY 2011, a reduction of 18 percent from the FY 2010 total of \$67.9 billion. The agreement included steep reductions in the High Speed Rail program, and cuts in transit funds from FY 2010 levels. The High Speed Rail Program was funded at \$2.5 billion in FY 2010, and FY 2011 eliminates \$2.9 billion, which is a combination of \$2.5 billion cut below the FY 2010 level and \$400 million to be rescinded from FY 2010. This means that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will not be able to redistribute the funds that Florida turned back from its high speed rail project. Funding for Capital Investment Grants (New Starts) is reduced by \$400 million in FY 2011 and also rescinds \$280 million from FY 2010 funds. Other reductions within the transit program include a \$25 million cut from the FY 2010 level for the FTA Energy Efficiency Grants (TIGGER) thereby funding the program at \$50 million in FY 2011. US DOT is expected to release a Notice of Funding Availability for the FY'11 funds very shortly.

Transit and rail are not the only transportation accounts to receive cuts. \$650 million in FY 2010 General Funds was not repeated in FY 2011 and \$630 million of TEA 21 and earlier project earmarks, that were not obligated, have been rescinded. The bill contains a \$2.5 billion rescission of FY 2010 unobligated highway contract authority (which state DOTs have limited options to actually use and have flexibility to decide what to cut. Other programs funded by the Highway Trust Fund remain at FY10 funding levels.

The final FY11 spending bill was signed by the President on Friday, April 15.

Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Budget has been introduced

The FY 2012 budget was being discussed before the 2011 budget was final. On February 14, 2011 President Obama released his fiscal year (FY) 2012 budget request of \$ 3.7 trillion (\$3.46 trillion was spent in 2010).

On April 15, 2011, the House passed a fiscal year 2012 budget proposed by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (WI) (H Con Res 34). The House voted to pass the FY 2012 Budget Resolution and the Senate will not release or vote on its version of the FY 2012 Budget Resolution until after Congress returns on **May 2nd** from its two-week recess. The proposed budget resolution includes a variety of spending cuts and an overhaul of entitlement programs, and sets the baselines for legislation, including setting the levels of FY 2012 spending for the House Appropriations Committee. The \$1.019 trillion FY 2012 budget resolution would allocate less discretionary spending than the \$1.091 trillion provided for FY10, and requests \$1.121 trillion below President Obama's FY12 discretionary spending request. The proposed budget would impact transportation-related recreation programs, such as transportation enhancements, by slashing transportation spending by \$21 billion, from \$85 billion to \$64 billion.

SAFETEA-LU Long-term Extension

HR 662, the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011, would extend through September 30, 2011, the surface transportation programs originally authorized by SAFETEA-LU. This bill passed favorably out of Congress and was signed by the President on March 4, 2011.

The enclosed reports include 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/>

To add legislation, or if you have any questions, please contact staff person, Melissa Garza.

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

G. 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 Policy Board.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 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: PAC recommends approval of FY 2010-11 OWP Amendment #3 increasing the travel budget \$10,000.

B. 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. A copy of their proposal is included in your meeting materials. The consultant contract will be for a maximum of \$549,795.

Action: PAC recommends authorizing 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.

C. Possible Changes in Policy Board Meeting Schedule [BOREN]

Summary: At the March 24, 2011 Policy Board meeting, Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin requested the Policy Board consider the possibility of moving the COG Policy Board meeting date from its current "*last Thursday of the month*" to another date/time that does not conflict with Fresno City Council meetings, which currently meet on Thursdays.

In an effort to facilitate the discussion, COG staff has included in your package of materials, two items, 1.) a listing of all of our scheduled member agency meetings including City Council, Planning Commission and Redevelopment Agency meetings; 2.) a "Month At A Glance" calendar which identifies all our member agency monthly meetings in a calendar format.

A review of the calendars shows that there are two dates that at first glance seem to have some potential, as they have only one or two member agency meetings scheduled. Those dates are the fourth Monday of the month (Selma Planning Commission & Kerman Planning Commission) and the fourth Wednesday of the month (Orange Cove City Council Meeting).

In response to a potential concern expressed by Mayor Ken Grey of Selma that Mondays may be problematic due to state and federal holidays being observed on Mondays, staff review shows that there are currently no federal or state holidays scheduled for the fourth Monday in 2011. It was also brought to COG staff's attention that the Orange Cove City Council meetings now begin at 6:30 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Action: This is an action item. Direction may be given at the discretion of the Policy Board.

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

Summary: The 7th Annual One Voice trip to Sacramento took place on April 5th and 6th. This year, there were 27 delegates who participated consisting of, elected officials, city managers, community organization representatives, school district representatives, and business leaders. California Consulting coordinated the meetings at the capitol with Valley Legislators, Committee Consultants, Caltrans Representatives, CARB, and the Strategic Growth Council, amongst several others. The delegation spent a day and a half advocating for issues such as, Transportation Funding for Hwy 99 in reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill, Preserving SHR and Funding for HSR, Sustainable Communities, Economic Development (WIA, EZ, RDA), and Renewable Energy Projects. Fresno COG staff has been collecting post-trip surveys to evaluate the trip's outcome and will continue the dialogue with the Legislative Representatives regarding Fresno COG's regional issues to ensure that our voices continue to be heard. A folder containing all the materials will be handed out at the meeting.

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

E. High Speed Rail Update [BOREN]

Summary: Staff will provide an update at the meeting.

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided by the Policy Board.

F. Strategy Research Institute Report [MANROSS]

Summary: Dr. Manross will provide a verbal update at the meeting. A written report is included in your agenda package.

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

G. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

Summary: Steve Samuelian will provide a verbal update at the meeting. A written report is included in your agenda package.

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

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

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B. Items from Members

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION:

1. Mario Santoyo – Latino Water Coalition Trip to DC [MAYOR DHALIWAL]

B. 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.**

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

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