

Executive Minutes

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Time: 10:00 a.m.**

Place:

**COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA**

Members Attending:

Scott Mozier, City of Fresno, Chair
Nicholas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling
Noe Martinez, City of Reedley
John Mulligan, City of Sanger
John Donaldson, League of Women Voters
Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County
Chip Ashley, Sierra Club

Dennis Manning, FARRC
Jeffrey D. Webster, FCRTA
Renee Mathis, City of Clovis
Gary Joseph, FCEOC
David Weisser, City of Fowler
Janet Dailey, Fresno County
Ken Hamm, FAX

Others Attending:

Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Rob Wegart, FCEOC
Walt Plachta, Blackburn Consulting
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Jeff Long, Fresno COG/FAX
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
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Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG

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Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG
Kai Han, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order by Scott Mozier, Chair.

Transportation Technical Committee

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) will consider Items I – IV prior to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. This portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

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There was a brief discussion regarding the amount of fees that have been collected.

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III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

None

B. Items from Members

Scott Mozier mentioned the proposals for reauthorization and possible financing versus funding for projects that has been suggested.

Renee Mathis (Clovis) reported that the city of Clovis' Bicycle Master Plan meeting with the Planning Commission will be held on April 28, 2011 at 6 pm.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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There were no public presentations.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director

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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]

Michael Navarro (Caltrans) provided an update. The April edition of the Caltrans Update for the Fresno Council of Governments was handed out. Mr. Navarro briefly highlighted current projects. A copy of the report will be included in the Policy Board meeting package.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

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

Tom Dodson, an environmental consultant, gave a powerpoint presentation describing the Amtrak San Joaquin Corridor Environmental Study. A copy of the presentation is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

3. High Speed Rail Update [BOREN]

Tony Boren, Executive Director, gave a brief update. Mr. Boren asked Mr. Dodson to give an update on how Amtrak is working with the High Speed Rail Authority. It was pointed out that there will be a High Speed Rail meeting on April 28th in Sacramento at the State Building from 1-3 pm.

Dennis Manning (FARRC) asked when the EIR is now expected to be released. It is believed to be released in late June or early July. Mr. Boren pointed out that outreach to the Ag community is being done.

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

Mr. Curley gave a brief presentation regarding the request for endorsement of the 2010 Central California Children's Agenda endorsing strategies under Goals 1 and 3.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) and seconded by Ron Manfredi (Kerman) to recommend the Policy Board endorse these goals. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

5. Child Care Facilities – Entitlement Permit Process Streamlining [Wilma Hashimoto, Fresno Co. Office of Education]

Wilma Hashimoto, Fresno County Office of Education, 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.

Following a brief discussion, Jeffrey Webster (FCRTA) made a motion to recommend support. The motion was seconded by Bruce Rudd (Fresno). A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Policy Advisory Committee

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

Members Present:

Dwight Kroll, City of Clovis
Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno
Gerald Forde, City of Huron
Ron Manfredi, City of Kerman
Don Pauley, City of Kingsburg
Krystal Chojnacki, City of Mendota

Frank Steenport, City of Orange Cove
Lou Martinez, City of Parlier
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Brian Haddix, City of Sanger
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County

Others Present:

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Betty Miller, Caltrans
Tom Dodson, TDA
Lou Gossenberg, Caltrans, Rail
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Don Pauley, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

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A. Monthly Legislative Update [GARZA]

B. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Vacancies [VEENENDAAL]

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A motion was made by Lynn Gorman (County) and seconded by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Steve Samuelian, California Consulting asked to move his report, Item IX F up on the agenda. The Committee agreed.

F. California Consulting Update

Mr. Samuelian reported on his monthly activities on behalf of Fresno COG.

- The Fresno COG Sacramento One Voice trip took place on April 5th and 6th.
- A meeting took place with California Consulting, City of Fresno, Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and Fresno COG to discuss lobbying efforts
- SB325 – several from Fresno County will participate in hearings in Sacramento
- Enterprise Zone bill

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

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

Les Beshears (Fresno COG) reported that 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.

A motion was made by Krystal Chojnacki (Mendota) and seconded by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) to recommend OWP Amendment #3 increasing the travel budget \$10,000. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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

Barbara Steck presented this item. CCROPP has requested 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.

A motion was made by Bruce Rudd (Fresno) and seconded by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) to recommend approval of Resolution 2011-09 authorizing Fresno COG to act as fiscal agent for Caltrans grant related to CCROPP proposal. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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

Tony Boren, Executive Director reported that 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.

A motion was made by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) and seconded by Lynn Gorman (County) to 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. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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

Melissa Garza (COG) reported on the Fresno COG 2011 One Voice Sacramento trip. A copy of the agenda and participant list was handed out at the meeting. Gerald Forde (Huron) attended the meetings and thanked Fresno COG staff for all their hard work. Mr. Forde thought that the meetings were very informative.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

E. Regional Policy Council Report [STECK]

Ms. Steck reported that the SJV Regional Policy Council held its quarterly meeting on Friday, March 25, 2011 at Fresno COG. The agenda for the meeting s included in the meeting package and the minutes for the meeting were handed out at the meeting.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

F. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

Moved up on the agenda.

G. SRI Report [MANROSS]

Mr. Boren reviewed the written report that was included in the meeting package. Dr. Manross has been asked by Fresno Works to help with facilitating meetings regarding High Speed Rail with the Ag community.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Mr. Boren reported that the City of Fresno has asked staff to look into alternative days of the week for the Policy Board meetings due to the Fresno City Council meetings being held on Thursdays. A copy of the memo that was sent to the Board members will be forwarded to the City Managers and City Clerks. This will be discussed at the Policy Board meeting on April 28th.

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