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**FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

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

Members Attending: Mayor Jose Flores, City of Clovis
Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
Mayor Ashley Swearingin, City of Fresno
Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron
Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Mayor Bruce Blayney, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Gabriel Jimenez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Kenneth Grey, City of Selma
Supervisor Debbie Poochigian, Fresno County

Sharri Bender-Ehlert, Caltrans
Zachary Redmond, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dhaliwal, Chair.

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 12 members present representing 42.67% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Selma and Fresno County).

PRESENTATION:

- A. Fresno COG Employee Recognition – 25 years of Service - Les Beshears**
Tony Boren, Executive Director, presented a plaque of appreciation to Les Beshears.

Fresno COG Sitting as the Fresno County Mayor's Selection Committee

QUORUM: Mayor Chavez (Huron) arrived at 5:36 pm. There were 13 members present representing 43.93% of the population.

A. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Applications [VEENENDAAL]

The Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board acting as the County Mayors' Select Committee and the Chair of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors will be appointing new members to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee at their meeting on June 30, 2011. 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.

Oversight Committee positions available due to term expiration:

Public-at-large member for the Unincorporated Rural Area West of 99 – Currently filled by Jose Ramos. Robert Epperson is the only applicant who submitted an application for this position.

Public-at-large member for the Unincorporated Rural Area East of 99 – Currently filled by Dr. Harold Price. He is reapplying for the position and is the only applicant.

Public-at-large member for a city outside the FCMA – Currently filled by Toni Pacini. She is reapplying for the position and is the only applicant.

Three positions for persons representing Community Organizations – Currently filled by:

- Marc Johnson representing the Sanger District Chamber of Commerce
- Nick Paladino representing the Fresno Cycling Club
- Ray Knight representing the Firebaugh Downtown Revitalization
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After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Grey (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to approve the applications for the above mentioned positions. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

The following people submitted applications to fill the available Community Organization positions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Scott Robertson	Selma Chamber of Commerce
Lee Delap	Sanger District Chamber of Commerce
Elizabeth Jonasson	Coalition for Clean Air
Nick Paladino	Fresno Cycling Club (reapplying)
Chris Acree	Tehipite Chapter Sierra Club

Nominations were opened by Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin), Chair.

A motion was made by Mayor Grey (Selma) and seconded by Supervisor Poochigian (County) to appoint Scott Robertson. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Jimenez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Silva (Mendota) to appoint Elizabeth Jonasson. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

A motion was made to appoint Lee Delap – motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Mayor Flores (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to appoint Nick Paladino. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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.

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| A. FY 2011-12 Transportation Funding (TDA) Claims [FAWCETT] | Approve |
| 1. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency FY 2011-21 - COG Resolution 2011-21 | |
| 2. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA FY 2011-12- COG | Approve |

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| Resolution 2011-22 | |
| 3. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA, FY 2010-11 – Resolution 2011-23 | Approve |
| B. San Joaquin Valley Railroad Study – Consultant Selection/Contract [THOMPSON] | Approve |
| C. Blueprint Update [STECK] | Information |
| D. Golden State Corridor Community Meetings Update [DAWSON] | Information |
| E. Air Quality Updates [DAWSON] | Information |

For a complete summary of these items, please see the June 30, 2011 Annotated Agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Flores (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, FY 2011-12 – COG Resolution 2011-16 - PUBLIC HEARING [JOSEPH – FRESNO EOC]**

Gary Joseph, Fresno EOC presented this item. The Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB), FY 2011-12 for the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA is available on the Fresno COG website under Committees & Agendas – Policy Board. The document is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies will be providing service over the next fiscal year. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) began their review of the document on April 26, 2011. The OPB 45 day review process was initiated on May 13, 2011 by the TTC and ratified by the Governing Board on May 26, 2011.

Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Flores (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to approve the Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agency Operations Program and Budget, FY 2011-12 by adopting Resolution 2011-16. A vote was called for and the motion carried with one abstention by Mayor Chavez (Huron).

B. **Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) FY 2011-12 Operations Program & Budget - Resolution 2011-17 - PUBLIC HEARING [HALTERMAN – CITY OF CLOVIS]**

Amy Hance, City of Clovis presented this item. The Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB) FY 2011-12 for the Clovis Urban Area is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency will provide service over the next fiscal year. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) began their review of the document on April 26, 2011. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget FY 2011-12 for the Clovis Urban Area document is available on the Fresno COG website under Committees & Agendas – Policy Board. The OPB 45 day review process was initiated on May 13, 2011 by the TTC and ratified by the Governing Board on May 26, 2011.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to approve the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency FY 2011-12 Operations Program and Budget by adoption of Resolution 2011-17. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area — 2011-16, Fresno COG Resolution #2011-18 - PUBLIC HEARING [WEBSTER]

Jeffrey Webster, General Manager, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency presented this item. The Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2011-16 addresses public transportation for the cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and the County of Fresno. The Plan provides a five-year, action-oriented program designed to implement the Public Transportation Element of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will also provide a basis for local governments to demonstrate that public transportation needs within their jurisdiction have been, and may continue to be, reasonably met. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) began their review of the document on April 26, 2011. The Draft SRTP 45 day review process was initiated on May 13, 2011 by the TTC and ratified by the Governing Board on May 26, 2011. A copy of the draft Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2012-16 is available on the Fresno COG website under Committees & Agendas – Policy Board.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) and seconded by Mayor Fast (Reedley) to approve the 2011-2016 Rural Short-Range Transit Plan by adopting Fresno COG Resolution 2011-18. A vote was called for and the motion carried with one abstention by Mayor Chavez (Huron).

D. Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area 2012-16 - Resolution 2011-19 - PUBLIC HEARING [LONG]

Jeff Long, Fresno COG/FAX presented this item. The Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area is the annual update to the operating plan and capital programs for Fresno Area Express FAX and Clovis Transit. The purpose of this Plan is to promote a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous planning process for transit service in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA). This Plan represents a short-range evaluation of transit needs and proposes specific recommendations for implementing the long-range objectives of Fresno County's Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will guide the provision of transit services in the FCMA over the next five years. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) began their review of the document on April 26, 2011. The Draft SRTP 45 day review process was initiated on May 13, 2011 by the TTC and ratified by the Governing Board on May 26, 2011.

The SRTP is available on the Fresno COG website under Committees & Agendas – Policy Board.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Silva (Mendota) to approve the 2012-2016 Short-Range Transit Plan by adopting Resolution 2011-19. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

E. Unmet Transit Needs Staff Report and Recommendations – Resolution 2011-20 - PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Long also presented this item. 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.

Mr. Long reported that three comment letters regarding potential unmet needs were received. The first letter came from Mr. Augustine Martinez, commenting on the lack of rural service directly to the Amtrak station in Downtown Fresno. Jeff Webster, of FCRTA, informed Mr. Augustine that there is an unwritten directive that if a passenger coming into downtown, on the FCRTA system, asked the driver to go to the Amtrak station that the bus would accommodate that trip. Effective July 1, 2011, this will be officially listed in the FCRTA schedule.

The second comment came from Ms. Veronica Garibay, of California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA). Ms. Garibay's comments were on behalf of Community United in Lanare. CRLA's comments reference the need for bus shelters and an additional service trip at mid-day. Currently, Lanare is serviced by Coalinga Transit. Ridership is very low in Lanare and not adequate to support an additional trip or transit amenities. Each of these has a threshold or performance goal that must be obtained in order to warrant the service.

The last comment letter came from Ms. Catherine Huerta of the County of Fresno Department of Social Services. Ms. Huerta is requesting additional service to rural communities of Kerman, Coalinga, Selma, Orange Cove, Reedley, Kingsburg and Fowler. FCRTA, under the "Welfare to Work" program provided these additional services in the past. Ridership was insufficient to warrant the continuation of the service. FCRTA has recommended to the rural residents, as well as the Department of Social Services, that a more effective form of transportation would be the Fresno COG's Commuter Van Pool Program. In addition, the 2010-11 FCRTA budget allocated \$1,000,000 to purchase 35 vans, to be managed by KCAPTA, and make them available to rural residents of Fresno County. This will significantly reduce the shared expenses and should further increase participation.

After thorough review of all items, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) found there to be no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. Comments were received from members of the KNOW Youth media group reflecting results of a public event that the group recently held regarding public transportation in Fresno and a recent bus trip taken by one of the members. There being no other comments, the hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to approve Resolution 2011-20 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

QUORUM: Mayor Swearingin (Fresno) arrived. There were 14 members present representing 98.585% of the population.

F. Adoption of Annual Availability Advisory Percentages for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation – Resolution 2011-12 - PUBLIC HEARING [BESHEARS]

Les Beshears (Fresno COG) reported that a recent Caltrans Availability and Disparity Study revealed statistically significant underutilization in four of six groups presumed to be disadvantaged as defined in 49, CFR Part 26. As a result the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) has approved the California State Department of Transportation 2009 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program requiring implementation of race conscious measures. Local agencies adopted the California Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Implementation Agreement and set race conscious goals for the presumed four underutilized groups, African American, Asian Pacific American, Native American, and Women. Two other groups, Hispanic Males or Subcontinent Asian Males shall be reported and counted toward the Race Neutral portion of the local agencies overall Anticipated Annual DBE Percentage Level.

Mr. Beshears went on to report that Fresno COG mailed a notice to its entire consulting database advising them of the requirements and requesting updates to their DBE status. The result of their response was tabulated and our database now has 315 companies of which one is African American, five are Asian Pacific American, sixteen are women, ten are Hispanic Male, and three are Subcontinent Asian Male reflecting an 11.11% over all Anticipated Advisory DBE Participation Level, of which race conscious groups total 8.01% and race neutral groups total 3.1%.

A public notice was put in the Fresno Bee noticing this public hearing identifying \$579,500 in contracting opportunities programmed in the 2011/12 Overall Work Program.

During the 2010/11 fiscal year Fresno COG did 15 procurements totaling \$4,674,525. Overall DBE participation of \$70,120 or 2% was all Race Conscious.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Grey (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve Resolution 2011-12 setting Fresno COG's 2011/12 overall Annual Anticipated DBE Participation Level at 11.11%, of which race conscious methods apply to 8.01% and race neutral methods apply to 3.1%. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

G. Obligational Authority [GARZA]

Mr. Beshears reported that on April 4, 2011 Fresno COG submitted the 2010/11 Obligation Plan to Caltrans Local Assistance which outlines Fresno COG's estimated schedule for project and fund delivery for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010/11 (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011). The overall total Obligational Authority (OA) for CMAQ and RSTP in FFY 10/11 would have been \$20,540,248; however, last year's OA was under delivered by \$276,480, and that amount was added to this years OA, leaving **\$20,816,729** as the projected FFY 2010/11 Obligational Authority Target. As of April 30, 2011, our region has only delivered \$2,621,783 or 12.6% of the OA Target. Our region needs to deliver the remaining \$18,194,945 of the OA to comply with the "Use It or Lose It" provisions of AB 1012 enacted in October 1999. The obligation plan submitted by the local agencies outlined the delivery of \$13,402,180 in combined CMAQ and RSTP. However, since the plan was originally submitted, Fresno COG staff has been meeting with individual project sponsors and reviewing project status and exploring the advancement of many projects through the use of EPSP. Due to financial constraint requirements of the FTIP, it is imperative that projects programmed with FY 10/11 get obligated within the programmed year to avoid reprogramming of those funds. If funds need to be reprogrammed and financial capacity is not available, it is possible that projects can become substantially delayed if moved to the outer years of the FTIP.

A copy of the currently obligated projects was distributed.

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

H. Rail Update [THOMPSON/BOREN]

Mr. Boren reported that the High Speed Rail Environmental Impact Report is due to be released in late July.

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

I. Caltrans Update [CALTRANS]

Sharri Bender-Ehlert gave a brief update. Ms. Ehlert referred to the June Caltrans Update that was included in the meeting package and also referred to items of interest in the newly released July report. A copy of the July report was emailed to the members. This report will be sent out quarterly. Ms. Ehlert reported on the braided ramp project and the Kerman roundabout project. Work on Academy Avenue has begun along SR 180. McCall Avenue has been reopened.

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

Fresno COG Sitting As the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board

III. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to reaffirm all action taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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A.	Executive Minutes – May 26, 2011	Approve
B.	John Wright – Blueprint Planning Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
C.	VRPA – RTP Performance Standards Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
D.	VRPA – Measure “C” Handbooks Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
E.	Ecointeractive – FresnoTrak Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
F.	Ecointeractive – IPlaces Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
G.	UC Davis– IPlaces Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
H.	Nelson Nygaard - Transit Consolidation Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
I.	PB America – RTMF On Call Support Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
J.	Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian – Financial and TDA Audit Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
K.	Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian – Measure C Audit Contract [BESHEARS]	Approve
L.	Michael Sigala – MPO Liaison Contract [BOREN]	Approve
M.	Monthly Legislative Update [GARZA]	Information
N.	Regional Policy Council Report [STECK]	Information
O.	Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO]	Approve

	Project	Applicant
1.	<i>Self-Help Enterprises – Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants for FY 2011</i>	Self-Help Enterprises
2.	<i>County of Fresno – Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Shelter Grant for 2011-2012</i>	County of Fresno

For a complete summary of these items, please see the June 30, 2011 Annotated Agenda.

Supervisor Poochigian (Count) asked for Items B, H, I to be pulled for clarification and Mayor Fast (Reedley) asked for Item O to also be pulled for clarification.

A motion was made by Mayor Fast (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Chavez (Huron) to approve the remainder of the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Item B. – John Wright Blueprint Planning Contract. Supervisor Poochigian asked for clarification of the dollar amount of this contract. Following Mr. Beshears explanation Supervisor Poochigian made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mayor Grey (Selma). A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Item H. Nelson Nygaard – Transit Consolidation Contract. Supervisor Poochigian asked for clarification of the length of the contract. Following Mr. Beshears explanation Supervisor Poochigian made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier). A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Item I. PB Americas – RTMF On Call Support Contract. Supervisor Poochigian asked for clarification of this contract. Following Mr. Beshears explanation Supervisor Poochigian made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mayor Silva (Mendota). A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Item O. Regional Clearinghouse – Item 1. Mayor Fast (Reedley) asked for clarification of the areas affected by this grant. Following Ms. Steck's clarification a motion was made by Mayor Fast (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve the item. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Legislative Platform [GARZA]

Mr. Boren briefly explained this item. The Policy Board adopted the 2011 Legislative Platform in November 2010. The Fresno COG Legislative Platform includes the advocacy priorities of the Fresno COG in state and federal legislative matters. It represents a unified voice when communicating legislative priorities to our state and federal lawmakers as well as to relevant state and federal agencies. It also provides guidance to the Fresno COG staff and the lobbying partners when advocating on behalf of the Policy Board. The final legislative platform reflects the most current priorities for advocacy during the 2011 state and federal legislative sessions. During recent Policy Board meetings, several board members have expressed concerns in regards to taking positions on issues or priorities that are non-transportation related. Because the approved Legislative Platform does include non-transportation related priorities, it will be necessary to amend and readopt an updated legislative platform to align with the priorities and concerns of the policy board members. During the July PAC meeting, staff will ask PAC members to voluntarily participate in a subcommittee to review and update the platform in order to address the concerns involving non-transportation related action items. The platform will be updated during the months of July and August, and will go to the Policy Board in September for recommended approval.

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

B. California Consulting - Lobbying Contract [BOREN]

Mr. Boren reported that California Consulting has represented that they are amenable to extending their contract at the existing rate structure. The current arrangement in place provides for a \$3,000 per month retainer for lobbying services and Executive Director pre approved travel cost not to exceed \$1,200. The contract also requires us to reimburse California Consulting \$150 per quarter for filing the statutorily required Report of Lobbyist. This contract provides lobby service and is ineligible for federal participation; therefore, it is paid for with member dues.

Mr. Boren pointed out that this contract is an annual contract. California Consulting has been representing Fresno COG for 5 years. It was suggested that the contract be extended to a two year

contract. After discussion, it was decided that the contract would be renewed for one year and that a Request for Proposals should be sent out in 2012 prior to the renewal date and that a longer term be considered for the contract at that time.

A motion was made by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) and seconded by Mayor Chavez (Huron) to approve extending the California Consulting arrangement another year at the existing terms. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Strategy Research Institute Contract Renewal (Continued from May 2011) [BOREN]

Mr. Boren reported that he received a letter from Dr. Manross, Strategy Research Institute requesting that this contract renewal be removed from Policy Board consideration.

D. Appointment of Fresno COG Policy Board Member as San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Alternate [BOREN]

Mr. Boren reported that the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Memorandum of Understanding requires that each San Joaquin Valley COG appoint two elected officials and one alternate to serve on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council. Fresno COG's current Policy Council members are Supervisor Judy Case and San Joaquin Mayor Ruby Dhaliwal. Fresno COG's current alternate has been Clovis Mayor Harry Armstrong, but Clovis rotates their Mayor's position each March and Mayor Armstrong no longer sits on the Fresno COG Policy Board, so he is therefore ineligible to serve as the alternate to the Policy Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Silva (Mendota) to appoint Mayor Flores (Clovis) as the alternate representative to the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

E. Meeting Package Alternatives [STECK]

Barbara Steck (Fresno COG) reported that Fresno COG staff is continuing to research alternatives to printed agenda packages. If we are able to move to electronic agendas, Fresno COG would save an estimated \$13,000 per year. Related to this pursuit is the fact that Fresno COG is in the process of updating its website at www.fresnocog.org. The new website, which should be fully operational some time this summer, will go a long way toward accomplishing more streamlined agenda communication. The new web based agenda functions currently being developed should provide easy downloading and linking capabilities.

Ms. Steck also reported that Fresno COG is looking into the cost of providing Committee members with some type of reader/ tablet units. We are considering a variety of technologies that would provide effective "reader" options. When discussed at the TTC meeting earlier this month, committee members suggested that the readers be left at the COG offices so that they would be available for all standing committees (TTC, PAC and Board) to use at their meetings. Any Board or committee member desiring paper copies will be issued the package in the traditional manner.

We are hoping to launch the new E Agenda Package process in September of this year. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Steck stated that she will report back to the Committees and Policy Board in September.

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

F. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC provided a verbal report at the meeting. A written report for June is included in the meeting package. Mr. Samuelian referred to the summary included in the meeting package and reported updates on current bills and the state budget.

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

VI. OTHER BUSINESS**A. Items from Staff**

Parking Passes for the Policy Board members have been extended to July 31st. New passes will be handed out at the July Policy Board meeting.

B. Items from Members

None

VII. PRESENTATIONS**A. 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.**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director

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Others Attending:

Amy Hance, City of Clovis
Lee Delap, Sanger Chamber of Commerce
Gary Joseph, FCEOC
Rob Weyant, FCEOC
Scott Robertson
Jeffrey D. Webster, FCRTA
The KNOW Youth Media
 Luis Pacheco
 Kevin Shelton
 Kevis McGee
 Anna Jacobsen
 Mai DeVang
 Miguel Bibanco
 Anthony Cody
 Deshad Cato
Fred Stroman, Bus Tracker
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County
Steve Samuelian, California Consulting
Juan Garza II, California Consulting
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Jeff Long, Fresno COG/FAX
Kai Han, Fresno COG
Suzanne Martinez, Fresno COG
Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG
Laural Fawcett, Fresno COG
Lauren Dawson, Fresno COG
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