**Fresno Council of Governments**
**Fourth Quarter Progress Report for FY 2010-11**
**Ending June 30, 2011**

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

### WE 110 - Regional Streets and Highways

***Objective:*** To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional streets and highways planning process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

***Accomplishments:***

- Continued participation in the monthly Statewide California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) established to provide a linkage between State, Federal, and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies involved in transportation programming activities.
- Involvement with related subcommittees, such as the FTIP and CMAQ task forces, of the CFPG group evaluating and making recommendations on policy and procedure updates related to programming.
- Continued use of the *California Transportation Improvement Program System* (CTIPS) and involvement in program updates.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group.
- Continued support and developmental improvements to FresnoTrak, the programming software provided by EcoInteractive used to integrate all components of programming such as Modeling, RTP, and FTIP. Local agencies request one on one user training to be able to access their project information online, submit amendment requests and verify programming details on FresnoTrak.

[GARZA/MONGE]

### WE 111 - Regional Transportation Modeling

***Objective:*** To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

***Accomplishments:***

- Provided various model data to consultants, member agencies, and Caltrans.
- Continued participation in the Caltrans led Statewide Modeling/Information Sharing Group. Helped coordinate the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) Modeling/Air Quality Coordinating Committee. This committee was established to provide interagency transportation conformity consultation. The meetings are attended by representatives of the eight Valley RTPAs; the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Caltrans; the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD); and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).
- COG staff is chair of the San Joaquin Valley TP+/Cube Model Users Group.
- Kept the road network database up-to-date. The database is used for modeling and other reporting purposes.
- Fresno COG led the San Joaquin Valley effort in conducting valley wide model improvements (MIP) for SB 375 by managing the MIP project and facilitating consultant team and valley MPOs.
- Arranged new unlimited licenses for all eight valley MPO's traffic modeling software to take advantage of the multi-session model run capability and utilize advanced modeling techniques available in the Cube suite of software. Fresno COG also hosted related training sessions for valley MPO's modeling staff.

**[BITNER/HAN]**

**WE 112 - Regional Traffic Monitoring**

***Objective:*** To maintain the Fresno Regional Traffic Monitoring Program as a source of current traffic information for use by member agencies and the public, and as a validation tool for the Countywide Traffic Model.

***Accomplishments:***

- Coordinated the *Traffic Counts Program* and provided technical assistance to member agencies.
- Provided traffic counts in response to public requests.
- Facilitated Triennial Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) traffic counts.
- Acquired recent (2009-2010) traffic counts from various agencies to support the model validation as part of the San Joaquin Valley Model Improvements project.

[HAN]

**WE 113 – Regional Transportation Planning Studies**

***Objective***: The Regional Transportation Planning Studies work element is intended to provide resources to conduct focused transportation studies for the Fresno County region.

***Accomplishments***:
Fehr and Peers have completed the Study. Presentations of the Final Report were given to the Board of Supervisors, Fresno City Council, and the Fresno COG Policy Board. [BITNER]

**WE 115 – Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Plan**

***Objective***: As of January 1, 2010, Resolution 2009-01 gives the RTMF joint powers agency (FCRTMFA) the authority to collect the fee. The RTMF JPA and the Transportation Authority entered into an indemnity agreement, whereas the Transportation Authority (FCTA) assumes liability for FCRTMFA's actions in collecting the fee.

***Accomplishments***:
During the 4th Quarter of 2010-11, the following activities continue;

- In the fourth quarter 2011, 216 applications were received by Fresno COG. There were 106 applications in which a fee was collected, 89 of which were for single family dwellings. 110 applications were submitted that were exempt from payment of the fee. Of the 110 exempt applications received, 109 were for single family dwellings. A total of $251,650.20 was collected of which $2,650 is the administrative processing fee.
- Staff analyzes eligibility forms on behalf of local jurisdictions.
- Staff assists the public in interpretation and application of the fee.
- Staff collects and processes fees in accordance with the Mitigation Fee Act, on behalf of local jurisdictions.
- Staff tracked the eligibility and fee collection process using a database developed by staff specifically for RTMF activities.
- Staff prepares reporting of fees paid into the RTMF program on a monthly and quarterly basis.
- Staff administers the RTMF Appeals Process that was implemented the second quarter of FY2010-11.
- Prepare reporting provided to committees involved or having an interest in the RTMF. Such agencies include the Measure C Citizen's Oversight Committee. [SOBRADO/FAWCETT/BOREN]

**WE 116 – National Park Transit Study**

***Objective*:** The National Park Transit Study is a market assessment and feasibility study is to asses the viability of providing public transportation service between the city of Fresno and Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

***Accomplishments*:**

- An RFP was released on October 20, and on November 24, eight proposals were received. The proposals were scored and four of the proposals were selected for formal presentations scheduled to take place in January 2010.
- The COG Policy Board awarded the contract to Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants, and the contract was executed on March 19. The first meeting of the Study Advisory Committee will be May 4, 2010.
- Five Service Advisory Committee meetings have taken place and stakeholder interviews have been undertaken to determine the level of interest in service to National Parks. Stakeholders include officers of the National Parks Service, representatives from local colleges, the Fresno Yosemite International Airport, Fresno Convention and Visitors Agency, as well as other Fresno and Madera County officials.
- Interviews were conducted among Fresno, Madera and Oakhurst key stakeholder. Additional interviews were also conducted with representatives of the National Parks Service (NPS).
- COG staff met with NPS representatives and others regional planning groups to discuss various planning activities currently underway at or around Yosemite National Park.
- A survey of Fresno State University students was conducted to determine the level of interest in transit service from Fresno to the national parks.
- Technical memorandums on service options and service evaluation criteria have been delivered, and the final report was accepted at the COG Policy Board meeting in February. [DOWNS]

**WE 117 -Golden State Corridor Study**

GOLDEN STATE CORRIDOR: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS: PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

***Objective:***
The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) in conjunction with the County of Fresno, and the cities of Selma, Fowler and Kingsburg are conducting a Golden State Corridor: Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements: Planning, Engineering, and Environmental Study.
There are three parts to this study:

1) Developing the planning design guideline specifications for the entire Corridor,
2) Preparing the preliminary engineering design plans, and
3) Preparation of environmental documents sufficient to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The goal is to revitalize the Corridor, enhance economic development, and improve Corridor safety for both commercial purposes as well as local drivers.

Funding for the Golden State Corridor Improvements has been made available in the Measure "C" Sales Tax Extension, passed by the voters of Fresno County in 2006. Originally, for this phase, $515,000 was allocated. The second allocation was in the 2013/14 time frame at $5,970,000, and the third allocation occurs in the years 2015/16 at $37,343,000. Due to Measure "C" sales tax estimates falling below 29.3% from ballot measure projections, the November 18, 2010 Policy Board approved reprogramming the Golden State project as follows: $24,156,000 in 2018/19; $14,375,000 in 2019/20 and $2,858,000 in 2020/21.

***Accomplishments*:**

- The Golden State Advisory Team (GSAT) [with members from each of the agencies -cities of Selma, Kingsburg, Selma, the County of Fresno, Fresno COG,] met to discuss the progress on the project.
- On June 28, 2011 the Golden State Advisory Team (GSAT) [with members from each of the agencies - cities of Selma, Kingsburg, Selma, the County of Fresno, Fresno COG, Caltrans, Fresno FAX and the Fresno Bicycle Coalition] met to review the geometrics of the intersection proposed improvements and to receive the Revised Draft Design Guideline Manual for review. Detailed comments were received from the member agencies and will be responded to by consultant.
- The Revised Draft of the Planning Design Guidelines was released for review by the cities for Fowler, Selma, Kingsburg, the County of Fresno and Caltrans at the June 28, 2011 meeting. An electronic copy was transmitted to all GSAT members.
- The Recycled Water Study was completed April 15, 2011 and transmitted for GSAT review and comment.
- The Draft Traffic Technical Report was released and transmitted for GSAT review and comment. April 26, 2011.
- The extension to American Avenue proposed scope change has been drafted and budget amendment detail was drafted and submitted to the County of Fresno for approval 3/23/11.
- The extension to American Avenue proposed scope change –Cooperative Agreement with FCTA was approved by FCTA Board and Fresno COG Policy Board May 2011.
- Possible grant opportunities are being developed by Chabin and Associates.
- Fresno COG received the Economic Development Report prepared by Chabin and Associates June 24, 2011.
- Attended Water Workshop April 2011 for coordination with G.S. Corridor Water Reuse Technical Report.
- Community Meetings were held in Fowler June 14, 2011.
- Community Meetings were held in Selma June 28, 2011.
- Fresno COG coordination with the California PUC, and UPRR series of conference calls.
- Attended Caltrans' Field Academy –Planning technical training April 4, 2011.
- Provided update to TTC/PAC/Policy Boards in May and June 2011.
- Consulted with Fresno COG Public Information Office regarding Public Outreach for G.S. Corridor May 2011.
- Attended Fresno Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding Agri-Tourism as it relates to future economic development potential for the G.S. Corridor.
- A meeting was held at COG with City of Selma representatives on 6/30/2011 to discuss 3 bike paths in the Selma region with implications for development along the Corridor. One is in jeopardy of loosing funding. [DAWSON]

**WE 120 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Urban**

***Objective:*** To carry on the continuing urban area public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration under TEA-21 (1997), the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977) and AB-120 (Statutes of 1979); the Social Service Improvement Act (SB-826, 1988); the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; The 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

***Accomplishments:***

- *Demand-Responsive Service Evaluation:* Staff continues to monitor the system for productivity, cost effectiveness, and compliance with ADA regulations.

- *Management Information Systems:* Staff continues to develop and maintain various MIS programs and services. Work this quarter included negotiating the restart of the farebox project, regional trip planning software implementation, and RFP development and award for the Automatic Passenger Counting system.
- *National Transit Database Report:* National Transit Data Base (NTDB) annual operating statistics for FY2010-11 have been compiled and submitted reporting to the Federal Transit Administration. NTDB data collection is an ongoing process.
- *Coordinate with Air District:* Staff reviews Air District's plans and rule making and attends workshops on topics related to transit planning. Staff also works closely in developing funding request strategies from the SJVUAPCD for related TCM's such as alternative fuels funding and transit pass subsidy funding.
- *Review Development Proposals:* Staff continues to work closely with the development community in order to promote pedestrian and transit-friendly development through review and comment on development proposals.
- *Community Outreach and Public information:* FAX information continues to be maintained on the World Wide Web at http://www.fresno.gov/index.html. Staff continues to work with major employers to promote public transit, and to find creative ways to increase transit's market share. Staff has participated in several community outreach activities with various local agencies.
- *Service Coordination:* The Clovis/FAX Metro pass continues to be a success, and FAX continues to include transit service schedules and information for Clovis Stageline in the FAX Schedule Guide. Beginning January 10, 2011, FAX only sells Metro passes and will no longer offer the monthly convenience pass.
- *Regional Farebox:* The farebox project has experienced significant delays. FAX has negotiated a resolution to this project that will allow the vendor to begin re-testing the fareboxes after fulfilling predefined conditions. This settlement agreement has been approved by the Fresno City Council.
- *Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC):* The SSTAC is in the process of soliciting feedback related to the annual Unmet Needs Process. Four outreach meetings have been held and over 400 letters were sent out requesting comments on transit needs in Fresno County. All comments received thus far have been addressed and the public hearing will be held on June 30, 2011.
- *Automatic Passenger Counters (APC):* Staff prepared and released an updated RFP for Automatic Passenger Counters to retrofit the entire FAX fleet. The RFP was released on April 25th and 2 bids were received on June 2nd. On June 23, 2011, the Fresno City Council awarded a contract to Dilax Systems, Inc. *Regional Transit Trip Planning Program:* Ontira Communications was the selected vendor of the *JARC* funded project. Staff is currently testing the Regional Transit Trip Planning Program. The program, when fully implemented, will include Fresno Area Express, Clovis Transit and Fresno County Rural Transit. Automated trip planning is currently available via Google Transit for FAX, but in a much less robust format.
- *Fresno County Regional Transit Consolidation Plan:* The technical steering committee, comprised of the three transit operators and the consultants, has reviewed the results of the consultant's evaluation of the independent transit operator's business operations, and the committee directed the consultants to continue to evaluate potential operating models for a consolidated Fresno County agency. *On June 17, 2011 the consultant released the Technical Memorandum #2, outlining a transit district conceptual business and implementation plan.* [DOWNS]

**WE 121 – Public Transit -Human Services Transportation (JARC)**

***Objective:*** The Human Services Transportation Coordination work element's aim is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that public and non-profit agencies coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs including the Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities; the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and *the* NEW FREedom Program.

On August 10, 2005, President Bush signed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This new legislation included human services transportation coordination provisions which aim to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults,

and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that communities coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs. Coordination will enhance transportation access, minimize duplication of services, and facilitate the most appropriate cost-effective transportation

The human services transportation coordination provisions include the following activities:

- Requires the establishment of a locally developed, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for all FTA human service transportation programs: Section 5310 Elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities program, Section 5316 Jobs Access and Reverse Commute Program and Section 5317 New Freedom Program. This plan has been completed and accepted by the Fresno COG Policy Board.

***Accomplishments:***

- Issued a call for projects for the FTA Section 5316, JARC Large Urban grant program incorporating the FY2010 apportionment to Fresno COG for $239,008. The total amount of funding available for this call for projects was $882,065. This program is administered by Fresno COG.
- Received, graded and processed grant applications received in response to the call-for-projects described above. Two applications were received and awarded to the Fresno County Employment Opportunities Commission for $441,031 each to fund operating costs for a transit project targeted at disabled adults. The projects each have a 50% match requirement.
- Completed the programming process for COG administered portion of the Section 5316 Grant Program
- Prepared contracts for grants awarded in the previous grant cycle that have since been approved by Counsel.
- Worked with prospective applicants to prepare for future FTA Section 5316 JARC Call for projects.
- Collected quarterly reports from previous Section 5316 (JARC) grantees to comply with administrative requirements. [SOBRADO]

**WE 122 – Public Transit – Human Services Transportation (New Freedom)**

***Objective:*** The New Freedom program goals are to provide new public transportation services to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation into society while expanding the transportation mobility options available to persons with disabilities beyond requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

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***Accomplishments:***

- Issued a call for projects for the FY 2009, 2010 FTA Section 5317, New Freedom, Large Urban grant program. Incorporating the FY 2010 apportionment of $86,332, the total amount of funding available was

$313,877. No applications were received for this program so a new call-for-projects will be issued in the next couple of months. This program is administered by Fresno COG.

- Completed the programming process for COG administered portion of the Section 5317 (New Freedom) grant program.
- Prepared contracts for grants awarded in the previous grant cycle that have since been approved by Counsel.
- Worked with prospective applicants prepare for future FTA Section 5317 New Freedom call for projects.
- Collected quarterly reports from previous Section 5317 (New Freedom) grantees to comply with administrative requirements. [SOBRADO]

**WE 123 – Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS)**

***Objective:*** The purpose of this work element is to identify and evaluate viable alternative mass transportation options for Fresno County, and develop ridership and cost projections for various scenarios to establish a long-range plan leading to optimum connectivity within the region.

***Accomplishments:***

- Summary of travel markets, transit needs, and planned public transportation improvements;
- Summary maps and brief description of transit friendly employment centers, market conditions, and characterization of transit corridors;
- Transit technology and service alternatives feasibility assessment;
- Menu of service and technology options for transportation systems management (TSM) scenario;
- Baseline GIS mapping of Fresno County (includes layers reflecting Blueprint scenarios where available);
- Evaluation of current vacant land capacity based on existing zoning;
- Summary of current conditions and future trends analysis;
- Countywide opinion survey;
- Alternative land use and travel modeling has been completed; and
- FTA has included a $38.5 million grant for Fresno's BRT project in the President's 2011 budget.
- The PTIS website, www.fasttrackfresno county.com, is being maintained, and all of the study documents, including newsletters are available can be viewed there.
- During the 4th quarter, the Fresno COG Policy Board accepted the PTIS final report and associated recommendations. The report and associated recommendations and materials have been amended based on comments received during the review and are available for viewing on the Fresno COG website.

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**WE 130 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Rural**

***Objective:*** To carry on the continuing rural public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977); the Social Service Improvement Act (AB-120, 1979); the Mello Act (SB-157, 1985); the Specialized Transportation Services Act (SB-826, 1988) the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments (1990); the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

***Accomplishments:***

- During the Fourth Quarter the Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) concluded its annual "Unmet Transit Needs" process. The mass mailings and three (3) community outreach meetings resulted in the submission of only three written comments. The first requested and the FCRTA Staff have agreed that FCRTA's Inter-City services (Coalinga Transit. Orange Cove Transit, Southeast Transit, and Westside Transit) make "scheduled" (not on request) drop-offs and pick-ups at the Amtrak Station. Affected transit flyers are being updated to reflect the scheduled Amtrak bus stops. The second was from the Director of the Fresno County Department of Social Services, again asking for

extensive additional services from rural area Cities to the Fresno Metropolitan Area to ensure access to employment opportunities. FCRTA staff noted that the County Department had previously funded FCRTA service expansion for the same purpose, that proved unsuccessful. For several years, transit operators in five (5) Southern San Joaquin Valley Counties have recognized that shared ride transportation is best suited to address transit to employment. Staff explained that last year the FCRTA had purchased thirty-five (35) vanpooling vehicles that are immediately available through its co-partner Kings County Rural Transit (KART). Coupled with the Fresno COG's Measure-C subsidy assistance programs, the net cost to participants could be as low as $3.00 per day, lower than regular transit fares from rural areas to the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area  Referral information was again provided to facilitate direct personnel contacts.. The third requested a mid-day round trip service between Lanare and Fresno, to augment the existing Coalinga Transit Inter-City service.  Initial and follow-up Staff analysis was shared with the Client representative.  Observations and options were specifically enumerated, no responses were received.  The SSTAC recognized that the transit needs of the unincorporated Community of Lanare are being met through Coalinga Transit's existing intercity service "to" and "from" Fresno.  The SSTAC was able reach its finding and recommendation, that were processed additional for public review through the Fresno COG advisory, policy committees, and the Policy Board, during a Public Hearing and adoption on June 30, 2011.

- *T*he *Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area for 2011-16* was completed for the public review through the Fresno COG's advisory, policy committees, and the Policy Board, during a Public Hearing and adoption on June 30, 2011.[JWEBSTER]

**WE 150 - Other Modes - Aviation & Rail**

***Objective:*** To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the aviation, non-motorized and rail modes.

***Accomplishments/Aviation:***

- Monitored aviation issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Comprehensive review and update of aviation section of 2011 Regional Transportation Plan, in conjunction with operators of public use airports in Fresno County.

***Accomplishments/Rail:***

- Monitored rail issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Monitored activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority and other activities related to high-speed rail in California.
- Represented Fresno County as an Alternate Public Member in two meetings of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee.  The first was April 28, 2011 in Fresno and the second was June 30, 2011 in Richmond.  At the first meeting, major items included a presentation and discussion on high speed rail in the San Joaquin Valley and on-going discussion of the gap closure between Bakersfield and Los Angeles.  At the second meeting, major items included again discussion of the gap closure between Bakersfield and Los Angeles (a subcommittee of the SJV Rail Committee was formed to address this issue, with representation from Fresno County) and the State Rail Plan under development by Caltrans Division of Rail.  Ongoing items at both meetings included usual reports on Amtrak California safety/security/train operations, passenger services, marketing, route performance, Amtrak California train and thruway bus operations, capital projects delivery, and state/federal budgets, legislation, and other updates.
- Tom Dodson of Tom Dodson & Associates gave a presentation to the COG committees and Policy Board during the April cycle of meetings on the environmental impact report/impact statement for the Amtrak San Joaquin Corridor Rail Plan.
- Coordinated with consultants (Railroad Industries, Inc. located in Reno, Nevada) to expand the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Study to include the 50 miles of shortline railroad corridor west of Fresno in Fresno County.  The expanded study and selection of Railroad Industries, Inc. were presented to the COG committees and Policy Board during the month of June.  The Board approved the selection of Railroad

Industries Inc. to prepare the expanded study and authorized the COG Executive Director to enter into a contract with Railroad Industries Inc.

- Continued to monitor progress of SB 325 (Rubio), the Central California Railroad Authority Act, through the legislature. Provided testimony in support of SB 325 to the Assembly Local Government Committee on June 15, 2011. [THOMPSON]

**WE 151 – Bicycle and Pedestrian**

***Objective:*** To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the bicycle and pedestrian transportation modes.

***Accomplishments:***

- Monitored bikeway issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Participated in meetings of the San Joaquin Valley on Caltrans Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) on April 7 and June 2, 2011 in Sacramento. The purpose of the CBAC is to advise Caltrans on technical issues related to bikeways planning and implementation. Ongoing agenda items included Caltrans District reports, the Bicycle Transportation Account FY 2011/12 funding cycle, various status reports (Highway Design Manual Revision, Interchange/Intersection Guidelines, Gerad Desmond Bridge update, etc.). New business items included proposed MUTCD updates, Complete Intersections – A Guide to Reconstructing Intersections and Interchanges for Bicyclists and Pedestrians, CBAC membership and meeting issues, "Understanding Bicycle Transportation" training, National Bike Summit, etc.[THOMPSON]

**WE 152 – High Speed Rail Planning**

***Objective***: To assist the California High-Speed Rail Authority, in conjunction with Fresno COG member agencies and interested citizens and organizations, with the development of the project level environmental document for the high-speed train system, and to identify and evaluate all other issues associated with high-speed trains in Fresno County in order to maximize its benefits.

**Accomplishments**:

- Ongoing activities related to the Heavy Maintenance Facility. These activities included participation in meetings of the "Fresno Works" Steering Committee, discussions with community members concerning high-speed rail issues, and other activities. The Steering Committee and Land Use Task Force continue to meet regularly to discuss next steps and resolve issues related to the heavy maintenance facility.
- Continue to monitor activities and decisions of the California High-Speed Rail Authority for their relationship to high-speed rail in Fresno.
- Attended a public information open house on high-speed rail held at the Fresno Convention Center on May 17, 2011. [THOMPSON]

**WE 153 – Airport Land Use Commission**

***Objective:*** To ensure the orderly development of lands in the vicinity of public use airports within Fresno County and ensure consistency of land use development with the various Airport Land Use plans within Fresno County.

***Accomplishments:***

- Conducted one regular and one special Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) meeting. The regular meeting agenda did not include any projects to review, and instead focused on the NAS Lemoore JLUS and the update from the new commander of the Fresno ANG regarding the F-15 conversion. The special meeting addressed the subject of whether the ALUC would provide comments to be included in the JLUS. More details on this and other ALUC meetings can be obtained on the Fresno COG website: http://www.fresnocog.org/document.php?pid=353

- Continue to communicate with KCAG and NAS Lemoore Staff regarding the ongoing NAS Lemoore Joint Land Use Study. The next meeting will be a Policy Committee Meeting held on Friday, August 19, 2011, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon, Kings County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room,1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, CA; to finalize and adopt the JLUS.
- Received a request for comments from Fresno County regarding a CUP for a private-use airport strip. The ALUC does not have jurisdiction over private use airports, and therefore does not bring these projects before the ALUC for review. Staff comments reflected this, and included a statement regarding the fact that the Consultant and Fresno County planning staff for the project confirmed compliance with State and Federal regulations.
- Continue to participate in the California ALUC group, intended to provide ALUC staffers and Caltrans Division of Aeronautics with a forum to address issues of concern and best practices. One of the positive outcomes of the last call was a contact list coordinated by the Tulare County ALUC which included a statewide matrix of information pertaining to CLUP adoption, updating, funding and fees. Another positive outcome was discussion of an inservice upon release of the Caltrans Airport Land Use Handbook later this year. Fresno COG staff is involved in a currently forming steering committee which will provide support for all planning activities and coordination of best practices among California ALUC's. San Joaquin County ALUC staff is working with SJCOG Director to facilitate California ALUC teleconference.

[THOMPSON/FAWCETT]

**WE 170 - Regional Transportation Plan**

***Objective:*** To develop and publish, on a four-year basis, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Fresno County which addresses at a minimum a twenty year planning horizon. The plan shall include both long-range and short-range strategies and actions for implementing an integrated intermodal transportation system. The plan will address the federally required Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) planning factors. The final rule for SAFETEA-LU implementation was released in February 2007 with an effective date of March 16, 2007.

***Accomplishments:***

- The Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and 2011 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) were presented to COG committees and Policy Board during July cycle of meetings. The Policy Board certified the SEIR and adopted the 2011 RTP on July 29, 2010. The RTP was approved by Federal Highways in December 2010.
- Since the adoption, several updates to the constrained project list were made through the FTIP Amendment Process. A formal amendment to the RTP was approved by the Policy Board on April 28, 2011. The amendment required: coordinated efforts with local agencies, 8 San Joaquin Valley MPO's, Caltrans, FHWA, a public review process, and Fresno COG board approval.

- The public review process for the amendment ended in April and is was adopted by the Policy Board on April 28, 2011. Caltrans approved the amendment on May 6, 2011 and FHWA approval was issued on May 24, 2011
- Coordinated with the interagency consultation group to strategize for the next update to the RTP which will need to incorporate a Sustainable Communities Strategy component. Timelines are being developed.

[THOMPSON/GARZA]

**WE 172 - Congestion Management Process**

***Objective:*** The Final Rule for the Federal Management and Monitoring Systems (Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Chapter I, Subchapter F, Part 500) defines an effective CMP as a systematic process for managing congestion that provides information on transportation system performance and on alternative strategies for alleviating congestion and enhancing the mobility of persons and goods to levels that meet State and local needs. The objective of this element is to respond to federal congestion management planning requirements. The Fresno County CMP addresses congestion-related issues in Fresno region in a systematic and regional approach. As an integral part of Fresno COG's planning process, the Fresno County CMP is incorporated in the RTP and TIP process.

***Accomplishments:***

- Continued to work with member agencies to update count locations on the Regionally Significant System under the Traffic Monitoring Program
- Continued to implement CMP strategies identified in the CMP report
- Continued to assess the effectiveness of the CMP strategies [CAI]

**WE 180 - Air Quality Transportation Planning**

***Objective:*** The Air Quality Transportation Planning Work Element provides for the development and maintenance of a coordinated transportation and air quality planning process. The federal and California Clean Air Acts require that transportation plans, programs and projects be consistent with, or conform to, state air quality implementation plans, and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they conform. In order to be in compliance with federal and state regulations, transportation activities can not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards. With the State of California taking the national and international lead on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change, new tasks are being required of transportation planning agencies. New Work Elements WE #413 *Fresno County SB 375/SCS Implementation,* WE813 *San Joaquin Valley Model Improvements for SB 375, and* WE# 814 *Valleywide Sustainable Communities Grant Activities* have been added to address greenhouse gas/climate change requirements.

***Accomplishments:***

- On-going coordination with local, State, and federal agencies regarding air quality and transportation issues.
- Monitored State and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements.
- Continued participation in the Statewide Transportation Conformity Working Group including meetings and transmitting updates from the working group. The Conformity Working Group communicated by email regarding California Transportation Conformity issues.
- Continued participation with the other seven Valley Regional Planning Agencies (RPA) in the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group to address pertinent transportation, modeling, air quality, and conformity analysis issues. (Meetings were on 4/6/2011 and 5/31/2011.
- Assisted and drafted project level (hot-spot) transportation conformity determinations for transportation agencies.
- Assisted member agencies with CMAQ information to process their funding applications.

- New CMAQ Policy revision discussed with member agency and Caltrans and FHWA in series of conference calls and email communication. After receiving concurrence from Caltrans and FHWA-member agency was successful in delivering project. 6/16/2011
- Participated in conference calls with staff from ARB, EPA, FHWA, Caltrans and various members of the other San Joaquin Valley RPAs. The meeting was held on 5/26/2011.
- Attended San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD) Board meetings and workshops related to transportation.
- Provided air quality updates to the Fresno COG Transportation Policy Committee, the Transportation Technical Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee. (As related to PM2.5 EPA action, Air District Rule 9510 and 8-hour Ozone and Conformity implications) June 2011.).
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- Facilitated SJVUAPCD Presentations/Updates for COG Committee meetings. Air District update was presented 6/10/2011 for the TTC/PAC .
- Provided update to the COG Policy Board on EPA's partial disapproval of the 2008 PM2.5 SIP and possible remediation and consequences, 6/30/2011.
- Assisted SJVUAPCD with conformity implications and CEQA review of new development in foothills.
- Provided HVIP grant information for member agencies
- Conformity Analysis for the 2011 RTP and 2011 FTIP Amendments adopted by Fresno COG Policy Board April 2011, receiving Federal approval May 24, 2011. [DAWSON]

# TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### WE 210 – Measure C Reauthorization

***Objective:*** To provide the organizational structure and staffing for development of an Expenditure Plan that will guide the utilization of a proposed ½ cent sales tax measure that is tentatively scheduled for the November 2006 ballot. The Reauthorization process is being guided by a Regional Steering Committee consisting of elected officials, interested regional stakeholders and the general public. Staffing is provided by COG.

***Accomplishments:***
- Staff continued implementing the Measure C Carpool, Commuter Vanpool, Farmworker Vanpool and Taxi Scrip Programs. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Elements 212, 214, 215.
- Designated staff worked to administer the Measure C Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program during the quarter. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Element 115.
- Fresno COG staffed the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Element 211. [VEENENDAAL]

### WE 211 – Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

***Objective:*** To inform the public and to ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public in the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan.

***Accomplishments:***
- The Citizen Oversight Committee met twice during the quarter, on May 24, and June 28, 2011.
- Fresno COG staff coordinated the meeting, agenda and handouts needed by the committee.

- Staff prepared the Citizen Oversight Committee Nomination Packet for the replacement of six current members whose terms are expiring. Packets were released to the public on April 1, 2011. The Fresno County Mayors Selection Committee appointed 6 members to fill the vacant seats on the Committee.
- Staff continued to work with the Citizen Oversight Committee's Annual Report Subcommittee to complete their annual reporting to the public. [VEENENDAAL]

**WE 212 – Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Program**

***Objective:*** To expend Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Program funds to encourage an increase in carpooling and commuter vanpooling in Fresno County.

***Accomplishments Commuter Vanpool Program***:
As of 6/30/2011, there are 6 vans that receive the 'New' Vanpool subsidy, and 17 vans that receive the 'Existing' Vanpool subsidy. More than 161 riders are serviced by these 23 vans. Additionally, there are 45 riders in existing vans that are new to vanpooling and therefore are eligible for and receive a $35 voucher award subsidy per month for 12 months.

COG staff continues to:
- Improve, evaluate, and monitor tracking and reporting procedures
- Develop and release notifications of funds available via website, email, news articles, participate in community events, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Update all related information and forms online.
- Receive and evaluate all applications for the commuter vanpool program. Monitor all subsidies and reimbursements for renewals at the vanpool's 12 month anniversary. Receive and process all renewal applications. Mailed award letters to new and existing vanpool drivers.
- Create new partnerships with vanpool providers and with public and private organizations to increase vanpool and carpool awareness and participation.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies, reimbursements and award letters.
- Perform research and development to improve and enhance Commuter Vanpool Program.

***Accomplishments Carpool Subsidy Program:***
As of June 30, 2011 there were 873 Measure C Carpool Incentive Program registrants.
A total of 1,137 Commute Log Reports were submitted between April 1 – June 30, 2011 by program registrants.
A total of 3,572 logs we submitted during the fiscal year by 366 registrants.

COG staff continues to:
- Develop outreach materials used for community events, presentations, email blasts, graphics, web posts and ad and mailings.
- Give presentations at various businesses and organizations about the Carpool Program.
- Oversee the distribution of monthly awards to carpool winners. Three monthly drawings were held where three winners were awarded $1,000 each.
- Maintain the Valleyrides.com website that includes the Measure C commuting programs, and Tulare County commuter information (due to a funding and partnership with TCAG staff). The website includes Carpool Program functionality and information. Staff updated and added content to many of the Measure C Carpool sections.
- Staff began gearing up for the end of the fiscal year event to be held in July, 2011. A media plan was put together and television, radio, and cinemedia ads were purchased and ran at the end of June, 2011. The program realized a significant increase in participation during this marketing time period.

[VEENENDAAL/MARTINEZ]

**WE 214 – Measure C ADA/Seniors/Paratransit Taxi Scrip**

***Objective***: To implement the Measure C Taxi Scrip Program for enhanced taxicab transportation services for persons 70 years of age and older living in the Fresno County (service area) region.

***Accomplishments***:
As of 6/30/2011, there were 2,289 Active Taxi Scrip Users and 13 taxi cab companies that accept Taxi Scrip. There were 114 new Taxi Scrip users added to the program in the 4th quarter. On 6/15/2011, staff sent out new fiscal year 2011-2012 User ID Cards to all active Taxi Scrip Users, along with an updated Taxi Cab Company list and a letter explaining minor updates to the program. Based on the return mail received, 74 previously active users were recategorized as inactive for various reasons (inability to contact, moved out of County, and death). As such, the net number of active users only increased by 40 Users from the 3rd quarter.

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 April, May, and June 2011. As of 7/12/2011, some usage data for June 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| April 2011 | 273 | $25,320.00 | 418 | $24,469 |
| May 2011 | 273 | $25,740.00 | 454 | $25,107 |
| June 2011 | 287 | $26,820.00 | TBD | TBD |

Staff continues to:
- Improve and update tracking, reporting and information in database for taxi scrip program.
- Develop and release program notifications such as funds available, forms, bilingual educational literature, question and answers via website, email, news articles, community events and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Update all related information, forms and applications online as well as ensures that all distribution centers have complete and updated resources.
- Visit all distribution centers no less than once a month to ensure proper sales reporting, documentation, and provide training sessions on a needs basis.
- Process vendor reimbursements to Measure C for all scrip sold (minus a 5% administration fee) on a quarterly basis. As such, payment invoices were sent to Taxi Scrip vendors on 6/15/2011. As of 7/12/2011, Fresno COG had not received payment for any invoices sent.
- Receive and evaluate all applications for Taxi Scrip Program and Proxy Designation Forms.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process invoices, subsidies, reimbursements and sales.
- Maintain and accurate list of taxi cab companies that accept taxi scrip.
- Review biweekly taxi vendor logs and submitted taxi scrip for accuracy and reimbursement.
- Maintain partnerships with various local vendors, private and public organizations to act as currency distributors and as educators to increase taxi scrip program awareness and participation.
- Perform research and development to improve and enhance the Taxi Scrip Program.
- Work with marketing agency to develop outreach material used for media, community events, presentations, and mailings. [VEENENDAAL/MARTINEZ]

**WE 215 – Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Programs**

***Objective:*** To implement the Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Program, encouraging an increase in farmworker vanpooling participation in Fresno County.

As of 6/30/2011, there are 472 individuals that receive farmworker vanpool subsidies through Measure C. These individuals are riders in 49 different vans. A combined total of $11,704 was paid out to farmworker vanpool subsidies for the months of April and May, 2011. As of 7/12/2011, the amount of subsidies to be paid out for June, 2011 was still to be determined.

***Accomplishments***: Staff continues to:

- Improve, evaluate, and monitor tracking and reporting procedures.
- Maintain the accessibility of bilingual notifications of funds available via website, email, public service announcements, news articles. Participate in community events, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- COG staff continuously updates all related information and applications online and works closely with vanpool provider to educate Farmworkers on informational program items.
- COG staff receives and evaluates all individual applications for the Farmworker vanpool program.
- Continue to implement the renewal process for those applicants that have reached their one-year anniversary in the Farmworker Vanpool Program.
- Maintain partnerships with vanpool providers and with public and private organizations to increase Farmworker vanpool awareness and participation.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies and reimbursement.
- Continuous research and development to improve and enhance Farmworker vanpool program.
- Continue to work with marketing agency to develop outreach material used for community events, presentations, and mailings. [VEENENDAAL/MARTINEZ]

**WE 220 – Transportation Program Development**

***Objective:*** To identify transportation improvements proposed for implementation within a short-range period of compliance with federal and state requirements.

***Accomplishments***:

- Participated in the monthly Statewide California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) established to provide a linkage between State, Federal, and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies involved in transportation programming activities.
- Involvement with related subcommittees of the CFPG group evaluating and making recommendations on policy and procedure updates related to programming. Participated in the development of CMAQ and FTIP development task forces via conference calls.
- Participate in monthly Environment, Ag, Resource, Transportation, and H2O (E.A.R.T.H) committee meetings. E.A.R.T.H is a subcommittee of the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Continued use of the *California Transportation Improvement Program System* (CTIPS) and involvement in program updates.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group.
- COG staff continues to work with its member agencies in an effort to develop/maintain a financially constrained transportation improvement program.
- Continued correspondence with agency staff and Caltrans regarding preparation and delivery of the Obligation Plan for 2010/11. Submitted the obligation plan to Caltrans to evaluate the FFY 10/11 delivery plans on April 4th, 2011. Continue to work with local agencies and project sponsors regarding any updates to the plans.

- COG staff continued to attend California Transportation Commission meetings, Regional Transportation Planning Agency meetings, and Self-Help County Coalition meetings to monitor, regional, state and federal transportation issues and policies. Attended RTPA and CTC meetings in Los Angeles on April 11th and 12th, and on June 22nd and 23rd in Long Beach.
- Participated on a conference call on May 25th with stakeholders throughout the state of California in regards to STIP TE and the project delivery challenges as well as the future year program challenges.
- Participated in webinars relating to federal and state transportation funding such as, the Legislative Analysts' May Revise, National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Transportation Committee, and Safe Routes to School Funding.
- Attended NARC conference in San Diego, CA on May 13th through May 14th.
- Collaborated with the CTC Finance Subcommittee to finalize the statewide needs assessment that was presented to the CTC commissioners.
- Collaboration with Agency staff, Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA for proposed changes to the 2011 FTIP and RTP.
- COG staff continued intergovernmental coordination and public notification for all formal amendments to the FTIP. COG staff also continues to conduct administrative modifications to the FTIP as needed.
    - Submitted and received approval for Formal Amendment No. 3, which required a corresponding RTP amendment and a corresponding conformity analysis.
    - Prepared, submitted and received approval for Administrative Amendment No. 4.
    - Prepared and submitted Administrative Amendment No. 5. Caltrans approval expected in July, 2011.
- Continued development and improvements to FresnoTrak for use in project tracking and enhancing visualization of the FTIP.
- Attended grant writing workshop that focused on federal and state grantwriting. [GARZA/MONGE]

## SERVICES AND GENERAL COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

### WE 310 - Intergovernmental Coordination

***Objectives:*** 1) To promote coordination, cooperation and communication on administrative and planning matters among local agencies, the COG, federal and state agencies. To enable various agencies, including Native Americans, to participate in and review the regional planning process; 2) To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities; and 3) To provide local agencies and the public the opportunity to review and comment upon federal grant proposals through the Local Clearinghouse Process; and 4) To provide local agencies with information on federal and state legislation, regulations, guidelines, and policies that effect the Fresno COG and our member agencies.

***Accomplishments:***

- Continued to provide staff support to the Association for the Beautification of State Route 99. Organized bimonthly meetings for the Association, assisted with correspondence, conducted research, and prepared staff reports.
- Provided ongoing support to member agencies of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority in the establishment of this new program in Fresno County. Issues discussed over the course of the quarter include election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority and a determination of time standards and personnel costs for use in calculating program costs.
- Staff continues to outreach to the Native American Tribal governments, both federally and non-federally recognized, in Fresno County to solicit their input and to seek their participation in COG activities. Staff continues to provide all of the tribes with ongoing meeting notifications and any other pertinent information

that may be of interest to the tribes. Fresno COG is working with Kern COG, the lead agency on a grant to enhance outreach to Tribal governments throughout the Valley.

- Continue monthly distribution of state Clearinghouse items to member agencies for review and comment.
- Provided updates on the SJV Regional Blueprint Process and developed scope of work for Prop 84 grant on how MPOs can assist with integration into local planning activities.
- Worked with administrators of member agencies to prepare for implementation of Blueprint Smart Growth Principles.
- Provided monthly updates to member agencies on progress with Blueprint activities.
- Continue Valleywide management of eight Valley MPOs on SJV Blueprint.
- Staff continues involvement/collaboration on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects of local, valley-wide, and State interest. Executive Director and Deputy Director have been holding meetings with member agency Board and PAC members to provide information and solicit input.
- Continue staff participation in monthly meetings with the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Council where legislation and local, state and federal policies are discussed that affect the Fresno region, as well as participate in monthly meetings for the subcommittee (E.A.R.T.H.).
- Fresno COG staff devotes significant time to on-going legislative activities including, but not limited to, monthly reports detailing pending state and federal legislation in current sessions, bill analysis, regular correspondence to state and federal representatives communicating positions on bills of interest by our Policy Board, collaboration with other San Joaquin Valley MPOS, and the development of an annual Fresno COG Legislative Platform.
- Worked with member agencies to assist with their preparation of Caltrans planning grants where Fresno COG will serve as lead agency.
- Worked with city managers to help them understand the OWP and budgeting process at the regional agency level.

[STECK/SOBRADO/GARZA/VEENENDAAL/MONGE]

**WE 311 - Public Information and Participation**

***Objective:*** To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities. This work element is intended to highlight the COG's desire to encourage more public participation in the transportation planning process, consistent with TEA 21 requirements. This will include public involvement in the development stages of plans and programs as well as throughout the adoption process. COG's Public Involvement Procedures will be consulted and followed during each phase of plan or program development.

It is Fresno COG's desire that the citizens of Fresno County and its cities assist in delineating values, goals, and objectives of transportation-related services and planning documents. Further, it is Fresno COG's intent that those same citizens, charged with the responsibility of providing feedback on a continuous basis, will participate in the selection of transportation facilities and programs for planning and programming under Fresno COG's authority. Finally, it is the goal of Fresno COG to adequately provide information to and solicit input from historically underserved community of Fresno County (i.e. elderly, minority groups, youth, disabled and lower income people).

***Accomplishments:***

- Prepared agenda packages, reports, and notices for COG's three monthly public meetings.
- Filled requests for information about Fresno COG and/or their member agencies and updated various listings in house and online.
- Continuously updated Fresno COG's current website and the Valleyrides.com website with a variety of information, meeting packets and calendar entries.

- Sent out weekly e-news alerts called "Coming Up…at Fresno COG." The email went out most Tuesdays and highlighted Fresno COG activities, plans, projects, RFPs, etc. with links to the Fresno COG website. Developed and continuously updated the emails lists used for circulation.
- Continued working with Fresno County Transportation Authority Staff and consultants on public outreach for Measure C projects and programs.
- Maintained the Fresno COG Facebook page
- Continued working to develop the new Fresno COG website. See Work Element 312 for more information.
- Developed a scope of work and timelines for the $1 million Proposition 84 Grant Fresno COG is receiving, primarily for the SB 375 portion of the grant. [VEENENDAAL]

**WE 312 - COGView Internet Home Page**

***Objective:*** To create a source that provides easy access to government and other information for Fresno County residents, member agencies, and perspective business interests using the latest technology of the World Wide Web. Additional objectives include enhancing potential economic development and increasing public knowledge and involvement of COG activities as well as reduce costs.

***Accomplishments:***

- The Fresno COG website maintains minutes and agendas for the Fresno COG Technical Advisory Committee, the Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board. Committee members have the choice of continuing to receive agenda by mail or they can sign up to receive links to the agendas online by email.
- All information is updated regularly on the website.
- Added Fresno COG reports, publications, calendar entries, meeting agendas and packets, and project information...
- Continued to provide ongoing support and maintenance of the COGView website.
- The developer initially hired to develop the website was terminated as they were not able to deliver upon contractual obligations and a new developer has been retained. Staff is working with the developer to complete the website in as timely a manner possible. [VEENENDAAL/SOBRADO]

**WE 313 – Environmental Justice Activities**

***Objectives:*** Devise ways to ensure that Fresno County's disadvantaged and minority populations are being included in the transportation process. The COG's Environmental Justice Task Force, whose members include representatives from community based organizations that represent low-income, minority, elderly, disabled, Native American, and farmworker communities as well as representatives from local government agencies, Caltrans, and FHWA, met on a monthly basis from March of 2004 through spring of 2005.

In response to Federal and State emphasis on Title VI and Environmental Justice an effort has been added to this work element that will involve establishing an Environmental Justice Task Force to develop a process with which to assess and ensure compliance of Fresno COG's transportation planning efforts with environmental justice requirements and Title VI. The Task Force will play a key role in evaluating COG's current Environmental Justice and Public Participation efforts and provide guidance on how to achieve the desired results. The Task Force will also help define the target population within Fresno County, identify the needs of the target population and develop appropriate performance measures for gauging the regional benefit and burdens of transportation system investments on the target population.

An Environmental Justice Report will be prepared, which will include the Environmental Justice Task Force efforts and recommendations, as well as the analysis used to evaluate the Regional Transportation Plan to ensure that the programs, policies, and activities outlined in the plan serve all segments of the region without generating disproportionately high adverse impacts upon target populations.

Caltrans has developed an Environmental Justice Desk Guide that will serve as a resource for COG staff to better understand Environmental Justice issues and provide guidelines for the implementation of Environmental Justice in the planning process. Fresno COG staff has reviewed the Caltrans Desk Guide and plans to use the recommendations provided by incorporating them, as applicable, in our Environmental Justice efforts.

The Environmental Justice Task Force has reviewed the Fresno County Environmental Justice and has provided valuable guidance to strengthen key points made in the Plan. Fresno COG staff has also had the Fresno County Environmental Justice Plan translated into Spanish for Spanish-speaking stakeholders. A draft copy of the Fresno County Environmental Justice Plan has been completed and will be release for 45-day review and comment during the January/February 2009 Fresno COG public meetings cycle.

***Accomplishments:***

- Continue working on developing relationship with local tribes to include them in the transportation planning process.
- Develop relationships with stakeholders and agencies that address the needs of disadvantaged populations in Fresno County in order to better incorporate them into the transportation planning process
- Started the Fresno COG Title VI Implementation and Compliance Plan. Completion is scheduled for the for the first quarter of the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year. [SOBRADO]

**WE 320 - Technical Assistance to Members**

***Objective:*** To provide member governments with specialized technical assistance services. It is intended that the major beneficiaries of this service be the smaller cities with limited technical staff resources.

***Accomplishments:***

- *Rural Communities Collaborative of Fresno County* (RCCFC): Served on RCCFC Steering and General Committees. The RCCFC is a volunteer organization geared toward helping rural communities to become self-sufficient through increased social and economic development. The Collaborative acts as a catalyst in identifying available federal, state, and local resources available to serve local community needs and provides access to and dissemination of those resources. Fresno COG staff also continues to participate in I-5 Business Development Committee activities, which focus on identifying economic development opportunities on the westside of Fresno County.
- *I-5 Business Development Corridor*: COG staff continues to participate in this work activity which focuses attention on planning, growth and economic issues facing the communities in western Fresno County.
- Currently assisting rural communities with establishing videoconferencing platforms in order to help cut the cost, time and air quality detriment associated with frequent travel to required meeting.
- COG staff is providing additional support to help fund the project trough various competitive as well as available, government formula grants. [BITNER]

**WE 330 – Outside Technical Assistance**

***Objective:*** To provide traffic modeling information to outside agencies on a cost reimbursement basis. Also, to provide program support functions for microcomputer applications (accounting, utility billing, etc.) to interested parties on a cost reimbursement basis.

***Accomplishments:***

- Conducted modeling to support several traffic impact studies for local consultants. [BITNER]

**WE 340 – Traffic Demand Management Program**

***Objective:*** Transportation Demand Management (TDM) includes a wide variety of transportation control measures having a goal of reducing overall motor vehicle usage. In prior years, the predominate effort of this activity has been promotion of ridesharing. Declining state and federal revenue to support this effort in recent years has resulted in a less ambitious Program beginning in 1996/97. Much of the work accomplished for Transportation Demand Management is discussed in the reporting for WE 212 and WE 215.

***Accomplishments:***

- Currently there are over 1,933 registered users in the *Carpool/Vanpool Online Matchlist* program at www.Valleyrides.com. This is a 6% increase of 108 users over the last quarter. Maintained this current and active database of commuters, referring callers to the online system or inputting information for clients.
- Staff continually works with the Valleyrides.com website developer to update and improve the information available online. Also maintain the Measure C Carpool program through the Valleyrides.com website.
- Worked with other agencies, employers and vanpool agencies to facilitate matches and refer clients. These agencies include: CSU Fresno, South Valley Rideshare, San Joaquin Commute Connection, Fresno Area Express, Tulare Council of Governments, KART, VPSI and Enterprise Rideshare.
- Filled requests for transit referrals and information; park and ride lot information; vanpool subsidies and referrals; carpool incentives; transportation guides; bikeway maps; and additional bikeway information.
- Prepared and maintained program records, invoices, budget and Quarterly Report.
- Attended Fresno COG Committee meetings as appropriate.
- Staff worked with each member agency to facilitate the approval of a new Joint Powers Agreement allowing Fresno COG to participate in a new vanpooling agency called CalVans.
- Began reformatting the updated 2011 Fresno County Transportation Guide. Acquired printing estimates, met with Transit Agency staff to discuss timeline and content. [MARTINEZ/VEENENDAAL]

**WE 350 - Fresno Regional Data Center**

***Objectives***: To perform the duties as an Affiliate State Census Data Center and provide assistance to member agencies and the general public in obtaining, analyzing and utilizing census and other demographic data in support of the area-wide planning process. Also to provide continuing support to the internal data needs for traffic simulation modeling requirements including the updating and development of alternative socio-economic scenarios and providing data support for COG prepared reports and plans.

***Accomplishments:***

- Assisted individuals from governmental agencies, businesses, and the public in their information needs.
- Monitored and prepared data table from the Census 2010, American Community Survey 2005-2009, State of California Department of Finance, State of California Employment Development Department and other data to member agencies and the public.
- Developed socio-economic data for alternative land use scenarios for consultants' traffic impact studies and special studies.
- Provided demographic information for COG-prepared documents and presentations including the data needs of the SB 375 target-setting process.
- Monitored the release of 2010 census boundaries and completed work for the 2010 Census Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) delineation process.
- Worked on annual transit population calculation to determine LTF funding shares.
- Worked on preparation of data book for use by member agency staff and the public.
- Worked on preparation of information for the COG website
- Prepared Affiliate State Census Data Center activity report as required, and State of California Department of Finance population surveys. [CHUNG]

**WE 360 – One Voice Advocacy**

***Objective*:** "One Voice" unites Fresno County communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to seek federal and state funds and support annually for projects and legislative priorities of regional significance. All projects and legislative priorities chosen shall contribute to an improved quality of life throughout the Fresno County region.

At the Valleywide level, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies have united through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council to build consensus on projects and legislative priorities in order to advocate at the state and federal level through their own lobbying effort, termed "Valley Voice". This effort takes the Valley MPO's and their respective elected officials to Sacramento and Washington D.C. on an annual basis beginning in 2008. More details are highlighted in WE 820.

The "One Voice" and "Valley Voice" efforts heighten Fresno COG and the Valley's visibility and solidify relationships with both elected and staff representatives in Washington D.C. as well as in Sacramento.

***One Voice and Valley Voice Accomplishments*:**

- Ninth Washington DC "One Voice" visits; (did not travel in 2010 year due to Feb. blizzard). The trip took place on February 26th through March 3rd, 2011). Planning initiatives for the 2012 trip started in April, including the review and analysis of the 2011 post-trip surveys, identifying locations, issues, legislative research, and costs.
- Seven Sacramento "One Voice" visits have taken place. The most recent trip to Sacramento in a One Voice effort took place on April 5th and 6th. Pre-trip materials needed to be compiled as well as constant communication with the legislative staff and the Fresno COG's lobbyist to coordinate the entire final trip planning details which included travel, accommodations, dinners, legislative meetings, and policy and bill updates.
  - Post trip surveys and evaluation discussions were made to ensure a better future program.
  - Met with the City of Fresno, The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, and California Consulting to follow-up with pending decisions or letter and bill language requests made from the participants or the legislative representatives in late April.
- Four Sacramento "Valley Voice" trips. The most recent trip took place in February. Trip coordination involved joint planning efforts with the Valley Legislative Affairs and approved by the Regional Policy Council. Developed legislative materials for the meeting packets. Held post trip meetings and surveys were also completed and compiled by Fresno COG. Discussions have taken place between the members of the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee for the 2012 trip.
- Two Washington DC "Valley Voice" trips. The third annual trip will be held in September 2011. The trip details have been taking place in collaboration with joint planning efforts amongst the Valley Legislative Affairs. Fresno COG's director is the chair of the Valley COG's directors so Fresno COG has taken the lead in coordinating this trip. Monthly meetings have taken place to coordinate the trip and the following coordination has occurred:
  - Constant coordination with DC lobbyist Simon and Co. who has been developing the meeting agenda.
  - Prepared and submitted a draft list of policy issues to the SJV Policy Council for review and direction.
  - Coordinating hotel and travel arrangements.
  - Developed Reauthorization materials to submit to Congressional Delegation representing the San Joaquin Valley's regional goods movement priorities. **[**GARZA**]**

# REGIONAL COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE AND HOUSING

**WE 410 – San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process**

***Objective:*** The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process is a multi-year planning effort envisioned to support long range regional planning through comprehensive development of regional consensus. The goal of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process is to develop a preferred future growth vision for the region through the use of scenario planning.

***Accomplishments:***
During the first four years, Fresno COG worked with the other 7 SJV MPOs to coordinate our county efforts into a Valleywide Vision. We have conducted the community outreach and modeling activities that have allowed us to:

- Solicit input on community values.
- Define a Vision Statement for Fresno County.
- Develop Goals, Objectives and Measurable Outcomes that are consistent with the Values and Vision.
- Developed four "what if" growth scenarios to compare to the status quo.
- Select a "preferred growth concept" to submit to the Valleywide modeling effort.
- Developed four Valleywide scenarios with assistance from all Valley MPOs and UC Davis.
- Made recommendation to SJV Regional Policy Council on a preferred growth scenario.
- Communicated Regional Policy Council's adoption of the Preferred Blueprint Scenario and Smart Growth Principles
- Completed the many sub-tasks associated with these accomplishments which have been included in former year's quarterly reports.
- Hired consulting team to prepare Blueprint Roadmap Summary Report, Guidance Framework and web based Planner's Toolkit.

**The following is an overview of Blueprint activities during the fourth quarter of FY 2010-11:**
- Continue Valleywide management of SJV Blueprint planning process
- Continued ongoing monthly meetings and conference calls with project managers from all SJV MPOs
- Continued to sponsor Valleywide Planners Work Group to convene planners from throughout the Valley three times per year
- Prepared Blueprint Newsletter for distribution
- Continued to represent Regional Policy Council on HUD funded Smart Valley Places initiative.
- Began process to conduct third annual SJV Blueprint Awards program to recognize projects that reflect the Blueprint Principles..
- Participated in webcasts with Strategic Growth Council
- Managed consultant contract to complete Blueprint Roadmap which will lead to Valleywide Blueprint implementation
- Conducted kickoff meeting for SJV "Greenprint" – a supplement to the SJV Blueprint.
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- Held four meetings and conference calls with community organizations and consultants to discuss the development of fiscal analysis tools.
- Worked with consultant and Valley Planners work group on the delivery of Blueprint Guidance Framework for implementation of the Blueprint, which included an Institutional Arrangements white paper summarizing alternative institutional structures for review and consideration.
- Worked with consultants and Valley Planners work group to fine tune the web based Blueprint Planners Toolkit that will serve as a resource in implementing the Blueprint Smart Growth Principles at the local level.
- Participated in consultant presentation of Blueprint Planner's Toolkit to Cal EPA Climate Change subcommittee.
- Presented Blueprint Roadmap at APA event for SJV Planning Commissioners [STECK]

**WE 411 – Farmland Conservation Model Program**

***Objective:*** Develop a plan, strategy, and program to conserve prime agricultural lands in the Central Valley. The Program will build upon initial activities to identify farmlands of strategic importance, and to develop a program to protect farmlands that is consistent with long term planning goals that maintain agriculture as a key economic and cultural force in the region. The program is first intended for the benefit of Fresno County and subsequently, the other counties making up the San Joaquin Valley.

Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee members first met in June of 2007. Comprised of key stakeholders in Fresno County, steering committee members include Fresno County, the City of Fresno, the City of Clovis, the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and others. The purpose of the Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee is to oversee the daily activities for implementing the Farmland Conversation Model Program. Also involved in the development of the plan is an advisory board comprised of stakeholders from governmental, the agricultural industry, the environmental and development community, amongst others that are involved in agriculture matters on regular basis that advised the Steering Committee on issues of importance to agriculture in Fresno County.

The deliverables for the Farmland Conservation Model Program include:

- Devise an approach to identifying "strategic" farmland
- Public Input
- Document factors affecting the conversion of farmlands
- Create a toolbox for decision makers to implement farmland conservation in Fresno County
- Provide a series of recommendations based upon the finding of this process
- Prepare a final report.

***Accomplishments:*** While the Draft Farmland Conservation Model Program Report for Fresno County was released for public review on January 16, 2009, the public comment period was prolonged indefinitely in order to engage in discussions with stakeholders. Key stakeholders within the agricultural community in Fresno County expressed their dissatisfaction with the recommendations outlined in the draft report. A couple of meetings were held with groups representing the agricultural community and the decision was made to utilize the services of Dr. Gary Manross, a consultant to Fresno COG. Dr. Manross has been meeting with key stakeholders individually in to find a point of agreement between stakeholders. The information gathered in this process will in part serve as the basis for the recommendations outlined in the final Farmland Conservation Model Program for Fresno County to be released in the near future

Dr. Manross has completed the interview process with leading agricultural stakeholders. Many agricultural stakeholders were interviewed, some of them more than once. Out of the interview process, a model for Farmland Conservation emerged that seems viable to pursue. The next step in the development of a model for the Farmland Conservation Model Program, Dr. Manross conducted a targeted public opinion survey to gauge support of key points identified in the meeting with stakeholders. This information will in turn be used to propose a program that is appealing to all agricultural stakeholders. [SOBRADO]

**WE 412 – Fresno County Metropolitan Area (FCMA) Multi-Modal Corridor Land Use Integration Partnership Project**

***Objective***: The Fresno County Metropolitan Area Multi-Modal Corridor Land Use Integration Partnership Project will:

- Include the participation of Fresno COG, City of Fresno, Cities of Clovis, Sanger, Kerman and Caltrans.
- Focus on preserving the multi-modal corridor system, given the planned higher intensity development in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area and surrounding communities.

- Focus on corridors along State Routes, 99, 41, 168, and 180, as well as parallel local roads to the State Highways to develop a seamless transportation system around and through the FCMA in Fresno and Madera County.
- Plan for multi-modal corridor system for the FCMA, while taking into account the unique character of State Route 99 as a major interregional , intermodal and goods movement corridor through the San Joaquin Valley.

***Accomplishments***:

- Obtained buy-in from stakeholders
- Finalized project scope that satisfied participating stakeholders.
- Completed project request for proposal. [SOBRADO]

**WE 413 – Fresno County SB 375 Implementation**

***Objective***: To comply with Senate Bill 375 requirement of reducing greenhouse emission for cars and light trucks through integrated land use and transportation planning. The landmark legislation tries to align land use, transportation, housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction through MPOs' Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process. The 18 MPOs in the State are required to develop a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in their RTP to demonstrate the region's ability to the greenhouse gas emission targets established by the Air Resources Board (ARB). If SCS fails to meet the targets, then an Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) shall be developed to show the region's strategies to meet the targets. The Statute specified that MPOs can recommend targets for their region for the ARB to consider, and the ARB was required to release the final targets for the MPOs by September 2010.

***Accomplishments***:

- Continued to participate in the state-wide SB 375 Planning Working Group committee meetings
- Actively involved in the discussion of valley-wide target vs. single county target among Valley MPOs
- Started searching for sketch planning software for Sustainable Community Strategy development
- Continued to work with the consultant team and the 7 other valley COG on the valley Model Improvement Plan
- Started to formulate outreach plan for SCS development, which is funded by SGC
- Started conversation with HCD and other state entities regarding Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) [CAI]

**WE 415 - Valley I Places**

***Objective***: This project will develop an I-PLACE3S land use application that represents the current conditions for the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the Central Valley, consisting on the counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern.

***Accomplishments***:

- Successfully completed contract negotiations with EcoInteractive and U.C. Davis for the I-Places contract
- Project should start in the first quarter of 2011
- Project is underway and initial meeting has been held.
- U.C. Davis is in the process of converting Valley land use data into I-Places compatible format.
- I-Places training was held in Stockton and Fresno [BITNER]

# VALLEYWIDE COORDINATED ACTIVITIES

## 811 San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement

**Objective:** To develop a San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan, including developing decision- making procedures to prioritize projects, and identify institutional arrangements and funding to implement the Plan.

***Accomplishments:***

- Continued participation in subregional goods movement task force (central and north valley), rail shippers and other staff coordination of systems performance and studies.
- Staff from all eight SJV Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and Caltrans Districts 6 and 10 have been engaged in the pre-planning activities including development of an Request for Proposal for a consultant(s) to conduct the Plan, and coordination with valleywide transportation modeling efforts.
- Consultant bidders' conference, interviews and selection review process has been conducted. Consultant has been selected to develop the Plan with project initiation scheduled for May 2011.
- Overall Work Program and budget amendments have been conducted at the RTPA level to provide the local match to the Plan.
- Consultant team contract has been approved and finalized. Staff has coordinated with consultant team, COG staff from the eight counties and Caltrans staff from District 6, 10 and Headquarters (Technical Advisory Committee) to formalize goals, objectives and deliverables of the projects. Monthly Project conference calls are held with the Technical Advisory Committee.
- A Project start up meeting was held on June 30, 2011 in Fresno with members of the Technical Advisory Committee and the consultant team to review the process and major milestones.
- The Consultant team has initiated the work and will provide monthly and quarterly reports to the Technical Advisory Committee. [MSIGALA]

### WE 813 - San Joaquin Valley Model Improvements for SB 375

***Objective:*** To develop and manage a short range and long range San Joaquin Valley model improvement plan that will improve each San Joaquin Valley MPO travel model's sensitivity to smart growth strategies in response to the requirements of SB 375.

***Accomplishments***:

- Fresno COG staff is the lead for the Valley wide Model Improvements Plan.
- Successfully worked with the other seven MPOs in the San Joaquin Valley securing $2.5 million of Proposition 84 funding for valley-wide model improvements, which are necessary in order to measure the greenhouse gas reduction benefits resulting from sustainable land use and transportation planning under SB 375.
- Awarded contract to develop scope of work for short term and long term modeling improvements for the San Joaquin Valley.
- Held a kick-off meeting for the valley scoping project.
- Valley wide scoping plan successfully completed

- Issued an RFP for $2.5 million dollars for the valley MPO model improvements to meet the requirements of SB 375.
- Awarded contract to Fehr & Peers for $2.5 million for model improvements to the San Joaquin Valley MPO traffic models in order to meet the requirements of SB375. Work to be completed by the end of February 2012.
- Valley MPOs are submitting TAZ and Land Use changes to consultant
- Consultant is developing modeling standards and standard documentation.
- Project is on time and on schedule
- San Joaquin Valley MPOs have obtained a corporate license for the Citilabs modeling software suite.
- MPO land use data has been updated by the Valley MPOs. [BITNER]

**WE 820 – Valley Coordination Activities**

***Objective:*** To promote coordination, cooperation and communication among the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies, including the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), and other federal, state, and local governments, related to various regional planning processes.

***Accomplishments***:

- Hired consultant to coordinate the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and Executive Directors' Committee meetings, including tracking of minutes and other relevant records.
- Participate on the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC), consisting of legislative staff from each of the eight Valley RTPAs. Meetings are held on a monthly basis or more often as needed, to discuss legislative issues of importance to the Valley and to build consensus on legislation and policy objectives at the state and federal level. The meetings sometimes require correspondence with state department heads and elected officials to convey matters of regional consensus.
- Work to develop a unified position and outreach related to the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU.
- Developed Reauthorization materials to submit to Congressional Delegation representing the San Joaquin Valley's regional goods movement and air quality priorities.
- Continue to work with Caltrans and other RPAs on issues related to plans, projects, and other needs associated with SR 99.
- Continue to participate in meetings for the Caltrans SR 99 Business Plan Advisory Committee. The committee includes Caltrans employees and staff from the eight Valley MPO's working together to update the 2005 Caltrans SR 99 Business Plan.
- Develop joint positions and participate in meetings related to High Speed Rail and Intercity Rail.
- Coordinate efforts related to the implementation of a 511 information system in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Continue to coordinate development of a videoconference system to reduce trips and vehicle miles traveled related to valley-wide meetings.
- Continue to investigate alternative methods of coordination of valley-wide activities.
- Coordination of Valleywide efforts related to SJV Regional Blueprint (WE 410)
- Coordination and consultation on efforts to address goods movement plans and projects.
- Participate in regular monthly and quarterly meetings with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and the Federal Interagency Task Force including the Partnership's legislative staffer meeting and the air quality working group to help implement the Partnership's established goals. The Valley COGs recently proposed the integration of the two work groups under their purview (Transportation and LUHA) into a combined "Sustainable Communities Planning Work Group".
- Fresno COG, along with staff from the other seven Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans, continue to collaborate on the 99 Business Plan
- Continue project management for consultant contract for SJV Blueprint Roadmap.
- Coordinated the February Valley Voice trip to Sacramento and participated in post-trip meetings. Planning efforts continue for the Valley Voice trip to DC scheduled for September 2011.

- Fresno COG, along with staff from the other seven Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans, continue to collaborate on the 99 Business Plan including prioritization of projects to be funded by Prop. 1B bonds savings.
- Held Regional Policy Council meeting on June 24, 2011.
- Developed Overall Work Plan for the Valley as a governing document for each Valley RTPA's respective valleywide coordination efforts.
- Commenced Regional Energy Planning efforts in collaboration with the National Association of Regional Councils. The planning effort will engage various public and private stakeholders in analyzing economic development, transportation and investment decisions related to energy.
- Coordinating ongoing communication with California Transportation Commission staff to engage their awareness of Valley priorities. A workshop in Fresno is scheduled for April 2011.

[SIGALA/STECK/BITNER/GARZA]

# ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

### WE 910 – COG Administration

***Objective:*** To effectively administer the planning program and fiscal operations of the COG.

***Accomplishments:***
- Staff monitored funding levels, expenses and budgets. Policy Board adoption of the FY 2009/10 Overall Work Program occurred in May, 2009.
- Supervised planning staff activities and progress on work assignments.
- Coordinated preparation of agendas, related materials and committee schedules.
- Conducted ongoing management team meetings to coordinate staff assignments and outcomes.
- Conducted staff evaluations as needed. [BESHEARS/BOREN]

### WE 911 – Overall Work Program and Budget Development

***Objective:*** To develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget consistent with federal and state funding priorities and local agency needs.

***Accomplishments:***
- Development of the FY 2010/11 Overall Work Program began in January 2010.
- Amendment # 4 adopted January 28, 2010
- Amendment # 5 adopted May 27, 2010
- Amendment #6 adopted June 24, 2010
- FY 2010/11 Overall Work Program adopted May 27, 2010
- Amendment # 1 adopted September 30, 2010
- Amendment # 2 adopted November 18, 2010
- Development of the FY 2011/12 Overall Work Program began in December 2010
- FY 2011/12 Overall Work Program was released for review in February 2011
- Amendment # 3 adopted April 28, 2011
- Amendment # 4 adopted May 26, 2011
- Supplemental document explaining the budget was prepared for the Committees.
- FY 2011/12 Overall Work Program adopted June 30, 2011[BESHEARS/BOREN/STECK]

### WE 912 - Local Transportation Funds Administration

***Objective:*** To administer the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund in accordance with the California Transportation Development Act.

***Accomplishments:***

- Staff recorded sales tax deposits from the State Board of Equalization and STA allocations from the State Controllers Office.
- Member Agency Claims were processed.
- Allocation Instructions were prepared and sent to the Auditor Controllers Office, allocations totaling $16,538,296 were paid to member agencies throughout Fresno County for transportation purposes
- Changes in state regulations were monitored through the TDA Ad Hoc Committee chaired by the Division of Mass Transportation. [FAWCETT/BESHEARS]

**WE 920 – Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration**

***Objective:*** To provide under contract, administrative and fiscal management services for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

***Accomplishments:***

- During the Fourth Quarter, Staff continued to processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff continued to respond to Caltrans staff on pending Grant requests.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- The General Manager and accounting staff completed the FCRTA Budget for 2011-12 during the Fourth Quarter. The document was subjected to general public review and comment as it was processed through the Fresno COG' SSTAC, TTC, PAC, and FCRTA Board of Directors for adoption on June 30, 2011. [BESHEARS]

**WE 930 – Fresno County Transportation Authority Administration**

***Objective:*** To provide personnel support services to the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

***Accomplishments:***

- Staff provided payroll and benefit administration for the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

[BESHEARS]

**WE 940 - Freeway Service Patrol**

***Objective:*** To continue the Freeway Service Patrol, in coordination with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, in an effort to remove minor incidents rapidly, thereby reducing congestion, secondary accidents and vehicle emissions.

***Accomplishments:***

- Administered the FSP tow contracts. This primarily included reviewing and paying invoices for towing services and radio use, both on a monthly basis, and paying for radio repairs and miscellaneous supplies (i.e. brochures) on an as-needed basis.
- Ongoing coordination and communication with the Freeway Service Patrol Statewide Oversight Committee and with Caltrans Traffic Operations, including annual program benefit/cost evaluations.
- The recommendation of the FSP partners (Caltrans, Fresno COG, and CHP), after review of the proposals submitted in response to the RFP and interviews with the applicants, for a towing provider for the three-year

period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 was presented to the COG Committees and Board during the April cycle of meetings. The COG Board approved the recommendation of Fresno Budget Towing.

- Several meetings and ongoing communication with Fresno Budget Towing in preparation for FSP service beginning on July 1, 2011. [THOMPSON]

**WE 950 – Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program**

***Objective:*** To administer the activities and duties of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority.

***Accomplishments:***

- Ongoing communication with AVA Service Authority members, particularly regarding eligible expenses for reimbursement and reporting requirements.
- Calculated payment amounts to eligible local jurisdictions for AVA expenses. [THOMPSON]

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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
SCHEDULE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED & EXPENDED
4th Quarter - through June 30, 2011

| 2010/11 OWP Allocated Funds: | Percent | Budget Authorized | Year to Date Expense | Local Resources | FHWA PL | FTA MPO 5303 | FTA 5316/5317 | Partner Planning | Cal Blueprint | FTA 5307 | PPM01 6086(028) 6086(030) | FSP 6086(29) 6086(27) | Prop 84 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 110 Regional Streets & Roads | 90% | 267,343 | 240,879 | 27,809 | 213,070 | | | | | | | | | |
| 111 Regional Transp. Modeling | 54% | 455,469 | 244,162 | 33,240 | 210,922 | | | | | | | | | |
| 112 Regional Traffic Monitoring | 92% | 260,914 | 239,274 | 27,445 | 211,829 | | | | | | | | | |
| 113 Reg. Transp. Studies | 65% | 25,000 | 16,131 | 1,850 | 14,281 | | | | | | | | | |
| 115 Reg. Transp. Mitigation Fee | 103% | 51,138 | 52,696 | 52,696 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 116 National Park Studies | 83% | 50,000 | 41,327 | 4,740 | | 36,587 | | | | | | | | |
| 117 Golden State Corridor | 51% | 546,968 | 281,618 | 281,618 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 120 Public Trans. - Urban | 51% | 645,131 | 328,439 | 57,973 | 45,344 | 39,905 | | | | 185,217 | | | | |
| 121 JAARC | 19% | 1,859,353 | 351,145 | 68,200 | | 21,069 | 261876 | | | | | | | |
| 122 New Freedom | 4% | 674,863 | 25,964 | 3,813 | | 21,069 | 1082 | | | | | | | |
| 123 PTIS | 47% | 2,434,980 | 1,152,447 | 1,128,817 | | | | | | 23,630 | | | | |
| 130 Public Trans. - Rural | 91% | 28,585 | 25,950 | 2,976 | | 22,974 | | | | | | | | |
| 150 Other Modal Elements | 78% | 46,775 | 36,409 | 36,409 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 151 Bicycle & Pedestrian | 90% | 31,285 | 28,159 | 28,159 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 152 High Speed Rail Planning | 93% | 49,890 | 46,407 | 5,324 | 13,279 | 27,804 | | | | | | | | |
| 153 Airport Land Use | 97% | 35,720 | 34,605 | 8,091 | | 26,514 | | | | | | | | |
| 154 SJV Railroad Corridor | 100% | 30,000 | 29,971 | 3,438 | 26,533 | | | | | | | | | |
| 170 Regional Transp. Plan | 85% | 191,199 | 163,220 | 29,266 | 83,384 | 30,770 | | | | | 19,800 | | | |
| 172 Congestion Managment Plan | 105% | 13,140 | 13,796 | 2,163 | 11,633 | | | | | | | | | |
| 180 Air Quality | 88% | 307,102 | 270,077 | 30,978 | 239,099 | | | | | | | | | |
| 210 Measure "C" | 60% | 295,447 | 178,477 | 178,477 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 211 Measure "C" Oversight Comm. | 98% | 11,608 | 11,433 | 11,433 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 212 Measure "C" Car/Van Pool | 47% | 398,853 | 188,387 | 188,387 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 213 Measure "C" Highspeed Rail | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 214 Measure "C" ADA/Seniors | 98% | 399,221 | 391,620 | 391,620 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 215 Measure "C" Farm Van Pool | 90% | 123,815 | 111,118 | 111,118 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 220 Transportation Prog. Dev. | 71% | 290,744 | 205,056 | 0 | | | | | | | 205,056 | | | |
| 310 Intergov. Coordination | 61% | 160,168 | 97,083 | 17,553 | 60,976 | 18,554 | | | | | | | | |
| 311 Public Info. and Partic. | 54% | 125,355 | 67,747 | 7,770 | 58,060 | 1,917 | | | | | | | | |
| 312 COG View Internet | 84% | 48,479 | 40,937 | 18,317 | 22,620 | | | | | | | | | |
| 313 Environmental Justice | 77% | 53,285 | 40,962 | 10,411 | 30,551 | | | | | | | | | |
| 320 Technical Assist. Members | 74% | 47,356 | 35,034 | 35,034 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 330 Outside Technical Serv. | 76% | 35,218 | 26,846 | 26,846 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 340 Rideshare Program | 60% | 16,750 | 10,025 | 10,025 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 350 Regional Data Center | 103% | 97,516 | 100,700 | 14,369 | 86,331 | | | | | | | | | |
| 360 One Voice Advocacy | 90% | 182,986 | 165,547 | 165,547 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 410 California Blue Print | 56% | 1,838,248 | 1,031,654 | 145,187 | | | | | 825,321 | | 61,146 | | | |
| 411 Farmland Trust | 25% | 31,924 | 7,930 | 7,930 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 412 Metro Rural Loop | 7% | 345,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 413 SB 375 Implementation | 89% | 37,503 | 33,269 | 3,816 | 29,453 | | | | | | | | | |
| 415 SJV Iplaces Pilot Program | 28% | 350,000 | 97,842 | 19,568 | | | | 78,274 | | | | | | |
| 811 SJV Valley Goods | 1% | 635,000 | 6,282 | 1,165 | 946 | | | 4,171 | | | | | | |
| 813 Strategic Growth Modeling | 30% | 2,514,188 | 757,225 | 1,863 | 12,561 | | | | | | | | 742,801 | |
| 820 Valley RTPA Coordination | 88% | 219,980 | 194,142 | 134,794 | 59,348 | | | | | | | | | |
| 910 COFCG Admin. | 85% | 168,416 | 143,132 | 143,132 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 911 OWP & Budget | 103% | 43,902 | 45,136 | 21,576 | 3,511 | 20,049 | | | | | | | | |
| 912 Transportation Funds Adm. | 104% | 148,001 | 154,426 | 154,426 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 920 FCRTA Admin. | 102% | 287,637 | 292,652 | 292,652 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 930 Trans. Auth. Admin. | 101% | 2,600 | 2,636 | 2,636 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 940 Freeway Service Patrol | 98% | 302,600 | 295,101 | 61,256 | | | | | | | | 233,845 | | |
| 950 Abandon Vehicle Abatement | 103% | 13,502 | 13,865 | 13,865 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Allocated Funds | 49% | 17,230,157 | 8,393,940 | 4,050,778 | 1,433,731 | 267,212 | 262,958 | 82,445 | 825,321 | 208,847 | 286,002 | 233,845 | 742,801 | 0 |
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| | | | 8,393,940 | | | | | | | | | | | |