

AGENDA ADDENDUM
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, April 14, 2006
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201

Item	Description	Enclosure	Action*
III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS			
E.	Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom Program Initiative	Yes	Information
F.	California Progress Report – Request for Participation	Yes	Action

ANNOTATED AGENDA SUMMARY:

E. Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom Program Initiative

Summary: The Federal Transit Administration has indicated that the Governor must designate recipients for \$20 million in Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom funds allocated to the state. The Governor has designated the California Department of Transportation as recipient for rural areas under 200,000 and will soon designate recipients for large urbanized areas. The JARC program will provide transportation services to and from training, employment, and childcare services for qualified welfare and low-income recipients. The New Freedom program provides public transportation services and public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act including transportation to jobs and employment support service. The 2005/06 large urbanized area apportionment for our region is Section 5316 - \$484,614 and Section 5317 - \$166,469. 10% of the area apportionment may be used by the designated recipient to prepare the plan, assess needs, solicit and review applicants, provide public involvement, and recommend eligible sub recipients. Caltrans will administrate the sub grant contracts. The statewide program for rural areas will be JARC - \$1.4 million and \$700,000 for New Freedom.

Kimberly Gayle from Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation met recently with staff to discuss the urban designation. Caltrans feels that regional MPO's would be the logical recipient of these funds because a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan is required. MPO's already have many of the elements in place for the program in the form of an SB 826 Action Plan for the Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies, a Social Service Transportation Advisory Committee,

and a Public Participation and Assessment of Needs process. In addition, MPO's already handle Section 5310 Social Services Transit and Section 5311 Rural Transit programs.

Caltrans intends to make a recommendation to the Governor shortly designating the MPO's as recipient for these funds, unless a region desires to place it elsewhere, and invited the Executive Director to send a letter requesting designation as recipient for our region. Once the Governor makes the designation Caltrans intends to form an oversight working group from designated recipients to develop criteria for the Plan and devise a competitive selection process in order to get these grants in circulation as soon as possible. [BESHEARS]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

F. California Progress Report – Request for Participation

Summary: The *California Progress Report* is a project managed and coordinated by the California Center for Regional Leadership (CCRL) in partnership with CalCOG and many of the state's Councils of Governments. This report is being developed to provide a statewide, comprehensive, one-stop document that measures progress for broad measures of prosperity and community health across the regions that make up the state.

At the March 13, 2006 COG Directors meeting in Sacramento, CCRL proposed a partnership with the State's MPOs and COGs to produce the *California Progress Report*. Based on the positive reception of the concept at the meeting, CCRL is requesting our support of the project in the amount of \$7,368. This amount represents Fresno COG's proportional share of 75% of the total project budget (\$240,000 of the total budget of \$320,000). CCRL will approach the state for the remaining 25% of the budget. [STECK]

Action: Staff recommends the approval of CCRL's request for Fresno COG's participation in the California Progress Report project and the associated \$7,368 budget amendment to contribute toward the effort.