

**COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
ANNOTATED AGENDA**

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2005

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: **NOTE CHANGE OF TIME & LOCATION**

Caltrans Manchester Center

2015 E. Shields Ave., Yosemite Room

Fresno, CA



COFCG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee _____

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Board on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

II. Fresno COG Policy Board Interviews of Firms/State Lobbyist

III. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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A. Transportation Development Act Funding Claim

1. City of Reedley, 2005-06, Resolution 2005-41

2. County of Fresno, 2005-06, Resolution 2005-43

Summary: The City of Reedley and County of Fresno have submitted their 2005-06 Transportation Development Act Claims. The amounts claimed for Local Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds are:

Jurisdiction:	LTF Fund:	STA Fund:	Total Funds:
City of Reedley	\$ 700,143	\$ 41,862	\$ 742,005
County of Fresno	5,361,413	320,561	5,681,974

Staff has reviewed the claims and find the amounts consistent with apportionments previously approved by the Board. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of the funding claims by adopting Resolutions 2005-41 and 2005-43.

B. 2004-05 Transportation Development Act Surplus

Summary: The Transportation Development Act (TDA) has \$2,319,442 in 2004-05 surplus funds. Member agencies previously identified contingency projects on their 2004-05 TDA claims for any surplus funding per Board policy. The schedule included in your agenda package shows the surplus funds by member agency per the 2004-05 claims. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend authorization of payment of \$2,319,442 in 2004-05 surplus Transportation Development Act funds per the 2004-05 member claims.

C. On-Call Modeling Services Contract

Summary: The On-Call Modeling Services annual contract, provided for in our current adopted Overall Work Program, provides COG staff with needed assistance in creating specialized script files, trouble shooting modeling problems and providing specialized training in dealing with the latest air quality regulations. This contract provides the following benefits:

- Assist COG staff with development of new and refined script when needed especially for air quality and conformity purposes.
- Research and develop new scripts and processes that will help staff use the model more effectively.
- Troubleshoot major and minor problems.
- Assist in the professional development of the COG modeling and demographic staff.
- Assure that staff is aware of the latest land use techniques and data.
- Keep staff informed on the latest modeling techniques and software.

COG staff recommends Dowling Associates be retained for the annual contract. Dowling developed the Fresno COG model, is experienced in our model's use, and our staff has experience in working with Dowling's technical staff. Dowling is also currently under contract with Fresno COG developing our land use update and revalidating the model. [BITNER]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval and authorization for the Executive Director to contract with Dowling Associates for on-call modeling assistance in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year, as provided for in our adopted Overall Work Program.

D. Odyssey Planning and Outreach Workshops

Summary: In 2003, Fresno COG and Odyssey, a non-profit organization, were awarded \$50,000 in Transit Professional Development grants from Caltrans to conduct a series of workshops. The primary goal of the project was to develop the non-technical skills of staff in small- and medium-sized transit agencies. Specifically, Odyssey wanted to improve community outreach, marketing and communication, and knowledge of transportation and land-use planning processes. Over the last year, Fresno COG and Odyssey entered into and completed a contract to provide these services throughout the Central Valley. The workshop dates, topics, and locations were as follows:

- September 29, 2004 "Increasing Political Effectiveness" (Sacramento, CA)
- December 9, 2004 "Developing a Transit-Friendly Sales Tax Measure" (Sacramento, CA)
- May 3, 2005 "Marketing to New Segments" (Sacramento, CA)
- May 18, 2005 "Understanding the Legislature" (Clovis, CA)
- June 23, 2005 "Understanding the Legislature" (Redding, CA)

Odyssey, Fresno COG, and Caltrans have successfully completed the project. Staff will provide updates on the opportunity for future grants as necessary. [PAUKOVITS]

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

E. Air District DESIGN Program

Summary: The Air District held a workshop on September 1, 2005 to discuss the DESIGN (Decreasing Emissions' Significant Impact from Growth and New development) program, formerly known as the ISR (Indirect Source Rule). As part of the particulate matter (PM-10) plan, the Air District committed to reduce emissions from indirect sources, which are land uses that attract or generate motor vehicle trips. This rule provides a methodology for assessing and mitigating those emissions, as well as fees that would be placed on new development. In the most recent version of the rule, transportation projects with construction-related emissions greater than 2 tons per year will be subject to the rule. The District has requested that comments be submitted by September 15, 2005, and plans to adopt the new rules on November 17, 2005. After the rule has been adopted, the District will determine how and where to spend the revenue from these fees. A copy of the staff report is included in the package and additional information is available on the Air District website (www.valleyair.org).

The TTC pulled this item for discussion and indicated the need for all local agencies to closely follow the rule development process. As requested by TTC, Fresno COG has submitted preliminary comments to the Air District (a copy of the letter is included in the package and was provided to the PAC/Policy Advisory Committee). Staff will continue to review the rule and provide additional comments as necessary. [PAUKOVITS]

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

F. FY 2005-06 State Transportation Improvement Program: State Highway Operation Protection Program Allocation Plan

Summary: On July 14, 2005, the California Transportation Commission adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 STIP/ SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria. The allocation plan and criteria states that for FY 2005, the Commission will allocate funds for construction or for purchase of equipment subject to the condition that they be encumbered by award of a contract within six months of the date of the allocation of funds. The Commission may extend this six-month deadline at the request of the agency implementing the project if it finds that an unforeseen and extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the agency has occurred that justifies the extension. The full FY 2005-06 Allocation Plan and Criteria is included in your package.

To assist project sponsors in meeting the new six-month award deadline, Caltrans asks that the STIP allocation request and federal authorization request to proceed (E-76) be submitted to Caltrans at the same time. This will allow Caltrans to process the STIP allocation and E-76 concurrently. Extensions are possible, however a request must be submitted to the Department 60 days prior to the deadline. [DEVERE]

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

G. Administrative Amendments No. 11 and No. 12 to the 2004-05 through 2009-10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Summary: Administrative amendment No. 11: This amendment was approved on August 8, 2005 by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments as authorized by the Policy Board. This amendment consisted of modifications to the Regional Surface Transportation Program by the City of Clovis and the City of Sanger. The City of Clovis

decreased the amount of preliminary engineering phase funding and increased the amount of construction phase funding for their Asphalt/Concrete (A/C) overlays project in Federal FY 2003-04. The City of Sanger made technical updates to the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) description of their Bethel Avenue Reconstruction project to reflect the changes made in prior formal amendment No. 2.

Administrative amendment No. 12: This amendment was approved on August 18, 2005 by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments as authorized by the Policy Board. This amendment consisted of modifications to the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

The RSTP modification was requested by the County of Fresno to decrease construction phase funding and increase preliminary engineering phase funding for their A/C overlay projects in Federal FY 2004-05. The CMAQ program modification was a request by the City of Fresno to adjust funds on their Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area signal synchronization project by increasing construction phase funding in Federal FY 2004-05. [DEVERE]

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

H. November 2-3, 2005 Course in Fresno Entitled "Taking Your Community's General Aviation Airport into the 21st Century"

Summary: The Technology Transfer Program of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California Berkeley and Caltrans Division of Aeronautics are presenting a course in Fresno this November 2-3, entitled "Taking Your Community's General Aviation Airport into the 21st Century." This course will provide a basic understanding of the day-to-day management and responsibilities of general aviation airport ownership in California, and how this important resource can be developed to better meet the growing demand for regional transportation services.

The cost of this course is \$150, which includes continental breakfast, snacks and lunches. Registration forms must be received by the Technology Transfer Program no later than October 14 for the Fresno course. Online registration is at: www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/schedule. A copy of the registration form and the course schedule are enclosed in your package. [THOMPSON]

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

I. Caltrans Grant Opportunities

Summary: Caltrans is now soliciting grant applications for Fiscal Year 2006/07 in the following programs:

1. Community-Based Transportation Planning
2. Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning
3. Partnership Planning/Statewide Transit Planning

These transportation planning grants are intended to improve mobility, access, equity, strengthen the economy, and protect the environment. The results of these grants should lead to the programming and implementation of transportation improvement projects. Grant application packages are on the Caltrans, Division of Transportation Planning's website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.htm>. If you have questions, please call Paul Marquez at (559) 445-5867. Grant applications are due by October 14, 2005 at 5:00 pm. (STECK)

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

IV. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: 2004-05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment, Amendment #13, (Formal Amendment), Resolution 2005-42

Summary: Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #13 consists of amendment requests by Fresno County Rural Transportation Agency (FCRTA) and Caltrans to modify the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program and the Hazard Elimination Safety Program. The specific amendment requests are as follows:

1. FCRTA has requested to incorporate \$3,286,700 total dollars into the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program for Federal FY 2005-06. This project (FRE001702) provides funding for the operation, maintenance, and administration of FCRTA.
2. Caltrans has requested that all projects related to the Hazard Elimination Safety Program be amended into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program in Federal FY 2005-06.
 - The City of Fresno is receiving \$304,200 in federal funds for work located at the intersection of Blackstone Avenue and Dayton Avenue.
 - The County of Fresno is receiving \$338,400 in federal funds for work located at the intersection of Highland Avenue (State Route 43) and Conejo Avenue.[DEVERE]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of Formal Amendment No. 13 by approving Resolution 2005-42.

B. California Regional Blueprint Planning Program, Resolution 2005-40

Summary: Applications for the California Regional Blueprint Planning Program are due on September 30th. These funds are only available to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) like our Fresno COG. This program will provide funding for the voluntary preparation of Regional Blueprints and provides an exceptional opportunity to develop a vision for the future, one that will include growth principles and scenario planning tools for both the local and regional levels.

While the Blueprint is intended to help California's regions plan for future growth and quality of life through the integration of transportation, housing, land use, economic development and environmental protection, it is not meant to supersede local jurisdictions' land use authority. Local agencies would determine how their jurisdiction would accommodate the regional vision. The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint would be a visualized representation of the goals expressed in documents such as *A Landscape of Choice* and the individual *Regional Transportation Plans*. However the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint effort would allow an articulation and graphic representation of a Valley Vision.

We have been working with the Valley COGs and with the Great Valley Center to collaborate on the preparation of a San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint. Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is taking the lead to coordinate the project. The draft proposal, which will be circulated at each of the Valley COGs' September meetings, is included in your package. The accompanying board resolution is also included as well as a request for letters of support (with a sample letter). The signed resolution and letters of support must be submitted to MCAG by September 26th for inclusion with the Valleywide proposal. An agenda item will suffice for

those COG Boards that will not hear the item before that date (with the resolution to follow when passed). Key elements of the proposal include:

- The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint will be a Valleywide vision of how we want our region to develop over the next several decades. This collaborative effort will be implemented at the local level, using local land use authority.
- The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint is anticipated to work hand-in-hand with the Governor's recently established California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, which is charged with providing recommendations to improve the economic conditions of the San Joaquin Valley. Both the Blueprint and the Partnership programs will have oversight by the Secretary of the Business Transportation and Housing Agency.
- Funding decisions will be announced in December 2005.
- The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Program will commence in January, 2006 and continue through December 2007.

Last month we presented a video of Sacramento Area COG's Blueprint project to give you a sense of what a regional process might involve and produce. We have since worked with our Valley counterparts and the Great Valley Center to develop a similar regional approach. The Caltrans Headquarters staff appears to be very enthusiastic at the prospects of receiving a Valleywide proposal. [STECK]

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC recommend approval of Resolution 2005-40 authorizing Fresno COG to collaborate with the San Joaquin Valley MPOs and participate in a San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Program.

C. SAFETEA-LU Overview

Summary: On Wednesday August 10, 2005, President Bush signed into law, new federal surface transportation legislation. The legislation is titled the Safe Accountable Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act--A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Providing \$286.4 billion in guaranteed funding for federal surface transportation programs over six years through FY 2009, the legislation represents the largest surface transportation investment in our Nation's history.

SAFETEA-LU addresses the many challenges facing our transportation system today including improving safety, reducing traffic congestion, improving efficiency in freight movement, increasing intermodal connectivity, and protecting the environment. The legislation is intended to promote more efficient and effective Federal surface transportation programs by focusing on transportation issues of national significance, while giving State and local officials more flexibility for solving transportation problems within their communities.

Of the \$286.4 billion made available in the legislation, 79% is provided for highway programs, 18.5% for transit and the remaining 2.5% for behavioral safety grants and enforcement under the jurisdiction of Department of Transportation agencies other than the Federal Highways Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. Average annual highway funding totals \$42 billion in SAFETEA-LU as compared to \$28.5 billion in TEA 21, a 42.5% increase. Public transportation is provided \$45.3 billion in federal transit funding, a 33% increase from the previous legislation.

In terms of specific funding amounts identified for specific programs, the legislation provides the following funding amounts for federal-aid programs:

\$32.5 bil. for the Surface Transportation Program (STP)
\$8.6 bil. for the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program(CMAQ);
\$3.5 bil. for Transportation Enhancements (TE)

\$612 mil. for a Safe Routes to School Program .
 \$370 mil. for the Recreational Trails Program; and
 \$175 mil. for Scenic Byways

A number of new programs focusing on highway safety, goods movement, public transit, and toll programs have also been identified in the legislation. These include:

<u>Highway Safety</u>	<u>Goods Movement</u>	<u>Toll Programs</u>	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>Transit</u>
Highway Safety Improvement Program	Truck Parking Facility Grants	Interstate System Construction Toll Pilot Program	Recreational Trails	New Freedoms Initiative
High Risk Rural Roads Safety	Freight Intermodal Distribution Pilot Grants	Express Lanes Demonstration Program	Transportation Community & System Preservation Program	Alternative Transportation in Public Parks
Strategic Highway Safety Plan		Value Pricing Program	Scenic Byways	"Small Starts" Program
Safe Routes to School			Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program	
			Diesel Retrofit Priority	

In addition to the categorical and new programs that have been identified in the bill, the Fresno County region was successful in obtaining the following High Priority earmarks in the legislation.

Project Description	Lead Agency	Funding Amount
Willow and Herndon Traffic Flow Improvements	Clovis	\$ 240,000
Rehabilitation, repair, and/or reconstruction of deficient two- lane roads that connect to Interstate 5 and state highways in Fresno County	County of Fresno	\$4,300,000
Widen Friant Road to four lanes with Class II bicycle lanes	County of Fresno	\$1,200,000
State Route 180 improvements in Fresno County	Fresno	\$7,600,000
Develop program of low-emission transit vehicles	Fresno	\$ 836,000
Total		\$14,176,000

Included as attachments are additional details of some of the new programs listed above as well as a listing of all the High Priority project earmarks received by the eight counties that comprise the central San Joaquin Valley, including a total funding by County comparison and a per capita funding by County comparison. [BOREN].

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

D. Measure "C" Reauthorization Update

Summary: COG staff will provide a verbal update on Measure "C" Steering Committee activities. [BOREN]

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

E. Caltrans Monthly Report

Summary: Caltrans staff will provide an update on Caltrans activities. [CALTRANS]

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

COFCG Sitting As the Council of Fresno County Governments

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

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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A. Executive Minutes of August 25, 2005

B. Monthly Legislative Update

Summary: An enclosed summary of current state and federal legislative activity is in your agenda packet for committee review and information. The attached summary reflects legislation that is currently active and detailing various aspects of transportation.

Please contact staff person, Renee DeVere, if you have any questions regarding the listed bills or if you require a more in-depth analysis of any particular bill. [DEVERE]

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

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of 2005-06 COG Disadvantaged Enterprise (DBE) Goal, Resolution 2005-39

Summary: Staff recently contacted everyone on our bidder list requesting DBE information, per Federal Regulations, and updated the list to reflect the results. Presently we have 254 consultants in our program database of which 30 claim DBE status. This equates to 12%. Based on this exercise, staff proposes adopting a 12% DBE goal to be met with race neutral methods.

A public notice for the public hearing was placed in the Fresno Bee and identified the proposed goal of 12% and \$370,000 in 2005-06 budgeted contracting opportunities for technical studies and consulting contracts.

During the 2004-05 fiscal year COG did six procurements totaling \$831,350. The DBE participation using race neutral methods was \$148,650 equating to 18% DBE participation and fulfilling our adopted goal of 12%. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend adoption of the 2005-06 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal of 12% by adoption of Resolution 2005-39.

B. State Lobbyist Selection

Summary: The expectation is the Policy Board will select a State Lobbyist based on interviews conducted at 6:00 PM with qualified firms.

Action: Select Consultant and authorize Executive Director to sign the contract, subject to successful contract negotiations

C. 2005-06 OWP Budget Amendment #1

Summary: 2005-06 Overall Work Program Amendment #1 increases the budget a total of \$1,115,220. State and federal funds provide \$838,787 of this increase, \$94,786 is In-Kind Contributions from participating agencies, \$30,000 from member dues assessment, and \$151,647 from residual Local Transportation Funds carried over from 2004-05. A memorandum is included in your package which explains in detail the elements of this amendment. In general terms the amendment reflects actual carryover adjustments from our adopted budget, the award of grants, additional lobbying costs requiring local funds, installation costs needed to network with Fresno's traffic operations center and the County's geographic information system for our modeling and traffic monitoring work elements, an upgrade of our website, and costs associated with our pending move to the 2035 Tulare Street offices. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend approval of the 2005-06 OWP Budget Amendment #1.

D. Office Lease Update

Summary: COG staff will provide a verbal update on the office lease negotiations, which is referenced in the OWP Budget Amendment memorandum in your package (prior agenda item). [GOODWIN]

Action: Staff recommends approval of the office lease as presented.

E. Authorize Declaration of Surplus Property

Summary: The Council of Fresno County Governments is in the process of negotiating lease space in offices formerly occupied by the Workforce Investment Board and are planning to move in early to mid November. Prior to this move, we would like to sell our surplus office furniture to our member agencies at a fair market value. Per our policy, if not purchased by member agencies, surplus property that is still useable shall be made available to the general public with a public notice stating availability of the surplus property. The surplus inventory has a set minimum price and would be sold for the highest bid beyond the minimum price.

Sealed bids would be accepted at the COG office on a pre-determined date. A complete list of the inventory is included in the agenda packet and if anyone is interested in seeing the items in the inventory, they can call Mary Lopez, Administrative Assistant at 233-4148 to set up an appointment. [BESHEARS]

Action: Staff and PAC recommend authorization of the Declaration of Surplus Property.

F. Camera-Ready or Picture Quality Logo Request

Summary: In anticipation of a move to new facilities, the Fresno COG will have its own Board room for the first time in over 20 years. In order to establish an identity for visitors to our offices, and particularly in our public meetings, that establishes that the Fresno COG's membership is its 15 Cities and the County of Fresno, we would like to make a wall design with each city's logo. The enclosed memorandum explains the intent and shows what the wall design would look like. The purpose of this item was to ask each City Manager for a camera-ready or picture quality logo that could be used in making the design. [GOODWIN]

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

G. Kick-Off Meeting 2006 "One Voice" Lobbying Effort

Summary: It is again time to begin the process of planning for our annual "One Voice" trip back to Washington DC where we will present a list of priorities for our region. Our trips over the past three years have been quite fruitful as can be seen in the enclosed **Fresno COG "One Voice" 2005 Summary and 2006 Recommendations**.

The 2006 "One Voice" trip will take place February 11-16, 2006. We held a kick-off meeting with the "One Voice" task force on September 8th where we reviewed last year's summary and recommendations and initiated a process for establishing project selection criteria for the 2006 "One Voice" trip. The enclosures include the minutes from the meeting that lists the project selection criteria considered. PAC reviewed the criteria at its meeting on September 16th and approved the criteria, making one suggestion that the letters of support should be submitted separately from a list of Tier 2 projects. Our goal is to gain Policy Board approval of the selection criteria at Sept. 29th meeting so that we can move forward with the call for projects. (STECK)

Action: Staff and PAC recommend approval of the criteria for selecting projects to be included on the "One Voice" Tier 1 list of projects to be promoted in Washington D.C. in February, 2006 and authorize staff to send out a call for projects.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

COFCG Sitting As the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

IX. ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT – FY 2004-05 FOURTH QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT

Summary: As stated in the 2003 Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority Plan, the Fresno COG, as administrator of the AVA Program, shall submit a quarterly status report to the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority. The Service Authority has directed the quarterly status report first be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. Status reports are submitted quarterly to ensure proper distribution of funding to the member agencies. This status report contains the following information:

- The gross amount of money received by the Authority from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund during the quarter.
- An itemized statement of the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund monies expended by the Authority during the quarter.
- An accounting of money expended for major purchases.
- An accounting of unexpended revenues from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund.

- An accounting of the total number of vehicles and parts thereof abated by the Authority during the quarter.

The enclosure for this item indicates the distribution of funding to the member agencies. For the fourth quarter of FY 2004-05, a total of \$156,737.48 in AVA funds was available for distribution to member agencies. The addition of \$356.21 of interest earned and the subtraction of \$2,946.00 for administration expenses yields \$154,147.69 available for distribution to member agencies. During the quarter, member agencies expended \$123,655.91 conducting AVA activities. A total of 1,021 vehicles were abated this quarter.

Also enclosed is a chart that shows the expenses incurred, revenues received, and number of vehicles abated by the AVA Service Authority member agencies for the entire 2004-05 fiscal year. The chart indicates that during this first year operation of the AVA program in Fresno County, revenues were sufficient to reimburse all the expenses incurred by each of the member agencies participating in the program. [THOMPSON]

Action: Staff recommends acceptance of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program FY 2004-05 Fourth Quarter Report.

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