



BOARD ACTIONS

April 2009

Council of Fresno County Governments

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OUR MISSION

A Region of Diverse Partners Building a Progressive Future as One Voice

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 30 2009, the Policy Board of the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) took action or was briefed on the following items.* Formal minutes of this meeting will be included in the next meeting package.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Debra McKenzie, Gang Task Force Coordinator for the County of Fresno and Sheriff Margaret Mims gave a presentation on the Never Give Up campaign against Gang and Juvenile Delinquency. Ms. McKenzie discussed the long and short term objectives of the campaign. Sheriff Mims answered questions from various Board members. The handouts and power point presentation are available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information visit the Fresno Countywide Gang Prevention Council website at www.fcgpc.org.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

Adoption of New Mode Choice Model and Land Use Projections for Fresno County

Fresno COG Board approved the new validated 2003 base year mode choice model and the land use projections. For more information on this item contact staff person, Mike Bitner.

High Priority Projects for Next Federal Transportation Bill

Fresno COG submitted the following projects to Congressional members for consideration for the High Priority Project program. The Fresno COG One Voice delegation advocated for funding within the next Federal Surface Transportation Act for these projects during their recent trip to Washington, D. C.

1. SR 180 – Academy to Trimmer Springs
2. Golden State Corridor
3. Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
4. Highway 269 Bridge Project
5. State Route 99 Improvements

Veterans Boulevard will be submitted by the City of Fresno and Rural Road Safety and Rehabilitation will be submitted by the County of Fresno through their Federal lobbyists. SR 99 was also submitted by the San Joaquin Valley COGs as a valley-wide significant project. For more information on this item contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Update

Fresno COG Board voted to support the concept of Fresno COG serving as the Joint Powers Agency for purposes of enacting the Measure C RTMF. Staff will provide additional updates on this item. For more information contact Tony Boren, Executive Director.

FTA Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 Rural and Urban Caltrans Call for Projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Funds

Fresno COG staff announced a call for projects for the Federal Transit Administration grant program for fiscal year 2009. For more information and the deadlines for these grant programs see our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact staff person, Todd Sobrado.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

California Partnership – Membership Dues Schedule

Mike Dozier, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, made a brief presentation to the Fresno COG Board explaining the Partnership and requesting funding for the continued operations of the SJV Partnership in FY 1009/10. It was explained that funding would come from membership dues. After discussion, the Fresno COG Board voted to approve the funding of their share of the request contingent on all of the other Valley COG's approval of funding from their counties. Staff will report back to the Board on this item. For more information on this item contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mayor Silva, Mendota commented on the recent Walk for Water and thanked everyone that participated.

Meeting Dates:

Transportation Technical Committee – Wednesday, May 6 at 8:30 am

Local Government Commission – SB375 Workshop – Fresno – Radisson Hotel – Thursday, May 7 at 8 am

Valley Blueprint Planners Meeting – Wednesday, May 13 at 10 am

Policy Advisory Committee – Friday, May 15, 2009 at 10 am

SSTAC – Tuesday, May 19 at 1:30 pm

Policy Board and FCRTA Board – Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 pm

Office Closed – Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

*Complete Agenda, Annotated Agenda and meeting package are available on our website under Committees & Agendas and also by clicking on the event on the website Calendar.

**Please see the Fresno COG website Calendar for upcoming meetings for various Committees and Sub Committees.

Fresno COG Board Members

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