



BOARD ACTIONS

June 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, June 25, 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.



MAYOR'S CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Appointments:

Fresno Convention & Visitors Bureau – Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley

Transportation Authority (Eastside) – Mayor Jose Villarreal, City of Sanger

Transportation Authority (Westside) – Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, City of Kerman

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Samuel Norman, UC Merced Medical School gave a presentation regarding the plans for the medical school. The Fresno COG Policy Board voted to send a letter of support for the project.

The Fresno COG Policy Board presented a plaque to the Fresno Rescue Mission, recognizing their 60th Anniversary and thanking them for their work in Fresno County over the years.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study

Fresno COG Policy Board accepted the final report identifying markets that can support inter-county commuter express transit service within the San Joaquin Valley region and between the San Joaquin Valley and its neighbors. This report was coordinated by the Merced County Association of Governments with regional partners including the counties of Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Stanislaus and San Joaquin. The final report is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

Transportation Funding Claims

Fresno COG Policy Board approved funding claims in the following amounts:

1. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency - \$7,398,659 to support FCRTA's Operation and Capital Budget.
2. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Rural CTSA - \$657,527
3. Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission as the Urban CTSA - \$2,659,760

Adopt the Redetermination of Conformity for the 2009 FTIP Amendment #3 and 2007 RTP Amendment #2.

Fresno COG Policy Board approved by adoption of Resolution 2009-14. The entire documentation for the redetermination of conformity including SJCOG's Project List, Financial Table and RTP amendment is available under the Announcements page on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information on this item contact staff person Lauren Dawson.

Goods Movement Contract

Fresno COG Policy Board approved entering into an agreement with Kern Council of Governments for \$30,000 to conduct study of truck traffic on I-5. The data is vital to the Valley and to Fresno COG's Goods Movement Program. For more information on this item contact staff person Tom Webster.

Measure "C" Carpool Incentive Program

An outreach campaign to "Save our Air, Save on Gas and Win Cash" has been designed to encourage commuters who travel to and from Fresno County to participate in the Measure C Carpool program. For more details please see our website or contact staff persons Melissa Garza or Brenda Lauchner.

Unmet Transit Needs, Staff Report and Recommendations – PUBLIC HEARING

Fresno COG Policy Board approved Resolution 2009-22 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County. For more information on this item contact staff member Jeff Long.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Approved

Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area – 2010-2014

Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency FY 2009-10 Operation Program and Budget

Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget

Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area – 2010-2014

High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Station

Fresno COG Policy Board approved \$10,000 from Work Element 152 be allocated to analyze heavy maintenance station criteria established by the High-speed Rail Authority and identify possible locations in Fresno County that satisfy that criteria. For more information on this item contact staff person Clark Thompson.

Establishment of Revised Timeline for Enactment of Measure "C" Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program

Fresno COG Board established January 1, 2010 as the revised enactment date for member agencies implementing the Measure "C" Regional Transportation Fee. The Joint Powers Agency Agreement will be presented to each member agency's Councils and Boards for formal approval. Staff will be contacting the member agencies to set up presentation times. For more information on this item contact Tony Boren, Executive Director.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Contracts:

PB Americas, Inc. – extend thru June 30, 2010

VRPA Technologies – Contract Amendment - \$50,000 for Measure "C" Planning through June 30, 2010

Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian – Contract Amendment - \$49,050 for 2008/09 Audit and \$22,800 for the Measure "C" compliance audits.

California Consulting, LLC - extend through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$36,000 plus the incidental costs incurred for filing quarterly reports and travel.

Strategy Research Institute, Inc. – bring back to Policy Board in July with more definition of work to be provided.

FY2009-10 Overall Work Program Budget Amendment #1

Fresno COG Board approved increase of \$60,000 to carry over funding to support the formation of the RTMF Joint Powers Agency.

Memorandum of Understanding between and among the Air District and the Eight Valley Regional Planning Agencies

Fresno COG Policy Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding to ensure continuing cooperation and coordinated regional approach for transportation and air quality planning efforts. For more information on this item contact staff person Lauren Dawson.

Letter to Assemblymember Evans from the Coalition against Financially Reckless Diversion of Gas Tax funds – Opposition to State Government Seizures of City Street Maintenance Funds

Fresno COG Policy Board approved Resolution 2009-26 pledging Fresno COG's support and cooperation with the League of Cities, CSAC and the Self-Help Coalition in opposing any seizure by state government of City/County's Street Maintenance Funds. For more information on this item contact Tony Boren, Executive Director.

Recommended Position of Senate Bill 716

Fresno COG Policy Board voted to send formal letter of opposition to SB 716 as currently drafted. For more information on this item contact staff person Laural Fawcett.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

Fresno COG Policy Board signed a letter of support for Fresno Yosemite International Airport Port of Entry status.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Water Rally – July 1, 2009

Ribbon Cutting 180 – Mendota – July 2, 2009

High-speed Rail Authority meeting in Sacramento – July 2, 2009

Meeting Dates:

Office Closed – Friday, July 3, 2009 – Observance of Independence Day

Fresno COG Lobbying Trip to Sacramento – July 2, 2009

Cybertran Presentation – Monday, July 6, 2009 – 2 pm

Transportation Technical Committee – Friday, July 10, 2009 – 9:00 am (Note: new date and time)

Policy Advisory Committee – Friday, July 10, 2009 – 10 am

Beautification of Highway 99 Association – Friday, July 10, 2009 – 2 pm

Congestion Management Process Meeting – Wednesday, July 29, 2009 – 2 pm

Policy Board and FCRTA Board – Thursday, July 30, 2009 - 5:30 pm

*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

CLOVIS – Mayor Harry Armstrong

COALINGA – Mayor Ron Lander

FIREBAUGH – Mayor Marcia Sablan

FOWLER – Councilmember Rico Aguayo

FRESNO CITY – Mayor Ashley Swearingin

HURON – Mayor Ramon Dominguez

KERMAN - Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chair

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MENDOTA – Mayor Robert Silva

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PARLIER – Mayor Armando Lopez

REEDLEY – Mayor Mary Fast

SAN JOAQUIN – Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal

SANGER – Mayor Jose Villarreal

SELMA – Mayor Dennis Lujan, Vice Chair

FRESNO COUNTY – Supervisor Susan Anderson