



BOARD ACTIONS

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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, November 19, 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.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Update on Progress of Advanced Transit Systems – Dennis Manning

Mr. Manning gave a brief powerpoint presentation showing Personal Rapid Transit projects underway around the world. Handout is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

Cooperative Project Agreement with the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) for Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements – Resolution 2009-42 [DAWSON]

Fresno COG Policy Board approved entering into the Cooperative Project Agreement by approving Resolution 2009-42.

Public Transportation to National Parks Study RFP [Downs]

Fresno COG Policy Board was advised that Staff has prepared and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a qualified consultant to conduct the study. Overall Work Program Element 116 describes a National Park Transit Study intended to provide resources to conduct a focused transportation study of the operational and infrastructure issues related to the provision of public transit service between Fresno and Yosemite and Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks. The resulting consultant contract is not to exceed \$50,000. For more information on this item, contact staff person, John Downs.

Amendment #1 to Measure C Regional Transportation Plan – Short Term Regional Transportation Program

Fresno COG Policy Board was notified of the proposed amendment of the Measure "C" Short Term Regional Transportation program. Public Hearing was held on Thursday, November 19th at 5:30 pm during the regularly scheduled Policy Board meeting. For more information contact staff person, Les Beshears.

Consultant Selection – Fresno County Heavy Maintenance Facility Planning Study [THOMPSON]

The Policy Board approved the Consultant Selection Committee recommendation of the consultant team comprised of HOK, Darden Architects, and Quad Knopf for the Fresno County Heavy Maintenance Facility Planning Study.

The COG Policy Board instructed staff to begin the Measure "C" Plan Amendment process, once details of the amendment request have been worked out and finalized by the High Speed Rail Strategy Committee being led by the County of Fresno in conjunction with the City of Fresno, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce. For more information on these items, contact Tony Boren, Executive Director.

Results of 2009 Regional Surface Transportation/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Programs Scoring Process [DAWSON/CAI]

Fresno COG Policy Board approved the scoring recommendations made by the scoring committees. For more information on this item contact staff persons, Lauren Dawson or Kristine Cai.

Launching of SB 375 Efforts in Fresno County [CAI]

Fresno COG Policy Board was briefed on the Fresno COG SB 375 efforts beginning with a kick-off meeting on held on November 12. A series of Task Force meetings will be held to develop scenarios and look at draft targets for the Fresno region. SB 375 is intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through sustainable land use and transportation planning. General plans are the key to the implementation of SB 375. Member jurisdictions are encouraged to be actively involved in the process, and strive towards SB 375 compliance as a region.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2009/10 Overall Work Program Amendment #3 [BESHEARS]

Fresno COG Policy Board authorized OWP Amendment #3 to increase the budget \$100,000 for a Transit Consolidation Study.

FY 2007, 2008 and 2009 Triennial Performance Audit [BESHEARS]

Fresno COG Policy Board approved awarding the contract for the Triennial Performance Audit to PMC for \$37,968.

One Voice Projects [STECK]

Fresno COG Policy Board approved the selection committee recommendation of the 7 highest scoring projects as the "Regional Priority Projects" for the 2010 One Voice list. Those projects are:

1. Never Give Up Gang Prevention Initiative (#1 Social Issue)
2. Golden State Corridor (#1 Transportation Issue)
3. Regional Data Center
4. Veterans Blvd.
5. Recycled Water System
6. Forensic Equipment for Regional Forensic Facility
7. Fresno High Speed Rail Station

A list of regional policy issues was also approved. For more information on "One Voice" and to sign up for the trip or for sponsorship please see our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact Deputy Director, Barbara Steck.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mayor Lopez, Orange Cove voiced his appreciation for all the hard work on the water issue.

Meeting Dates:

DECEMBER MEETINGS:

There are no Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee or Fresno COG Policy Board meetings scheduled for December

Roundtable Discussion Luncheon with Randy Iwasaki, State Director, Caltrans and Darius Assemi, Commissioner, California Transportation Commission, Tuesday, December 1 at 11:30 am (registration required)

Designing for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Workshop, Wednesday, December 2 – 8am – 4 pm. (registration required)

SB 375 Task Force, Wednesday, December 9 at 10 am

Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee, Thursday, December 10 at 5 pm

Fresno COG offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, Thursday, December 31 and Friday January 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays.



Happy Holidays from Fresno COG!

***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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