



BOARD ACTIONS

July 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, July 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.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Leroy Brown gave a brief presentation regarding his application to the Workforce Investment Board for a Fresno Construction Opportunity Program. Fresno COG Policy Board voted to send a letter in support of the project.

Presentation – Gus Banda – Valley Vanpool Project – Mr. Banda presented a video regarding the Farmworker Vanpool program. This video is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. Please contact Ron Hughes at the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency – 559-582-3211 for more information or to arrange to have a presentation in your city.

Presentation – Jane Fortune, Executive Director – Tree Fresno Collaboration – Ms. Fortune gave a brief powerpoint presentation outlining what Tree Fresno does in the County. A copy of the presentation is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. Please contact Tree Fresno for more information.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

Adoption of updates and changes to the Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

Fresno COG Policy Board approved Resolution 2009-29 adopting updates to the Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. The Fresno County Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan was initially adopted on January 24, 2008. The revised version of the Plan is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information on this Plan contact staff person, Todd Sobrado.

Environmental Impact Report Consultant Contract for 2011 Regional Transportation Plan

Fresno COG Policy Board authorized the Executive Director to contract with VRPA Technologies, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 to prepare the appropriate environmental document, likely a "Subsequent" Environmental Impact Report, for the 2011 RTP and to evaluate and prioritize RTP candidate projects. For more information on the 2011 Regional Transportation Plan process contact staff person, Clark Thompson.

2009 FTIP Amendment Update

Fresno COG Policy Board was briefed on current amendments:

Amendment #9: Modified two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) transit projects, added two new Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program (5310) projects, added one Prop 1B project transit project. -- Approved by Caltrans on June 17, 2009. Amendment is currently awaiting Federal Transit Administration approval.

Administrative Modification #10: Swapped State Transportation Improvement Program-Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds with ARRA TE funds on three projects, included miscellaneous project adjustments related to funding types/levels/agency information, addition of an information only project. -- Amendment was approved by Caltrans on June 19, 2009.

Amendment #11: Addition of two previously programmed projects, change out of one ARRA project, addition of a lump sum 130-Railroad Grade Crossing program, addition of new SHOPP Mandates/Collision Reduction projects.

For more information on this item contact staff person, Renée DeVere-Okie.

Blueprint Progress Report

Fresno COG Policy Board approved the Fresno County Blueprint Progress Report. This report is a work in progress and will be updated regularly. The Report is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. For more information on the Blueprint process please see our website or contact Barbara Steck, Deputy Director.

Measure C Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program Update

Fresno COG Policy Board was briefed on the RTMF program. Fresno COG is scheduling presentations before each member agency's Council explaining the rationale and benefits behind formation of the Joint Powers Agency. A brief powerpoint presentation is being presented to explain the history and justification for why utilizing the Joint Powers Agency is the best approach for our member agencies. For more information on this item please contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Strategy Research Institute, Inc. Contract Renewal

Fresno COG Policy Board voted to renew Strategy Research Institute, Inc. contract for 2 months to work with the Farmland Model Conservation Program. The work program will be updated and brought back to the Board in September.

San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council member appointment for City Representative to replace Councilmember Aguayo

Fresno COG Policy Board voted to appoint Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin to the Regional Policy Council.

Appointment of Representative to California Transportation Commission

Fresno COG Policy Board voted to recommend Supervisor Henry Perea to the position provided that an elected official can serve on the Commission. If not, send letters of recommendation to the Commission for Joe Levy and Debbie Hunsaker.

SB 716 Update

Fresno COG Board voted to submit a letter changing position from opposition to neutral while continuing to monitor the bill.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

A copy of a letter from the North Fork Rancheria was handed out. Supervisor Perea mentioned that his resolution will be brought back to the Policy Board for consideration in September.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mayor Armstrong (Clovis) reminded everyone of the League of California Cities South San Joaquin Valley Division – General Membership meeting on Thursday, August 13 at 6 pm at the Clovis Veteran's Memorial District. Please RSVP by August 10 to Jacquie Pronovost at 559-324-2063.

Meeting Dates:

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FRESNO COG POLICY BOARD OR FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY IN AUGUST.

Public Transit Infrastructure Study TAC Meeting – Wednesday, August 26 - 1:30 pm

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Airport Land Use Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 1 – 2 pm

Office Closed – Labor Day, Monday, September 7

Fresno COG One Voice Kick Off Meeting – Wednesday, September 9 – 3 pm

Transportation Technical Committee Meeting – Friday, September 11 - 9 am

Policy Advisory Committee Meeting – Friday, September 11 - 10 am

City Managers Luncheon Meeting – Friday, September 11 following PAC meeting

Beautification of Highway 99 Association – Friday, September 11 – 2 pm

Fresno COG Policy Board/FCRTA Meeting – Thursday, September 24 - 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 Swearengin

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SAN JOAQUIN – Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal

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