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Press Release

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Fresno COG's 35-member One Voice Delegation Heads to D.C. for Fresno County region

The 11th Annual Fresno COG One Voice endeavor provides an opportunity for the delegation of 35 public and private representatives to expand upon the relationships with Congressional representatives and federal staff members established during the previous efforts. The delegation will request funding and/or legislative support from federal representatives for projects chosen for their regional significance, their ability to bring prosperity to Fresno County, and their potential contribution to improved air quality, transportation mobility, economic development.

The majority of the delegation leaves for Washington D.C. on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. from the Fresno Airport on American Airlines. They will return on Thursday, March 3rd at 12:30 p.m. A delegation and sponsor listing is attached and additional project and issue listings are available on the Fresno COG website at the link listed above. During their 5-day visit to Washington D.C. the delegation is scheduled to meet with Assemblymen Costa, Nunes, Cardoza and Denham who represent the Fresno County region; Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and representatives from the White House, the U.S. Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, the EPA, the Interior and the Army Corp of Engineers, no name a few. The delegation has a full agenda each day to discuss Fresno County projects that need funding and requested changes to Federal Policy Issues.

This year the delegation has a list of 8 Regional Projects and 15 Regional Policy Issues they are carrying to D.C. that include requests for funding for the two top ranked projects, "Never Give Up"—Fresno County Gang Prevention Initiative and Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements. They are also prepared to discuss Streamlining Federal Requirements on accessing funding, budget concerns, and many other Policy Issues. (See lists under One Voice section at www.fresnocog.org)

Summaries of meetings, schedules, materials and photos will be available to the press daily via email or by phone as requested. For interviews with delegates or Fresno COG staff, please contact Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG Public Information Officer, at the numbers listed above.

Background:

Earlier "One Voice" delegations have been successful in bringing over \$16 million in project funding back to Fresno County. The fruits of "One Voice" to date include the following:

Fiscal Year 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Bill included the following "One Voice" project:

\$800,000 for State Route 180

Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Bill included the following "One Voice" projects:

\$1,330,000 for State Route 180 East

\$570,000 for Veterans Boulevard

\$300,000 for Fresno County Gang Prevention Program

The Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations bill included the following "One Voice" project:

\$1,636,000 for Friant Road Widening, Copper to Millerton

In 2007 a Continuing Resolution was passed that nationally eliminated all projects proposed for the Appropriations Bill. This action included the following four "One Voice" projects that were pending and are subsequently not included in the Fruits of "One Voice" total to date:

\$500,000 for State Route 180 Improvements

\$250,000 for the construction of a vocational training facility in Mendota

\$1,000,000 for Friant Road Widening

\$200,000 for the West Side Vocational Training Center in Fresno County

The 2006 Transportation, Treasury and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill included:

\$900,000 for State Route 180 East Improvements

Three additional "One Voice" projects were contained in the 2005 Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill (SAFETEA-LU):

\$1,200,000 for Friant Road Widening

\$7,600,000 for Freeway 180 Improvements

\$240,000 for Willow and Herndon Traffic Flow Improvements

Four "One Voice" projects were included in the 2005 Omnibus Appropriation:

\$250,000 for the Non-Point Source Water Quality Management Program to Fresno COG to contract with the Fresno County Farm Bureau

\$500,000 for the Friant Corridor Improvements Project to the County of Fresno

\$200,000 for the Regional Jobs Initiative to CSUF

\$400,000 to the Workforce Investment Board

\$225,000 for the Rural Vocational Training Centers Project to the County of Fresno

The following companies have generously supported the 2011 “One Voice” effort:

2010-11 SPONSORS

GRANVILLE HOMES, INC. \$4,000

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION \$1,500 IN KIND

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GUNNER RANCH \$1,000

QUINCY ENGINEERING, INC. \$1,000

TOTAL \$ 19,500

2011 “ONE VOICE” TRIP PARTICIPANTS

1. **Amarpreet Dhaliwal**, Mayor, City of San Joaquin, Fresno COG Policy Board Chair
2. **Phil Larson**, Fresno County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor, District 1
3. **Judy Case**, Chair, Fresno County Board of Supervisors; Supervisor, District 4
4. **Gabriel Jimenez**, Mayor, City of Orange Cove
5. **Joshua Mitchell**, Mayor, City of Sanger
6. **Glenda Hill**, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Orange Cove
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11. **Jeffrey T. Roberts**, Board Member, Granville Homes, Representing the Building Industry Association
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13. **Jason Paul**, Science and Environmental Group Manager, Kleinfelder
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15. **Kendall Groom**, Board of Directors, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
16. **Tony Boren**, Executive Director, Fresno Council of Governments
17. **Preston Prince**, Executive Director, Housing Authorities

18. **Kirk Hunter**, Rural Public Member at Large, Fresno County Transportation Authority
19. **Brian Angus**, Executive Director, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Corporation
20. **Frank Franco**, Business Liaison, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Corporation
21. **Debbie Hunsaker**, President, Alert-o-Lite
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23. **Rocky Rogers**, City Manager, City of Reedley
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26. **Mark Garza**, Director of Construction and Modernization, Kings Canyon Unified
27. **Noe Martinez**, City Engineer, City of Reedley
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32. **Matt Leedy**, Government Relations Analyst, Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board
33. **Brenda Veenendaal**, Planner, Fresno Council of Governments
34. **Melissa Garza**, Planner, Fresno Council of Governments
35. **Marla Day**, Executive Assistant, Fresno Council of Governments

Please view the following link for Regional Project and Issue listings:

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