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FRESNO COUNTY SB 375 TASK FORCE MEETING NOTES

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

ATTENDANCE:

Marta Frausto, Caltrans
David Berggren, Caltrans
Mohammad Khorsand, Fresno County
Stacie Dabbs, OCED Fresno State
Greg Martin City of Selma
Al Solis, Sol Development Associates
Luis Patlan, City of Kerman
Mike Prandini, Building Industry Association
Chris Acree, Revive the San Joaquin
Sandra Brock, City of Fresno
J. P. Sweeney, CTDC
Ralph Kachadourian, City of Sanger
Keith Bergthold, City of Fresno
Scott Tyler, City of Fresno
Karl Schoettler, City of Firebaugh

Terry Schmal, City of Kingsburg
Dwight Kroll, City of Clovis
Renee Mathis, City of Clovis
Ryan Burnett, City of Clovis
David Fey, City of Clovis
Lynn Gorman, County of Fresno
John Wright, Planner
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Lindsey Monge, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Stephanie Maxwell, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order by Luis Patlan (Kerman)

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

There were no public presentations.

II. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Wright and seconded by J.P. Sweeney to approve the SB 375 meeting minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Modeling 101

Mike Bitner (Fresno COG) made a presentation on basics of traffic modeling. This PowerPoint presentation is posted on the website @ www.fresnocog.org.

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

A question was raised about the models adjustment for field data such as traffic counts. Mr. Bitner (Fresno COG) explained that there is a Calibration and Validation process when such adjustment is made.

A question was asked about how the model works in the SB375 implementation. Mr. Bitner explained that the land use changes for each scenario are fed into to the traffic mode, and greenhouse gas emission will be produced by running EMFAC for each scenario.

C. Accounting for the Economic Downturn in the Target-Setting Process

Kathy Chung (Fresno COG) reported that during January's MPO meeting, the Air Resources Board (ARB) stressed that MPOs must take into account the economic turnaround in the target-setting process. Ms. Chung explained that the latest State Department of Finance forecast was prepared and released before the recession began so that forecast or anything near to it should not be used. A handout containing six possible projections was explained and reviewed. COG staff recommended projection 6 on the handout.

There was some discussion on how the projection would affect RHNA, CEQA, planning, etc. COG staff stated that the projection was prepared in-house and would be used only for target-setting purposes.

A motion was made by David Berggren and seconded by John Wright to approve projection 6 for target-setting purposes. A vote was called for and the motion carried with abstentions by Keith Bergthold and Dwight Kroll. They felt there needed to be more clarification on this process.

D. Baseline Scenario – Preliminary Modeling Results

This item was moved to January meeting due to the changes in socio-economic forecast.

E. Alternative Scenario Development

Kristine Cai (Fresno COG) briefly explained the Target-Setting process at the state level.

The first alternative scenario that Fresno COG is proposing is the revised general plan scenarios, which are basically the planning activities that have already been adopted since the 2007 RTP.

A question was raised about the TAZ in the newly developing areas that are still large and how will that impact the output. Ms. Cai explained that there are plans to reduce the size of TAZ in the Urban areas, and for now staff is working on the 4D process that will accommodate this issue.

Kathy Chung explained how Alternative 2 will be developed.

Kristine Cai (Fresno COG) reviewed the process and time lines of the scenarios. COG Targets are due to ARB by March 1, 2010.

The ARB will consider regional target submittal, and then recommend a state-wide draft target in March. Draft targets for each region/MPO will be recommended in June, 2010.

F. Other

A. Items from Members

There were no items from Members

B. Items from Staff

There were no items form Staff

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting will be on January 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m.-12.00 noon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Cai, Planner III

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