

# Fresno COG CMP Steering Committee

## Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Place: Fresno COG Ash Conference Room

2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201

### Attendees:

Kooner Harpreet, Fresno County

Jill Gormley, City of Fresno

Ryan Burnett, City of Clovis

David Padilla, Caltrans

Scott Carson, FHWA

Darrell Unruh, individual citizen

### FCOG staff:

Kristine Cai

Mike Bitner

Kai Han

Lindsey Chargin

Angela Yang

Chair **Ms. Harpreet Kooner** called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

### I. Public Presentation

No presentation was made.

### II. Information and discussion items

#### A. Welcome and Introductions

**Ms. Kooner** welcomed attendees, and everyone introduced themselves.

#### B. Election of Vice Chair

**Ms. Kristine Cai** briefly introduced the responsibility of Vice Chair, who is the secondary volunteer leader of the committee and as such, authorized with the duties of the Chair as required in the Chair's absence.

**Ms. Kooner** made the motion to nominate **Ms. Jill Gormley** as the Vice Chair of CMP steering committee. **Mr. Mike Bitner** seconded the motion. Ms. Kooner called for a vote, and the committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

**Ms. Kooner** made the motion to approve the meeting notes. **Mr. Bitner** seconded the motion. **Ms. Kooner** called for a vote, and the committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

### **C. FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Pilot Program**

**Ms. Kooner** opened the session.

**Ms. Cai** introduced the program. The Fresno COG was selected as one of the ten MPOs receiving \$20,000 funding from the FHWA. The COG matched it with \$5,000. The timeline given by the FHWA was presented. The funding was expected to be received at June, 2015. The committee needed to decide what kind of counters would be needed and they need to be purchased by July, 2015. During August-December, 2015, and January-April, 2016 periods, the program would collect counts and conduct analysis. The FHWA required the COG to report data at December 2015, and a final report was due at April 2016.

**Ms. Cai** briefly explained the different technologies of counters and asked jurisdictions to think about: the counter locations, the types of counters to be purchased, and the durations of the counters would be installed at the locations.

**Ms. Kooner** asked whether there were any restrictions in picking up the locations.

**Ms. Cai** answered that there were no restrictions on the count locations. The jurisdictions were suggested to use bike/ped counts for before and after the projects. The data could also be used in applying for the funding. After this pilot program, the counters will belong to the Fresno COG.

**Ms. Gormley**, with the City of Fresno, agreed with the idea about using the count data for before and after project comparison. The grant the City of Fresno received for the Fulton Mall project requires before/after project bike/ped count information.

**Mr. Ryan Burnett** from the City of Clovis said that City of Clovis has been conducting such counts manually. Ms. Cai commented that Fresno State University expressed interest in the program.

**Ms. Cai** pointed out that the counters were not cheap. This program can only purchase two or three counters. The counter company can also provide the data analysis and report. The counters would be installed at chosen locations for at least two weeks, and moved to other locations if needed.

**The committee** discussed operating principles of different counters and the potential usages of the bike/ped data. The usages would be: the special event travel analysis, especially for the Fresno State; multi-model infrastructure analysis; bike/pedestrian travel demand forecasting and the transportation model implementation.

**Mr. Scott Carson** suggested collecting the data at first, showing the committee what the reality was, and then figuring out the next step based on the collected data. **Mr. Burnett** suggested collecting bike and ped data separately.

**Ms. Cai** invited committee members to attend a technical webinar for the program, which would be conducted by the FHWA in May. Ms. Cai will send out the webinar link, and the committee planned to come back to discuss more in early June.

**Ms. Cai** presented two supporting services: one was with fewer counters with contractor support; and the other was with more counters coupled with cities' staff support. Due to the limited funding, if cities could help the COG install the counters, the program would be able to spend all \$25,000 to purchase the counters. The installation webinar and instructions would be available once the counters were purchased.

**Ms. Gormley** and **Mr. Burnett** said that the technical support would be available at the City of Clovis and the City of Fresno. **Ms. Kooner**, with the Fresno County, was not sure about whether county could provide service at the time. (confirmed later in email that the County is able to do it) **Ms. Gormley** offered to find out whether the

City of Fresno's traffic count section has any information about vendors for such counters.

In terms of count locations, **Ms. Kooner** suggested focusing on several zones or main corridor's buffer areas first. **Mr. Carson** confirmed it and suggested looking at several locations first. The City of Fresno and the City of Clovis were asked to send the location proposals to the COG. Count locations will be mapped and discussed in the June meeting. There is no minimum number requested for locations.

The counter locations were planned to be finalized in the next committee meeting in June. **Ms. Cai** reiterated the plan for June 2015: gathering the proposals for count locations, counter types, and the durations for data collection at each location; counter presentation by COG staff.

#### **D. Defining the CMP Network in Fresno County.**

**Ms. Kooner** opened the session.

**Mr. Kai Han** showed a map of the Fresno existing CMP network. Based on the FHWA's comments, the current CMP network was overly expansive. The project might not be able to manage such a large network very well. Referring to the study of Alameda Tiered and Albuquerque's CMP network, Mr. Han suggested learning the essence from them, and narrowed it down into four things that Fresno wanted to focus on:

- 1) Urban focus
- 2) Major backbones
- 3) Data available for monitoring
- 4) Minimizing regulatory constraints;

**Mr. Han** showed a map of the Fresno CMP network recommendations;

**The committee** discussed the section of Highway 180, between Highways 41 and 99, which was not included in the recommended network. The committee recommended including this section.

**Mr. Carson** reiterated that the CMP project was expected to focus on upgrading the CMP network, monitoring the congestion, and developing new performance measures.

**Mr. Han** showed a map of “NRMRDS – Coverage in Fresno County,” and explained the data availability on the project. The Committee requested Mr. Han to populate the suggested CMP network with such NRMRDS data, and present it at the next meeting.

**E. Other items:**

**The committee** decided to meet on the first Wednesday every month. Meeting time would be 2 to 4 PM.

**F. Adjourn**

**Ms. Kooner** thanked everyone’s attendance and closed the meeting at 3:30 p.m.