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Fresno County Regional Long Range Transit Plan
Steering Committee Meeting and Conference Call
(Meeting #11)

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Place: **Fresno COG** Ash Room
Call-in Information: For those unable to attend:
(605) 475-3235 Code: 343440#
Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Item	Description
1.	Introductions (All: 5 minutes)
	a. Fresno COG & Partners: Fresno Area Express (FAX), Clovis Transit, and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA)
	b. VRPA Team: VRPA, CDM Smith, Mobility Planners and Nelson\Nygaard (NN)
	c. Steering Committee Members, representing Cities of Fresno and Clovis, Fresno County, Smaller Cities, Caltrans and Other Stakeholders
2.	Review and Approve Meeting Notes from June 28, 2018 (All: 5 minutes)
3.	Status Report on Related Studies (VRPA, FAX, and Fresno COG: 5 minutes: Information)
4.	Prototype Projects to Better Integrate Transit and Active Transport (Peds, Bikes, Etc.) -NN
5.	Scoring of Projects in Alternatives Discussion Paper by Steering Committee (All: 20 minutes; Discussion)
6.	Proposed projects and refinements to projects by Steering Committee (All: 40 minutes; Discussion)
7.	Discussion of Leadership Council comments (see email exchange on page 3) (Amanda Monaco, Leadership Council, and All: ACTION)
8.	Other Items/Next steps (All: 10 minutes; Information)
9.	Next Steering Committee Meeting/Call Date and Time (All: 5 minutes; ACTION)
10.	Adjourn

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City of Coalinga
City of Firebaugh
City of Fowler
City of Fresno
City of Huron
City of Kerman
City of Kingsburg
City of Mendota
City of Orange Cove
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City of Reedley
City of San Joaquin
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County of Fresno

Plan and Schedule for LRTP COMPLETION

Long Range Transit Plan: Remaining Schedule

✓ Bi-weekly status calls between consultants and Fresno COG continue: September 10, 24, etc.

- Monthly Steering Committee (SC) Meetings – CONSULTANT meetings in interim
- May 23: Present Initial Alternatives to SC (completed)
- June 28: Refine and Expand Alternatives. Discuss evaluation tools and methodology (completed)
- July 31: Initial Evaluation of Alternatives by Consultant team (completed)
- August: Final Evaluation of Alternatives (entire Steering Committee)
- September: Project List Development; begin drafting LRTP
- October: Draft Preferred Alternative LRTP
- November: Final Draft Preferred Alternative LRTP
- December-January 2019: Public Review and comment on Draft Final LRTP
- January-February 2019: Finalize LRTP
- February 2019: Fresno COG Board Adopts LRTP.

Summary of Email exchange between Amanda Monaco and Richard Lee, Aug. 16 and Aug. 20

Hi Amanda,

Thanks again for your comments last Thursday (August 16). As promised, here are detailed responses, in *italics* below your original comments:

- More points should be assigned to criteria 11. So much of our county is health burdened, and our air quality and lack of transit in health burdened areas are both critical. This criteria should be given much more than 2 points- at least 5 to equalize it with other important criteria.
    - *We can scale up this criterion's weight if the Steering Committee concurs.*
- (Criteria) 8 should be not counted if the project is *primarily* benefitting DACs
    - *Not sure I understand this comment; do you mean that a standalone service benefits DACs and enhances existing transit services should not get points for this?*
- Criteria 10 shows a lot of points for “compact development”. Does this mean that projects in rural areas will be disincentivized?
    - *No; there is great potential for auto trip reductions via compact rural service centers, both incorporated and unincorporated*
- For criteria 15, why is new mobility prioritized? We see the need for innovation, but want to see the expansion of effective transit for all
    - *This criterion does not reward mobility per se; points are awarded for the potential to attract riders, which is the main measure of effective transit*
- Points should be given for projects that have included feedback from beneficiaries in project design.
    - *We agree on this. All projects in the LRTP will need to be presented to and refined via input from those served and affected. This was not a scoring criterion since some projects on the list are long range, 20 + years from fruition, so it is too soon to seek such input in detail.*
- While we do not have time to propose or design projects, we would like to see the blend be different. We would like to see increases in transit in urban cores as well as innovative projects for effective rural transit service.
    - *Thanks -- we are aiming to have multiple examples of both urban service expansion and rural service innovations in the LRTP.*

Hope to see you next week at the August 29 Steering Committee meeting.