

**Policy Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Friday, January 12, 2018
10:00 AM**

Members Present

Luke Serpa, City of Clovis
Ben Gallegos, City of Firebaugh
Wilma Quan-Schechter, City of Fresno
James Doughty II, City of Huron
Alexander Henderson, City of Kingsburg
Vince DiMaggio, City of Mendota
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg), Chair.
With six members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of November 3, 2017
- B. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Contract Extension (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]
- C. Purchase of Replacement FTA Section 5310 Van (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]
- D. Circuit Planner and Circuit Engineer Report (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]
- E. Obligational Authority Delivery (Suzanne Martinez) [INFORMATION]
- F. California Transportation Commission 2017 Annual Report (Suzanne Martinez) [INFORMATION]
- G. 2019 Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 Update (Suzanne Martinez) [INFORMATION]
- H. Draft Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Release (Brenda Veenendaal) [INFORMATION]
- I. Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Notice of Funding Availability (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]
- J. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Notice of Interest (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]
- K. EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Program FY 2018 Request for Proposals (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Zieba (Reedley) motioned and Mr. Serpa (Clovis) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

The City of Fresno entered, seven members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. State of Good Repair (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Mr. Beshears (FCOG) reported that the State Controller has released estimates for the Senate Bill 1 (SB1) State of Good Repair program and Caltrans has issued guidelines. The program will work similarly to the State Transit Assistance program that Fresno COG already administers; however, it will be restricted to transit capital projects only and there are additional reporting requirements.

Funding to the Fresno County region for the first year is estimated to be \$1,517,695. Transit operators are required to submit an authorization resolution, certifications and assurances of compliance and a list of eligible projects to Caltrans by January 31, 2018. In subsequent years all administration will be through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (Fresno COG) but in this first year, transit operators are allowed to submit directly to Caltrans. Failure to meet the January 31 deadline could result in a loss of funds.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Mr. DiMaggio (Mendota) seconded to authorize Resolution 2018-01 designating the Fresno COG Executive Director as grant administrator for the SB1 State of Good Repair program. The motion passed.

B. Federal Demonstration Fund Repurposing (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Mr. Beshears (FCOG) reported that in 2016, Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) identified old, inactive earmark grants and allowed agencies to “repurpose” unencumbered balances. Caltrans identified \$1.891 million in unobligated federal demonstration funds available for repurposing that was originally dedicated to State Route (SR) 180.

Consistent with the earmark’s original intent, the Board adopted resolution 2016-21 requesting that Caltrans and FHWA program the funding on the segment of SR 180 now under construction. Caltrans and FHWA subsequently approved this choice; however, when Caltrans listed the project, bids came in higher than anticipated. Rather than rebid the contract in a potentially inflationary environment, staff proposed that Caltrans use a combination of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) G12 and contingency reserved in the Measure C cooperative agreements to accept the bid and begin construction.

When staff produced the recently adopted Measure C Regional Transportation Plan, this strategy was calibrated into the plan assumptions to restore the Measure’s contingency, resulting in minimal local Measure funds. Caltrans now requests that Fresno COG authorize drawing down the federal funds through a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Zieba (Reedley) motioned and Mr. Serpa (Clovis) seconded to authorize the Executive Director to execute a MOU with Caltrans providing \$1.891 million in federal demonstration funds to SR 180 – Trimmer to Frankwood.

C. Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan Negative Declaration Adoption (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]

Item pulled by staff.

D. Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan Approval (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]

Item pulled by staff.

E. Measure C Transit Oriented Infrastructure for In-fill Program (TOD) Program Cycle VI Call for Project (Kristine Cai) (INFORMATION)

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that Measure C's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program was established to boost transit ridership and encourage transit-supportive land use, such as higher-density development and mixed uses. TOD program projects serve as models that reduce vehicle trips, improve air quality and provide access to physical activity opportunities through integrated land use and transportation.

The TOD program is estimated to receive \$16.9 million over its 20-year lifespan, with approximately \$864,880 is accrued annually. More than \$6 million has been granted to projects for the last five funding cycles since 2012. In summer 2017, both the Fresno COG Policy Board and the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board approved the revised TOD program guidelines that allow the jurisdictions from the entire county to compete for the funding. The revised TOD Program Policies and Guidelines are attached for your reference.

The TOD program Cycle VI call for projects opens on January 12, 2018, and applications are due on **February 28, 2018**. There is \$1.5 million available for Cycle VI. The application package and program policies and guidelines were provided.

This item is informational only, no further action was required.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

- A. 2018 Legislative Platform (Tony Boren) [APPROVE]
- B. Monthly Legislative Report (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Overall Work Program Amendment No. 3 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Item pulled by staff.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

- Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported on the upcoming One Voice trip priority list. Currently the issues that have been identified are President Trump's Infrastructure Bill, Veterans Boulevard, funding for farm to market routes through the Farm Bill, federal investment in Electric Vehicle charging stations, autonomous vehicles, continued FTA support for YARTS Service and aviation fuel sales tax. The City of Coalinga just submitted support States rights and the ability regulate the legalization of commercial cannabis without federal government interference.

Mr. DiMaggio (Mendota) stated that he requested Fresno COG staff to give an update on the One Voice priorities. He advocates for fewer number of priorities. In light of President Trump's administrations initiative in 2019 to voluntarily or involuntarily deport those covered under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) post 2001, this could affect a large number of the City of Mendota's El Salvadorian population -- about 3,000-4,000 residents. This would also have an effect on all of Fresno County with its large Hispanic population countywide. This population has varying immigration status, some are undocumented, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) or TPS. He asked that the delegation consider comprehensive immigration reform.

- Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the Governor has released the budget. Under one umbrella now called the Transportation Agency is Caltrans, California Transportation Commission, High Speed Rail Authority, Department of Motor Vehicles, California Highway Patrol and Board of Pilot Commissioners. The budget for the Transportation Agency is \$18.7 billion. Caltrans will receive a majority share of \$13.6 billion.
- Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that if Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) goes to the ballot it will affect what direction the region will go with transportation infrastructure. In fiscal year (FY) 2017-18 there was \$2.8 billion in new funding. FY 2018-19 includes \$4.6 billion in funding. The breakdown of the larger funding pieces will be allocated as follows: \$1.2 billion Caltrans State Highways Operations and Protection Program, \$1.19 billion local streets and roads, \$400 million for bridges and culverts, \$355 million for transit assistance, \$306 million for trade corridor enhancements and \$200 million for local partnership. The City and County of Fresno have identified projects they plan to fund with SB 1 dollars. A map of SB 1 projects was presented.

B. Items from Members

- Ms. Zieba (Reedley) reported an update on the electric aircraft program. The regulation change with Federal Aviation Administration is being worked on and things are going well. The planes are being shipped now.
- Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) reported that the City of Kingsburg had to go through the process of renewing the contract with contract engineers for federal projects. It was a challenge because the question was raised whether or not the contact engineer can handle the administration and plan check on federal projects. There was an extensive process the City of Kingsburg had to go through. The process started in March of 2017 and it just received approval. If any other member agencies find themselves in the similar situation he is available to help.

- Ms. Zieba (Reedley) asked Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) about the Hash development that is on the border of Kingsburg but within Tulare County. This could dramatically impact the Fresno's RTP/SCS. Mr. Henderson responded that it is a proposal for 160 single family homes. It is an interesting situation, although the development would be in Tulare County it is within Kingsburg's sphere of influence. The development is in proposal stages and getting ready to go out for EIR.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

Mark Allen, Fresno EOC

Staff

Brenda Veenendaal

Les Beshears

Kristine Cai

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