

**Transportation Technical Committee
MINUTES
Friday, January 12, 2018
8:30 AM**

Members Present

Mohammad Khorsand, Fresno County
Michael Osburn, City of Mendota
Joey Daggett (Gateway Engineering), City of Selma
David Padilla, Caltrans
Moses Stites, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Mary Savala, League of Women Voters
Nicholas Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Mike Prandini, Building Industry Association
Dale Siemer, Fresno County
Jennifer Clark, City of Fresno
Scott Mozier, City of Fresno
John Robertson, City of Reedley
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County).

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, Mr. Stites (FCRTA) motioned and Mr. Paladino (Fresno Cycling Club) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

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. Mozier (Fresno City) motioned and Mr. Prandini (BIA) 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, Mr. Stites (FCRTA) motioned and Mr. Prandini (BIA) 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 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.

Mr. Mozier (Fresno City) asked what the changes are from the previous guidelines. Ms. Cai responded that in the previous version of the guidelines there were three priority investment areas, all within the City of Fresno. After a review of the program it was decided to open up the program to all the jurisdictions in the region. The smaller cities should consider smart growth near transit stops. FCRTA is working with the rural cities on transit supportive land use development. Density thresholds need to be considered. In the previous guidelines the thresholds were set at a level that the smaller cities could not qualify. Changes were made to the scoring criteria for density. For FCMA development supporting a density of 30 units per acre and above will receive the maximum 15 points, density of 20-30 units will receive 10 points and density of 15-20 units will receive 5 points. Outside of FCMA, projects with the density of 20 units and above will receive the maximum of 15 points, density of 15-20 units will receive 10 points and density of

10-15 units will receive 5 points. Another change was the addition of the Clovis Transit and FCRTA as members of the scoring committee.

Mr. Daggett (Selma) asked what type of projects the City of Fresno used the funding for. Mr. Mozier (Fresno City) responded that there were a variety of projects: the downtown cultural arts district, utilities undergrounding, drainage improvements, impact fee forgiveness, Fulton Street and Housing Authority project Droge Building at Inyo. Ms. Cai responded that projects also included the South Stadium project and Met Block project. A list of all funded projects is on the Fresno COG website.

Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) asked where the County would be categorized with respect to density. Ms. Cai responded that they would be categorized the same as the small cities because it would be areas outside of the FCMA.

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

III. 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.
- 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 (SB1) 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. In 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 SHOPP, \$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 SB1 dollars. A map of SB1 projects was presented.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

Timothy Ray, Fresno CHP

Staff

Brenda Veenendaal, Les Beshears, Kristine Cai, Peggy Arnest, Meg Prince, Suzanne Martinez, Jeaneen Cervantes, Moses Stites