

**Fresno COG Policy Board
MINUTES
Thursday, September 27, 2018
5:30 PM**

Members Attending:

Mayor Bob Whalen, City of Clovis
Councilmember Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor Felipe Perez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
Councilmember Steve Brandau, City of Fresno
Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Tomayo, City of Huron
Mayor Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg
Councilmember Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Councilmember Robert Beck, City of Reedley
Mayor Pro Tem Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno

Gail Miller, Caltrans
Kyle Roberson, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

Absent:

Mayor Rhonda Armstrong, City of Kerman
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 13 members representing 86% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County).

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin), Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency meeting will follow the Policy Board meeting

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of July 13, 2018 [APPROVE]
- B. Fourth Quarterly Work Element and Financial Report (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. State of Good Repair 2018-19 Estimates - Resolution 2018-24 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- D. City of Firebaugh Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- E. City of Mendota Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- F. City of San Joaquin Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- G. City of Fowler Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- H. City of Huron Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- I. City of Kerman Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- J. City of Selma Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- K. City of Orange Cove Transportation Development Act Claims (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- L. City of Kingsburg Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- M. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Round 4 Draft Guidelines (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

- N. Land Use Planning Assistance to Reduce Community Wildfire Risks (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- O. Circuit Planner and Circuit Engineer Report (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) motioned and Councilmember Beck (Reedley) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed. Huron absent for vote.

Clovis entered with 14 members representing 96.98% of the population, there was a quorum to conduct business.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Measure C New Technology Recommendations for Funding (Peggy Arnest) [ACTION]

Ms. Arnest (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG released the Measure C 2018 Application for New Technology Funding on April 16, 2018. Six applications were received asking for a total of \$7,291,415 with \$6.4 million in funding available. On August 22, the scoring committee met to interview the applicants and discuss the applications. The six applicants are Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, Clovis Transit, City of Fresno-Public Works, Fresno City College, Fresno City Transit and Reedley Rides. Five of the six applications were recommended for full funding, with a remaining amount of \$935,269 that will roll over into the 2020 cycle.

Councilmember Silva (Mendota) asked if there was a list of cities where charging units will be placed. Mr. Stites (FCRTA) responded that it is the intent to put two-three units in each of the incorporated cities to ensure that there is a charging facility nearby if the Chevy Bolt is taking multiple trips. Stations would be located at City yards or maintenance facilities. Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) asked if anyone from Fresno City College was present, asking if there is any other program in the County that offers this type of program. Becky Barabe, Dean of Applied Technology at Fresno City College responded that the closest program is offered in the Los Angeles area. There have also been attempts in the Bay area, but those programs are in the infant stages.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) motioned and Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) seconded to approve the New Technology scoring committee recommendations for funding and authorize the Fresno COG Executive Director to enter into contracts with the applicants in the amounts recommended. The motion passed.

B. Caltrans FY19/20 Transportation Planning Grant Program DRAFT Guidelines for Public Review (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that the final draft guidelines for FY 19/20 Caltrans' Transportation Planning Grant Program, which funds the Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning grants, are available for public comment. The State estimates approximate \$17.38 million will be available for the Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant, \$1.5 million for Strategic Partnerships and \$3 million for Transit – Strategic Partnership. Final Grant Application Guides are anticipated for release in early October, and applications will be due in November 2018.

Two final draft documents for the Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning grants were provided. Additional information can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>. The final grant application guidelines are anticipated in early October, with applications due in late November 2018 and a project start date of October 2019.

A couple of key updates being proposed include:

- Beginning with FY 2019-20, city and county primary/sub-grant applicants are required to have a compliant housing element and submit APRs in order to be eligible for Sustainable Communities grant awards.
- Up to \$2 million in Sustainable Communities grants will be set-aside for technical projects such as data acquisition or travel model updates.

Grant applicants are encouraged to begin considering possible applications based on the final drafts below.

- [Sustainable Communities Final Draft Grant Application Guide](#) (Includes *Lessons Learned Summary to Inform FY 2019-20*)
- [Adaptation Planning Final Draft Grant Application Guide](#)

This item was informational only; no further action was required.

C. 2019 Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 Update (Jennifer Soliz) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported the Statewide Call for Projects was open from May 16, 2018, through July 31, 2018. Our regions submitted 18 applications at a total project cost of over \$13 million. Applications submitted through the Statewide Call for Projects are currently being reviewed, evaluated and scored. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) anticipates project recommendations by the end of December 2018 with the adoption of the projects at the January 2019 CTC meeting. Projects not selected for programming in the statewide competition will be considered in the Regional Competitive ATP. The CTC Commissioners unanimously approved Fresno COG's proposed regional ATP guidelines at the August 15, 2018, CTC meeting. Per the approved regional competitive ATP guidelines, additional hard copies (for the MAG scoring committee) and a resolution for the submitted projects will be due **October 31, 2018**. Fresno COG's share of the ATP provides about \$4.77 million over four years (fiscal year 2019/20 through fiscal year 2022/23) to our region. Per the ATP legislation, at least 25% of the program funds must benefit disadvantaged communities.

This item was informational only; no further action was required.

D. Caltrans Report (CALTRANS) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Miller (Caltrans) reported:

- State Route (SR) 99 realignment to accommodate High Speed Rail between Clinton and Ashlan Avenue. The southbound Shields Avenue off ramp was closed permanently after the southbound off ramp to Clinton Avenue was reopened. The Southbound off ramp to Clinton and Golden State is now open. Continuous Reinforced Concrete Pavement and rubberized asphalt overlay on the mainline is now complete, with traffic utilizing the new alignment both northbound and southbound. The northbound onramp to Golden State is closed and will remain closed until the end of October. The new northbound ramp from Clinton is scheduled to reopen in mid-August. The contractor poured the Ashlan Avenue overhead bridge deck. The new Ashlan overhead bridge is complete. The critical path to project completion is now focused on the north end of the project to construct Golden State realignment under the overhead structure.
- Kings Canyon Expressway segment 3; structure work is progressing at four locations, China Slew, Kings River, Cameron Slew and Bird Slew. Grating work is continuing west of the Kings River. The project is on schedule. SR 180 concrete pavement is scheduled for early November. Three traffic shifts are anticipated in mid-October and possible closure of Oliver and Rio Vista in late October.
- State Route 41 auxiliary lanes from M Street to the Tulare overcrossing. This project is complete.
- San Joaquin River Bridge seismic retrofit. All substructure work has been completed. Traffic has been switched and work is progressing on the northbound deck. The last working day will be April 2, 2019.
- State Route 269 Bridge. Bids opened on September 19. Anticipated start of construction is November 2018.

Councilmember Beck (Reedley) asked for the completion date for the Kings Canyon Expressway segment 3. Ms. Miller responded that it is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year 2019. Mayor Whalen (Clovis) thanked Ms. Miller and Caltrans for addressing the braided ramp SR 168 to SR 41. Mayor Whalen asked for traffic counts of SR 168 and SR 41.

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

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Regional Clearinghouse (Jennifer Soliz) [APPROVE]
- B. Monthly Legislative Report (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) motioned and Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DICUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Employee Contract Negotiation - Executive Director (Government Code Section 54957) Subcommittee and talk about process (Tony Boren)

Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the three year contract for the Executive Director is expiring. As in the past there will be need to convene a subcommittee to review, evaluate and negotiate the Executive Director contract. Results of the meeting with the subcommittee will be brought to the Policy Board in October.

Mayor Pro Tem Robertson (Selma) stated that he served in the last round and volunteered to serve again. Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) volunteered to serve. Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) suggested Mayor Roman, Kingsburg to serve. Mayor Roman accepted.

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported on the 2018 Valley Voice Trip and 2019 One Voice Trip. Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin and Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman attended the Valley Voice trip. Veterans Boulevard INFRA grant application was declined. \$2 million from Local Partnership funds will go to Veterans Boulevard. The City of Fresno has also applied for funding through the BUILD program formerly known as TIGER for Veterans Boulevard. The County of Fresno has declined funding from USDA loan on Millerton Road. Farm to Market was on the Valley Voice agenda. Interest was shown by the delegation, but there is a need to define criteria to distinguish Farm to Market roads verses a Goods Movement route. Dates for the 2019 One Voice trip are not yet confirmed. November elections will play a factor and the Easter holiday may push the trip to mid-May. Formal call for projects will be on next month agenda.
- Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the population forecast the valley will add 200,000 and 230,000 people every five years. These people will all travel SR 99. Mayor Whalen asked about SR 99 getting Interstate designation. Mr. Boren responded that the subject has come up in the past, but eight SJV COG Directors did not agree to pursue the designation.
- Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported on the local streets and roads program. The program is a new program funded by SB 1. Cities and Counties are required to submit projects for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects by May 1st of each year. So far, cities and the County have submitted projects for FY 17/18 and the current year, 18/19, and the cities and the county have started to receive funding monthly. Funds were apportioned with a condition that the cities and counties who receive these funds would provide an expenditure report annually to the CTC associated with the use or intended use of these funds. The first year, FY 17/18's expenditure report is due to the CTC by this Monday, October 1st. There have been webinars and training materials available to all of our member agencies to help submit their expenditure reports. We received a status report with cities in our region who have not yet submitted their expenditure report however, I have personally spoken with them and they have ensured they are working on their reports and will submit them by the deadline. I want to keep everyone aware of these deadlines so we do not run the risk of losing any future funds. I am confident that our agencies will meet the October 1st deadline.
- Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that the guidelines for the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities will be coming out soon. The technical assistance has been released, applications are due November 1.
- Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the California Air Resources Board continues to push member agencies to do more to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled and Greenhouse Gas emissions. Staff will bring a more detailed report to the Policy Board next month.

B. Items from Members

- Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Tomayo, City of Huron to his first Policy Board meeting.

- Councilmember Silva (Mendota) reported on the Countywide Redevelopment Oversight Board. The first meeting was last week. All cities are going to have to dissolve their Redevelopment Agencies. The first city to do so was the City of Kerman.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Adjourn to FCRTA at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

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