

**Policy Advisory Committee  
MINUTES  
Friday, November 2, 2018  
10:00 AM**

**Members Present**

Luke Serpa, City of Clovis  
Jeannie Davis, City of Fowler  
Wilma Quan-Schechter City of Fresno  
James Doughty II, City of Huron  
Cristian Gonzalez, City of Mendota  
Rob Terry, City of Reedley  
Elizabeth Nunez, City of San Joaquin  
Tim Chapa, City of Sanger  
Teresa Gallavan, City of Selma  
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno  
David Padilla, Caltrans  
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Chapa (Sanger), Chair. With ten members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

**I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Executive Minutes of October 12, 2018 [APPROVE]
- B. 2019 Annual Fresno COG Meeting Calendar [APPROVE]
- C. First Quarterly Report (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
- D. City of Clovis Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- E. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Round 4 - Call for Technical Assistance (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- F. Opportunity Zone Proposed Guidance (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Ms. Quan-Schechter (Fresno City) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

**II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. ValleyRides Website Upgrade (Donna Blocker) [APPROVE]**

Ms. Blocker (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG's rideshare program staff released an RFP August 28, 2018, for a Valleyrides website redesign and rideshare/ridematch development services. The Valleyrides website will serve as a one-stop commuter resource, including carpool and vanpool ridematching, information on Measure C carpool and vanpool incentive programs, Senior Scrip Program, trip planning, transit resources, Amtrak and YARTS connectivity and available bike mapping. Though Fresno COG hosts a website with much of this information, the database that conducts ridematching has become antiquated and dysfunctional.

Fresno COG received proposals from two Rideshare/Web consultant firms. After interviewing both firms, staff chose to award Ride Amigos with the website contract. Ride Amigos also developed websites for several other COGs and transportation authorities, such as San Luis Obispo, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara and Napa Valley.

The Initial cost of the Ride Amigos redevelopment is \$34,985 with an annual licensing and support cost of \$27,985.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Nunez (San Joaquin) motioned and Ms. Davis (Fowler) seconded to authorize the executive director to enter into a contract with Ride Amigos for the Valleyrides website redesign and database maintenance.

**B. Pavement and Bridge (PM2), System Performance/Freight/CMAQ (PM3) Performance Targets (Lang Yu/Braden Duran) [APPROVE]**

Mr. Yu and Mr. Duran (FCOG) presented a PowerPoint presentation. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to set targets for a series of transportation performance measures. Last year, safety targets (PM1) were established and approved, which were then included in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Targets for pavement and bridge performance measures (PM2), and system performance/freight/CMAQ performance measures (PM3) are due to Caltrans by November 16, 2018. The specific performance measures for PM 2 & PM 3 are listed as follows:

Pavement and Bridge (PM2) performance measures:

- Percentage of interstate pavements in good condition
- Percentage of interstate pavements in poor condition
- Percentage of non-interstate NHS pavements in good condition
- Percentage of non-interstate NHS pavements in poor condition
- Percentage of NHS bridges in good condition
- Percentage of NHS bridges in poor condition

Performance Management (PM3) performance measures:

- Percent of reliable person-miles traveled on the interstate
- Percent of reliable person-miles traveled on the non-interstate NHS
- Truck travel time reliability index
- Total emissions reductions by applicable pollutants under the CMAQ program

Fresno COG will have the option of either supporting the State of California's overall targets or setting its own regional targets for one or more performance measures. Performance targets are required to be documented in the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) when they are updated to demonstrate that MPOs are taking efforts to achieve the targets. Should an MPO miss a target, there is no penalty imposed on the region. The State DOT must obligate and set aside National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds for eligible projects on the National Highway System (NHS) if it does not meet the targets (except CMAQ).

Upon analysis of existing conditions and considering the statewide target, staff recommends supporting the statewide targets for both PM2 and PM3.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Mr. Gonzalez (Mendota) seconded to support the statewide two-year and four-year targets for pavement and bridge (PM2) and system performance/freight/CMAQ (PM3).

**C. Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program Initial Update (Braden Duran) [INFORMATION]**

Mr. Duran (FCOG) reported that Governor Brown signed AB 617 into law in July 2017 with a focus on reducing harmful air pollution in California's most impacted disadvantaged communities. The program is "community focused" in that the program will heavily rely on community-specific monitoring to create a community-level action framework for air protection. The California Air Resources Board (ARB), air pollution control districts, and local communities are the main parties implementing AB 617.

As part of the air protection program, ten communities were selected statewide this year for initial action. In the San Joaquin Valley, Shafter and South Central Fresno (please refer to the attached maps for South Central Fresno) were chosen due to their disadvantaged status and the severity of air pollution. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District is responsible for developing a community emissions reduction plan in consultation with ARB, community residents, affected sources, and local governments. The plan may include strategies that target stationary/mobile

sources, and also those that address transportation/land use issues. The timeframe for developing the plan is within one year of selecting priority communities, which is fall 2019. A steering committee is being formed to direct and create reduction plans for the South Central Fresno community in the Fresno region, with the initial community meeting being held this week. Fresno COG will monitor the process for South Central Fresno and the implications it has for transportation and land-use planning in the region, and will update the committee as necessary.

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

### **III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no Administrative Consent Items

### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DICUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Legislative Report (Trai Her-Cole/Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]**

Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that Gov. Jerry Brown signed a series of bills during the last month of the 2018 California legislative session that will impact member agencies and Fresno COG programs related to housing elements, the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan, transit funds and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Staff will provide a brief overview of the implications for the bills listed below.

- AB 686: Housing Discrimination: Further Fair Housing (Santiago)
- AB 1771: Planning and Zoning: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (Bloom)
- SB 828: Land use: Housing Element (Wiener)
- AB 2162: Planning and Zoning: Supportive Housing (Chiu)
- AB 1804 California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: residential or mixed-use housing projects (Berman)
- SB 1000: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (Lara)
- SB 1119: Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (Beale)

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

#### **B. Freeway Service Patrol Update (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]**

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that the Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) operator Patrick Bartlett, owner of Budget Towing in Fresno, has abruptly resigned his company's contract with Fresno COG to run four "beats" along state routes 41, 99, 168 and 180 during peak hours. The service is intended to quickly move stranded motorists off of freeways and allow traffic to resume normal flows.

The action follows a negative evaluation recommending termination that Budget Towing received from the California Highway Patrol, which is charged with enforcing FSP contracts by the State of California, including provisions that dictate operating hours; equipment and uniform requirements; and staffing, among other issues. Budget Towing was in the second year of a five-year contract. Fresno COG's standard FSP contract provides for penalties in the event of non-performance, which will be assessed against any of the operator's outstanding and final invoices.

Under the circumstances, CHP officials have acknowledged the necessity for service interruptions potentially totaling several months while Fresno COG circulates an RFP to secure a new operator. CHP will still be able to access towing services from multiple operators in Fresno; however, wait times may be substantially affected.

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

### **V. OTHER ITEMS**

#### **A. Items from Staff**

- Ms. Prince reported that since the agenda has been published there were two new updates to the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Round 4 - Call for Technical Assistance. The notice of funding availability was released. Approximately \$395 million is available. Applications are due February 11, 2019. Upcoming application workshop at Fresno City Hall, November 9, 2018.

- Mr. Boren reported that the dedication ceremony for Mendota passing lanes was held on October 19, 2018, and a ground breaking ceremony for the 269 Bride in Huron was held on November 1, 2018.
- Mr. Boren introduced new employee Braden Duran, Assistant Regional Planner.
- Mr. Boren introduced new City Manager of Selma, Teresa Gallavan.
- Mr. Boren reminded the Committee that there will be no meeting in December.

**B. Items from Members**

There were no items from members.

**VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Public Presentations**

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

No public present

Staff

Robert Phipps

Kristine Cai

Brenda Veenendaal

Meg Prince

Trai Her-Cole

Donna Blocker

Lang Yu

Braden Duran

Santosh Bhattarai

Stephanie Maxwell