

Fresno Council of Governments
Progress Report for Third Quarter (January – March)
FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program (July 2013-June 2014)
March 2014

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

WE 110 - Regional Streets and Highways

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional streets and highways planning process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Continued participation in the monthly Statewide California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) established to provide a linkage between State, Federal, and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies involved in transportation programming activities.
- Involvement with related subcommittees, such as the FTIP and CMAQ task forces, of the CFPG group evaluating and making recommendations on policy and procedure updates related to programming.
- Continued use of the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) and involvement in program updates.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group.
- Continued support and developmental improvements to FresnoTrak, the programming software provided by EcoInteractive used to integrate all components of programming such as Modeling, RTP, and FTIP. Local agencies request one on one user training to be able to access their project information online, submit amendment requests and verify programming details on FresnoTrak.
- Attended Veteran's Boulevard Project Development Team meetings.
- Plan with Veteran's Blvd Project consultant team to develop an animated simulation model of the project that will help the general public better understand what will be built. Provided information to Caltrans Statewide Transportation Project Inventory project in terms of planned and programmed projects and GIS data.
- Reviewed the impact of a change of date of the SR-180 passing lane project on regionally significant network in terms of conformity.
- Completed RTP modeling inclusion and document prep activities for Draft PEIR process and document inclusion [GARZA/MONGE/FAWCETT/TERRY]

WE 111 - Regional Transportation Modeling

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Provided various model data to consultants, member agencies, and Caltrans. [on going]
- Helped coordinate the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) Modeling/Air Quality Coordinating Committee. This committee was established to provide interagency transportation conformity consultation
- Kept the road network database up-to-date. The database is used for modeling and other reporting purposes.
- Fresno COG is leading the San Joaquin Valley effort in conducting valley wide model improvements (MIP) for SB 375 by managing the MIP project and facilitating consultant team and valley MPOs.
- Coordinated modeling activities with consultants and FCOG staff [on going]
- Fine-tuned SB375 Scenarios in relation to GHG reduction targets.
- Conference call with Keith Bergthold, re: Panel at APA conference
- Conducted SCS scenario modeling.
- Calculated performance measures for SCS scenarios.
- Attended the FHWA Performance measure data webinar
- Updated SCS scenarios and performed additional model runs in preparation of the release of the scenario results. Revised transit input files for the traffic model
- Adjusted transit and active transportation mode shares through in and off model procedures.
- Incorporated HSR module in the model for SCS analyses.
- Performed additional model runs for newly proposed SCS scenario.
- Provided new development project select zone analyses for various consultants.
- MPO staff IAC conference calls
- APA conference panel presentation 10/6/13
- SCS modeling discussion 10/8/13
- Further tested HSR module of the MIP model 10/15/13 KH
- Discussed with new FSU faculty member regarding collaboration in traffic demand model advancement.

- Provided standard model runs and select zone analyses for member agencies and traffic consultants.
- Conference call with Fehr and Peers re: SCS scenario modeling
- Estimated HSR ridership as related to inter-regional trips in the MIP model.
- Performed additional SCS scenarios to quantify City of Fresno's contribution in GHG reduction.
- Provided select zone analyses for traffic consultants.
- Provided SCS model analyses data for independent review by UC Davis.
- Re-analyzed SCS scenarios using updated MIP model with enhanced development density and HSR features.
- State-wide Travel Demand model conference call 12/4/13
- CIA modeling meeting 12/3/13
- Provided MIP model data preparation information and documentation to UC Davis for review.
- Coordinated EJ modeling effort with Fehr and Peers.
- Discussed HSR related modeling issues with KernCOG.
- Combined previous model walkability enhancement with the HSR components and re-calculate the VMT/GHG numbers.
- Performed select zone analyses for traffic consultants on proposed development projects.
- Reviewed recently updated MIP model documentations.
- Cooperated with consultants in performing EJ analyses and incorporating the EJ module into the MIP model.
- Model Steering Committee meeting
- Performed project level select zone analysis for consultants.
- Participated in ARB SJV MPO Model review workshop

[BITNER/HAN]

WE 112 - Regional Traffic Monitoring

Objective: To maintain the Fresno Regional Traffic Monitoring Program as a source of current traffic information for use by member agencies and the public, and as a validation tool for the Countywide Traffic Model.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated the *Traffic Counts Program* and provided technical assistance to member agencies.
- Provided traffic counts in response to public requests. [on going]
- Reviewed traffic report generator prepared by DKS as part of the traffic counts program update.
- Compiled and conducted comparison of traffic volumes at various Fresno County gateways from a variety of sources in order to enhance gateway estimations of the revalidated MIP model.
- Cooperated with Caltrans District 6 on estimating gateway volumes for current and future model scenarios.
- Reviewed traffic counts together with the model network in terms of geographical location and reasonableness.
- Coordinated with model consultant to incorporate the updated traffic counts in the re-validation process.
- Reviewed traffic count database and locations provided by DSK for further improvement opportunities to better support CMP.
- Reviewed gateway traffic counts and future volume forecast with regard to MIP model revalidation and SCS scenarios planning.
- Provided traffic count information to the general public.
- Worked with Fehr & Peers consultants on adjusting future gateway volumes.
- Provided traffic count information to traffic consultants and Caltrans HPMS contractor.
- Provided traffic count information to traffic consultants.
- Upgraded outdated operating system to maintain compatibility with Fresno Traffic Operations Center.
- Continued updating equipment to maintain better compatibility.

[HAN]

WE 114 – Fresno County Intelligent Transportation System Architecture Update

Objective: To update the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Regional Architecture for Fresno County last completed in 1999.

Accomplishments:

- Reviewed Regional Architecture documents from other jurisdictions to see how other agencies have completed the process.
- Research work accomplished on county-wide ITS plan update.
- Met with stakeholders from the City of Fresno to determine best way to update Fresno County's ITS plan.
- Revised budget of older JARC grant to allow for the use of it to update Fresno County's ITS System Plan.
- Coordinated meeting with FHWA, City of Fresno staff and COG staff.
- Researched and read through ITS information.
- Conference call with FHWA, consultant, City of Fresno staff and COG staff to discuss preliminary tasks to begin Fresno COG's update of ITS Strategic Deployment Plan.

- Coordinated Consultant Selection Committee (CSC).
- Distributed copies of the three proposals received and proposal scoring forms to CSC.
- Reviewed and scored all three proposals.
- Developed interview scoring forms and coordinated interviews with CSC and all consultants.
- Conducted interviews.
- Tabulated scores for written proposals and interviews. Informed consultants of outcome.
- Developed agenda item for TTC/PAC and Policy Board agendas.
- Attended Caltrans ramp-metering webinar 8/20/13.
- Researched and answered questions from FAX staff about ITS inclusion in BRT contract.
- Held primary stakeholder kickoff meeting at COG with URS Corp on October 10, 2013.
- Held first general stakeholder meeting at Fresno COG on January 22, 2014. Consultant discussed information needed from stakeholders, transportation deficiencies and opportunities in the area, and the ITS vision and goals.
- Held second general stakeholder meeting at Fresno COG on March 19, 2014. Consultant discussed the status of the project and deliverables completed to date. Greg Larson from Caltrans HQ gave an overview of connected vehicle initiatives. Then all the stakeholders participated in an ITS Needs Prioritization exercise.
- Review draft deliverables provided by consultant for ITS update: Project Plan, Data Report, Assessment of the 1999 ITS Strategic Deployment Plan.

[ARNEST]

WE 115 – Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Plan

Objective: As of January 1, 2010, Resolution 2009-01 gives the RTMF joint powers agency (RTMF JPA) the authority to collect the fee. The RTMF JPA and the Transportation Authority entered into an indemnity agreement, whereas the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) assumes liability for the RTMF JPA's actions in collecting the fee.

Accomplishments:

- During the FY 2012-13 the total fees collected were \$3,187,555. The total amount collected since inception is \$10,230,704.15. Other accomplishments include; coordinating changes to the City of Fresno's DEVELOPMENT AND IMPACT FEE ESTIMATE with City of Fresno staff, and creation of an RTMF policies and procedures flowchart for internal use and for applicants and member agencies.
- Processed Record of Payment of RTMF forms and collected fees.
- Maintain and update RTMF database and enter information from Record of Payment of RTMF forms, analyze data to prepare RTMF fee collection reports on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis.
- Funds are transferred to the Fresno County Transportation Authority account, on behalf of member agencies for Measure C projects throughout the county.
- Staff administers the RTMF Appeals Process, implemented the second quarter of FY 2010-11 on a case by case basis, which is taken before the Fresno County RTMF Board for a review and finding of determination of requirement under Gov. Code § 66020 (d)(1).

[BESHEARS/GRAHAM/ARNEST/FAWCETT]

WE 116 – National Park Transit Service – Community Outreach Project

Objective: The National Park Transit Service Work Element is intended to provide resources to develop resources and strategies for the provision of public transit between Fresno and Yosemite and Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks.

Accomplishments:

- *Service Operating Plan:* A Service Operating Plan was developed for service from Fresno to Sequoia /Kings Canyon National Parks, and was accepted by the COG Policy Board during its April 2013 meeting..
- *Yosemite Service Operating Plan approved at 11-21-13 Policy Board meeting.* Applications for demonstration funding are being finalized.
- *CMAQ Demonstration Grant:* Staff prepared a CMAQ grant application to operate public transit service between Fresno and Yosemite. Staff has been coordinating this effort with the Merced COG and the Yosemite Area Regional Transit System (YARTS), as YARTS would likely be the operator under an MOU with Fresno COG.

[Downs]

WE 117 – Golden State Corridor Study

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) in conjunction with the County of Fresno, and the cities of Selma, Fowler and Kingsburg are conducting a Golden State Corridor: Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements: Engineering and Environmental Study.

There are three parts to this phase of the project:

- 1) Developing an RFP and contracting with a consultant,
- 2) Completing the engineering design plans (100%) of the Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements, and
- 3) Preparation of environmental documents sufficient to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA), if necessary.

The goal is to revitalize the Corridor, enhance economic development, and improve Corridor safety for both commercial purposes as well as local drivers.

Funding for the Golden State Corridor Improvements has been made available in the Measure “C” Sales Tax Extension, passed by the voters of Fresno County in 2006. Originally, \$515,000 was allocated for the first phase. This second phase was allocated \$5,970,000, and the third allocation occurs in the years 2015/16 at \$37,343,000. Due to Measure “C” sales tax estimates falling below 29.3% from ballot measure projections, the November 18, 2010 Policy Board approved reprogramming the Golden State project as follows: \$6,226,000 in 2015/16; \$24,156,000 in 2018/19; \$14,375,000 in 2019/20 and \$2,858,000 in 2020/21.

Accomplishments:

- Develop RFP for the 100% design phase.
- Met with Fresno County, FCTA, Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg representatives to improve the RFP before it is released.
- Attended presentation given by Steve Brandt from Quad Knopf to the Fowler City Council about the accomplishments to date on the Golden State Corridor project. Steve also answered questions from the council. There was also some discussion of the next phase of the project.
- Attended Kingsburg City Council meeting in which Dave Peters, the Kingsburg city engineer gave a rundown of the accomplishments to date on the Golden State Corridor project and discussed what was needed from the Council to begin the next phase of the project.

[ARNEST]

WE 120 - Regional Public Transportation Planning – Urban & Rural

Objective: To carry on the continuing public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977) and AB-120 (Statutes of 1979); the Social Service Improvement Act (AB-120, 1979); the Mello Act (SB-157, 1985); the Specialized Transportation Services Act (SB-826, 1988); the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336); and the Measure C Expenditure Plan

Accomplishments:

- Management Information Systems: Staff continues to develop and maintain various MIS programs and services. Work this quarter included continued implementation of the Regional Trip Planning Program, and the Interactive Voice Response System (IVR)
- National Transit Database Report: National Transit Data Base (NTDB) annual operating statistics for FY2011-12 have been compiled, and staff has prepared the NTDB report and submitted it to the Federal Transit Administration. NTDB data collection is an ongoing process.
- Coordinate with Air District: Staff reviews Air District’s plans and rule making and attends workshops on topics related to transit planning. Staff also works closely in developing funding request strategies from the SJVUAPCD for related TCM’s such as alternative fuels funding and transit pass subsidy funding.
- Review Development Proposals: Staff continues to work closely with the development community in order to promote pedestrian and transit-friendly development through review and comment on development proposals.
- Community Outreach and Public information: FAX information continues to be maintained on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fresno.gov/index.html>. Staff continues to work with major employers to promote public transit, and to find creative ways to increase transit’s market share. Staff has participated in several community outreach activities with various local agencies. Significant outreach during this quarter included outreach associated with the FAX Blackstone/Venture Kings Canyon BRT corridor.

- Service Coordination: The Clovis/FAX Metro pass continues to be a success, and FAX continues to include transit service schedules and information for Clovis Stageline in the FAX Schedule Guide. Since January 10, 2011, FAX only sells Metro passes and no longer offers the monthly convenience pass.
- Regional Farebox: Fresno Area Express awarded a contract to Gen Fare International (GFI) for the installation of an Automated Fare Collection system (AFC). The new fareboxes have been installed and work on the computer support system is underway. This project will take 6-10 months to complete and is the first step in the regional fare collection project.
- Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC): Staff developed the Annual Transit Productivity Evaluation Report for FY 2012-2013.
- FCMA Strategic Service Evaluation: The study is well underway with passenger surveys and stakeholder interviews, policy maker interviews and system productivity and policy reviews complete. This evaluation will examine metro travel patterns through extensive origin and destination studies; transit ride check and transfer studies; and public and stakeholder input with a goal of reducing transit travel times, and improving linkages to major trip generators.
- Automatic Passenger Counters (APC): This project has been completed.
- Regional Trip Planning Program: Ontira Communications was the selected vendor of the JARC funded project. Staff is currently testing the Regional Transit Trip Planning Program. The program, when fully implemented, will include Fresno Area Express, Clovis Transit and Fresno County Rural Transit. Automated trip planning is currently available via Google Transit for FAX, but in a much less robust format. This project has experienced delays that pushed back completion to the second quarter of 2013-14.
- Coordinate with Caltrans, COG staff and consultant for Caltrans Environmental Justice grants evaluating and scoring proposals for the FCMA Strategic Service Evaluation.
- Participated in interviews of consultants for Strategic Service Evaluation Project.
- Recruit and coordinate scoring committee for 5310 Grant Applications. Score 5310 grant applications. Work with scoring committee to finish scoring of grant applications.
- Work with applicants (FAX & FCEOC) to improve their applications.
- Developed Resolution and Certifications & Assurances for submittal to Caltrans.
- Shipped applications to Caltrans HQ in Sacramento.
- Attend MAP-21 Section 5310 Stakeholder Workshop in Sacramento on July 10, 2013.
- Discussion with FCRTA, FAX, and FCOG November 6, 2013 on Designated Recipient for 5310 program. Decision made for FCOG to become Designated Recipient.
- letter was sent to CalTrans and FTA to inform them that Fresno COG is requesting to become the designated representative for FTA 5310 grants

[DOWNS/LONG/ARNEST]

WE 121 - Fresno COG-Administered Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Programs: Section 5316 (JARC) and Section 5317 (New Freedom)

Objective: The Human Services Transportation Coordination work element's aim is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that public and non-profit agencies coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs.

Accomplishments:

- Work with prospective applicants to prepare for future FTA Section 5316 JARC Call for projects.
- Address questions from public regarding both the COG and State-administered JARC 5316 call for projects.
- Received email from FTA stating they wanted to start the process of closing two of our JARC grants because of inactivity. Coordinated with FCRTA & FAX to determine reasons for keeping these grants open. Wrote to FTA listing reasons for keeping the grants open with new milestones.
- Review invoices for payment. Entered Federal Financial Reports into TEAMWeb. Update and redesign grant spreadsheets.
- Created new grant in TeamWeb. Submitted for FTA approval.
- Initiate a Call For Projects for final appropriations of JARC and New Freedom monies. Receive two applications. Review applications.
- Form and coordinate a scoring committee to score the applications, Score applications, Select highest scoring applications and notify applicants.
- Received email from FTA stating they wanted to close five of our JARC or New Freedom grants within the next fiscal year because of inactivity. Coordinated with FCRTA & FAX to determine reasons for keeping these grants open and/or that they will be closed before August 31, 2014. Wrote to FTA listing reasons for keeping the grants open with new milestones.
- Create new grants in TeamWeb. Submitted to FTA for approval.
- Review invoices for payment for ITS update JARC grant.

[ARNEST]

WE 125 FCMA Strategic Service Evaluation

Objective: The purpose of this evaluation is to assess FCMA travel patterns through extensive origin and destination studies; transit ride check and transfer studies; public input to identify transit route alignments and operating policies that could reduce transit travel times and improve linkages to major trip generators.

Accomplishments:

- Prepare and release RFP: The RFP was advertised in December 2012, and four proposals were received and reviewed by the selection committee.
- Contract Award: The selection committee determined that the team and project approach proposed by Parsons Brinckerhoff of Sacramento, CA was the preferred consulting team. Their recommendation went to the COG Committees in April 2013.
- Kick off Meeting: The project Kick-off meeting was held in June of 2013, and data collection had been initiated.
- Data Collection and Evaluation: Extensive data collection including passenger origin/destination studies has been completed; Air Sage (Cell Phone) data collection has been completed; and stakeholder interviews have been completed.
- System Performance Evaluation: FCMA Transit Systems Policy Review report and Existing Service assessments have been completed.
- FCMA Travel Pattern Study: Mapping origin and destination data and assessing travel markets has been completed.
- Public Involvement: Three workshops were held in March to review the information obtained, and to gather input for the next step, which will include system development. Workshops were conducted and Fresno State University, Fresno City College, and Fresno City Hall.

[DOWNS]

WE 150 - Other Modes – Aviation, Rail, Bicycle and Pedestrian

Objective: To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the aviation, non-motorized and rail modes.

Accomplishments/Aviation:

- Monitored aviation issues and legislation important to Fresno County.

Accomplishments/Rail:

- Monitored rail issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Monitored activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority and other activities related to high-speed rail in California.
- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of issues related to the establishment of a new Regional Governance structure for the AMTRAK San Joaquins.
- Ongoing monitoring of all activities of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and the transfer of management responsibilities of the San Joaquins to the SJJPA.
- Attended a meeting of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Agency in Fresno on July 26, 2013. The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission was selected to serve the JPA as the managing agency for the San Joaquin Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor. Continued monitoring of activities related to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority including participating in a conference call of the SJJPA Working Group on August 9, 2013.
- Attended a quarterly meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee on August 29, 2013. Major agenda items included election of officers, support for a parking garage at the Bakersfield Amtrak station, Caltrans Division of Rail update, and Amtrak California train operations update.
- Continued to monitor developments in connection with the recently formed San Joaquins Joint Powers Agency, including reviewing staff materials for the September 27 meeting of the SJJPA in Modesto.
- Attended meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee in Sacramento on December 5, 2013. Major agenda items included a letter of support for the Parking Garage at Amtrak Bakersfield and updated information on activities of the new San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority that will take over management of the San Joaquins once the Interagency Transfer Agreement has been finalized.
- Met with Bob Bloomer on December 16, 2013 to discuss issues related to potential formation of a Regional Rail Authority Joint Powers Authority pursuant to SB 325. Fresno COG agreed to share funding of expenses related to bringing a technical expert to Fresno.
- Continued to monitor issues related to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, recently formed to take over management of the San Joaquins Amtrak passenger rail service.
- Attended meeting of San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee on March 5 in Fresno. Major agenda items included an update on performance of the San Joaquins Amtrak service, new marketing initiatives, and a discussion on filling current vacancies.

[THOMPSON]

WE 152 – High Speed Rail Planning

Objective: To assist the California High-Speed Rail Authority, in conjunction with Fresno COG member agencies and interested citizens and organizations, with the development of the project level environmental document for the high-speed train system, and to identify and evaluate all other issues associated with high-speed trains in Fresno County in order to maximize its benefits.

Accomplishments:

- Continue to monitor on an ongoing basis the activities and decisions of the California High-Speed Rail Authority for their relationship to high-speed rail in Fresno.
- Attended a meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority in Fresno on April 4, 2013. Major items of interest locally including the staff recommendation of a preferred alignment between Fresno and Bakersfield, and a discussion of alternative alignments for the Wye in the vicinity of Chowchilla.
- Ongoing review of draft 2014 Business Plan prepared by the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

[THOMPSON]

WE 153 – Airport Land Use Commission

Objective: To ensure the orderly development of lands in the vicinity of public use airports within Fresno County and ensure consistency of land use development with the various Airport Land Use plans within Fresno County.

Accomplishments:

- Planning for the upcoming Cal-ALUC symposium which includes Fresno COG ALUC staff design and implementation of a survey and website to support the symposium organizer, SJCOG ALUC staff. Research of most up to date noise, safety and review area boundaries for Fresno County Airports. Cities of Coalinga and Reedley do not have the most recent GIS data for accurate mapping and review based on the most recent master planning information for those airports. Fresno COG ALUC staff is in conversation with both Airport Managers to address the need for updated information. FAA. Staff is following the effects of the Government Shutdown by furloughing many in the federal government workforce, many of whom are serving posts at airports nationwide. Although Air Traffic Controllers will continue their essential duties at Fresno Yosemite Airport there is an unknown impact due to furlough of administrators, support staff. Currently there are no direct impacts to Fresno Yosemite International Airport according to operations staff.

The following activities continue:

- Reviews of all Fresno County Airport Layout Plans, Airport Master Plans, as well as any development within the Airport Influence Area are conducted by ALUC staff. Currently both the City of Clovis and City of Fresno are updating their General Plans, which are also reviewed for consistency with Fresno County Airport Land Use Plans. The City of Fresno provides for any specific plan updates to be reviewed by the ALUC for consistency.
- Staff Regularly updates ALUC meeting information and related activities on the Fresno COG website: www.fresnocog.org/aluc
- Continue to participate in the California Airport Land Use Consortium (Cal-ALUC). Currently working with San Joaquin COG ALUC staff to administer the Cal-ALUC website and assist in planning for the next Cal-ALUC conference scheduled to be held in Santa Rosa, March 2014.
- On March 19th-21st; the second Cal-ALUC symposium was attended by ALUC staff Laural Fawcett, and three ALUC Commissioners, Chair Nathan Magsig, Commissioners Ray Remy and Dan Card. Presentations during panel discussions were given by Chair Magsig and Commissioner Card, and Ms. Fawcett moderated a panel to discuss the future of the CAL-ALUC in formalizing its membership and continuing the symposium planning. Fresno COG ALUC staff designed and maintains the CAL-ALUC website (CAL-ALUC.org), and assists in administering a LinkedIn professional networking site.
- The aviation section of Action element chapter of the 2014 RTP-SCS will be submitted for comment to the ALUC at the April 7, 2014 meeting. This section provides an inventory and needs assessment of the airports in Fresno County. The February 03, 2014 meeting consisted of reviewing an outdoor dining ordinance amendment, which was found to be consistent with the current Fresno County ALUCP.

[THOMPSON/FAWCETT]

WE 170 - Regional Transportation Plan

Objective: To develop and publish, on a four-year basis, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Fresno County which addresses at a minimum a twenty year planning horizon. The plan shall include both long-range and short-range strategies and actions for implementing an integrated intermodal transportation system. The plan will address the federally required Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP 21) planning factors.

Accomplishments:**ONGOING:**

- Regular RTP staff meetings

- Website Updates
- Monthly RTP Roundtable meetings

January 2014:

- Continued work on 2014 RTP Financial Element. Staff meeting to discuss Board direction for the RTP item 1/7/14
- Meeting with Veronica Gariby and others re: proposals from the NGOs 1/9/14
- Meeting with VRPA re: data needs for the EIR 1/16/14
- Meeting with Bruce O'Neal re: SCS documentation 1/16/14
- 2014 RTP Policy Element: reviewed additional documents from notices sent to CT; prepared Executive Summary; met with RTP team regarding documents; placed documents on server for management review.
- 2014 RTP Action Element: reviewed document; prepared Executive Summary for two sections; met with RTP team regarding documents; placed documents on server for management review.
- Consulted with Air Quality Valley-wide staff regarding Transportation Conformity for the 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP; reviewed and provided comments on the draft Transportation Conformity; reviewed CMAQ policy/threshold for the 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP; transmitted reviews/summaries to valley-wide group.
- Conducted EIR consultant meeting to coordinate activities, data collection and scheduling for PEIR processing
- Continued draft designs for RTP document
- Coordinated team schedule for RTP/SCS and PEIR documents and activities
- Ongoing updates to the 2014 RTP Action Element. Coordinated and assisted appropriate staff with updates. Coordinated and assisted appropriate staff with summary presentations for inclusion in the RTP Executive Summary.
- Wrote the Draft 2014 RTP Public Participation Chapter
- Consulted with planning staff on the SCS, Environmental Justice and Action Element Chapters of the Draft 2014 RTP to coordinate content.
- Coordinated work on Transportation Conformity with the RTP staff regarding deadlines and availability of valley-wide documents; participated in 2014 RTP staff meeting,
- Provided consultation list for last 3 years for Public Participation chapter in the 2014 RTP
- Assisted with the RSTP scoring committee
- EIR data needs/request 1/21/14
- ARB Board meeting –webcast 1/23
- Continued to work on SCS documentation 1/21-31/14
- Wrote the RTP Glossary of Terms and Definitions. Emailed it to staff for feedback.

February 2014:

- Revised the draft 2014 RTP Glossary of Terms and Definitions.
- Updated 2014 RTP management on Transportation Conformity document status
- Continued to work on the SCS documentation
- Finished Environmental Justice Report
- Updated RTP/SCS performance indicators based on newly finished model runs.
- Finalized Chapter 4, the Action Element, for inclusion in draft RTP.
- Draft Transportation Conformity document for 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP
- 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP staff meeting 2/25/2014.
- State-wide MPO agencies meeting 2/18/14
- Conference call with ARB 2/25 2/25/14
- Prepared all project lists for RTP and finalized financial element for public review release.
- Updated Public Participation RTP Chapter with Appendices.
- Wrote the Consultation Chapter for the RTP.
- Wrote and Introduction to the RTP
- Met with RTP design staff to work on document graphics and layout.
- Updated RTP graphics template to final design standards. Worked on layout for Chapter 1.
- Prepared modeling data for EIR report

MARCH 2014:

- Reviewed EIR sections for 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP-Climate Change and Air Quality
- Meeting with VRPA re: 2014 RTP EIR 3/6/14
- Meeting with Dave Fey re: CBO proposals for 2014 RTP/SCS 3/10/14
- Conference call with ARB: 2014 RTP/SCS public process 3/11/14
- Completed and reviewed edited version of RTP Financial Element.

- Reviewed mitigation measures in EIR.
- Graphically laid out and edited text for RTP Chapters 1, 2,3 and 4.
- Worked with design team on standards, graphics, cover designs, chapter headings, RTP tagline options
- Updated Fresno COG website with RTP dates and current information
- Wrote RTP public notice for the Fresno Bee and Vida En El Valle. Spoke with Fresno Bee employee to confirm due dates and email addresses. Emailed public notice to staff for proofing.
- Edited the Introduction to the RTP
- Provided model run summaries to EIR consultants 3/17/14
- Prepared model review data table for ARB 3/17/14
- Revisions made to RTP: Policy Element
- Provided dates/agendas/meeting notes/ workshop information for RTP Consultation Chapter
- Conducted EIR consultant meetings to coordinate activities, data collection and scheduling for PEIR processing
- Completed draft formulation of the RTP/SCS document
- Completed draft formulation of the PEIR document
- Coordinated team schedule for RTP/SCS and PEIR documents and activities
- Provided SCS development information for ARB review
- Provided additional performance measures to support RTP EIR documents
- Released documents for 55 day Public Review and Comment Period – March 21, 2014

[ALL PLANNING STAFF]

WE 172 - Congestion Management Process

Objective: The Final Rule for the Federal Management and Monitoring Systems (Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Chapter I, Subchapter F, Part 500) defines an effective CMP as a systematic process for managing congestion that provides information on transportation system performance and on alternative strategies for alleviating congestion and enhancing the mobility of persons and goods to levels that meet State and local needs. The objective of this element is to respond to federal congestion management planning requirements. The Fresno County CMP addresses congestion-related issues in Fresno region in a systematic and regional approach. As an integral part of Fresno COG's planning process, the Fresno County CMP is incorporated in the RTP and TIP process.

Accomplishments:

- Continued to work with member agencies to update count locations on the Regionally Significant System under the Traffic Monitoring Program
- Continued to implement CMP strategies identified in the CMP report
- Continued to assess the effectiveness of the CMP strategies
- Evaluated the impact of CMP in the project selection process.
- Continued to work with member agencies to update count locations on the Regionally Significant System under the Traffic Monitoring Program
- Started to strategize the upcoming CMP update
- Continued to research about the next CMP comprehensive update
- Discussed CMP schedule and work plan with FHWA
- Drafted revised CMP work element with input from FHWA
- Work element approved on 9-26-13 by Policy Board.
- Provided update on CMP progress with new staff member.
- Assisted FHWA staff to make a CMP presentation to the policy board.

[HAN]

WE 180 - Air Quality Transportation Planning

Objective: The Air Quality Transportation Planning Work Element provides for the development and maintenance of a coordinated transportation and air quality planning process. The federal and California Clean Air Acts require that transportation plans, programs and projects be consistent with, or conform to, state air quality implementation plans, and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they conform. In order to be in compliance with federal and state regulations, transportation activities cannot produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

Accomplishments:

January 2014

- Continued work on CMAQ Annual Report
- Assisted COG staff with CMAQ application for Sanger and for Fresno COG Yosemite Transit.
- Organization work on CMAQ project submittals

- Electronic scanning begun on CMAQ applications
- Per request reviewed Coalinga CMAQ applications, sent review to consultant, request additional information, need to copy and add additional information to Coalinga projects, need to send to Caltrans/FHWA for eligibility determination
- Updated annual OWP Work Elements that reflect air quality.
- City of Fresno Hot-Spot Assessment
- Processed two Lifeline Applications for 2013-14-Kerman and Orange Cove
- Advised 2014 RTP team management regarding Transportation Conformity documents deadlines/constraints.
- Reviewed and commented on 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP Transportation Conformity draft document and transmitted review to Valley-wide IAC group
- Worked with COG staff Modelers on revisions to 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP Transportation Conformity.
- City of Fresno Hot-Spot Assessment transmitted for EPA and Caltrans concurrence, concurrence from IAC transmitted to City of Fresno.
- 5 separate projects submitted for CMAQ eligibility review to Caltrans. 1/16/14 and again
- Transportation Conformity: TID/RACM table updates.
- Assisted MCTC with CMAQ questions
- Per City of Clovis request, revisions were made to their CMAQ application.
- AQIP webinar 1/28/14

February 2014

- Review of CMAQ applications
- Update notice transmitted to CMAQ scoring committee members
- Request CMAQ eligibility determination from Caltrans
- Performed conformity analyses for 2014 RTP/SCS
- Assisted City of Clovis PM2.5 Hot-spot assessment
- Staff meetings regarding Valley-wide approach to RTP/Conformity deadlines/timelines.
- Alternative Fuel infrastructure webinar 2/19/14
- CMAQ projects-number of emails to sponsoring agencies for revisions on applications, review of applications continue
- Request CMAQ eligibility determination from Caltrans-local and headquarters
- Revisions and final content to 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP Draft Conformity

March 2014

- CMAQ projects review
- Performed conformity model analyses for 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP
- Prepared Draft Transportation Conformity Analysis for 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP.
- Consulted with Caltrans on a number of CMAQ projects for eligibility determination.
- Contacted member agencies to deliver AB1012 Resolutions for CMAQ projects
- Assisted Clean Cities with their Annual Report
- Contacted member agencies to revise CMAQ applications
- Met with COG Rideshare to provide information to City of Parlier and Parlier USD (CMAQ application for rideshare) Drafted information for CMAQ Scoring Committee
- Packaged CMAQ applications for delivery to Scoring Committee.
- Coordinated with Sierra Research in reviewing of the conformity and SB375 modeling data and methodologies.
- Contacted member agencies/revisions/corrections to CMAQ applications
- CMAQ applications delivered to scoring committee
- Consultation with Caltrans Headquarters regarding eligibility determinations for CMAQ projects
- RTP Conformity review and revisions-Public notice/Adoption Resolution/Project lists/ in preparation for release on 3/21/14.[
- Transportation Conformity Analysis draft completed, released for public review and comment.

[DAWSON/HAN]

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

WE 210 – Measure C Reauthorization –

Objective: To provide the organizational structure and staffing for development of an Expenditure Plan that will guide the utilization of the ½ cent sales tax measure approved on November 2006. The Reauthorization process is being guided by a Regional Steering Committee consisting of elected officials, interested regional stakeholders and the general public. Staffing is provided by COG.

Accomplishments:

- Staff continued implementing the Measure C Carpool, Commuter Vanpool, Farmworker Vanpool and Taxi Scrip Programs. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Elements 212, 214, 215.
- Designated staff worked to administer the Measure C Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program during the quarter. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Element 115.
- Fresno COG staffed the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Element 211.
- TOD item staff report for FCTA Board meeting
- Reviewed the Measure C Extension Strategic Implementation Plan and made updated binders for staff and the Fresno COG library.
- Developed a draft agenda for the TOD Technical Advisory Committee meeting
- TOD Technical Advisory Committee meeting 11/14/13
- TOD discussion with FCTA 11/22/13
- TOD Scoring Committee meeting for the third funding cycle 3/11/14 – project approvals in March
- Set up meeting with Oversight Committee members to discuss a possible Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan Amendment.

[CAI/VEENENDAAL]

WE 211 – Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

Objective: To inform the public and to ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public in the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan.

Accomplishments:**January 2014:**

- Received and reviewed Local Agency Reporting forms from the cities of Fresno, Firebaugh, Sanger and Selma.
- Wrote January 16th COC agenda and coordinated meeting package materials. Emailed members to let them know the meeting package was available online. Answered various emails from committee members.
- Photocopied all meeting package materials and mailed to COC members. Ordered refreshments for COC meeting.
- Staffed and hosted the January 16, 2014 COC meeting. Began working on follow up tasks as requested by the COC.

February 2014:

- Received and reviewed Local Agency Reporting forms from the cities of Fresno, Firebaugh, Sanger and Selma.
- Wrote February 13th COC agenda and coordinated meeting package materials. Emailed members to let them know the meeting package was available online. Answered various emails from committee members.
- Photocopied all meeting package materials and mailed to COC members. Ordered refreshments for COC meeting.
- Staffed and hosted the February 13, 2014 COC meeting. Began working on follow up tasks as requested by the COC.
- Printed and forwarded the COC's Rural Trails letter to the FCTA and Fresno County as directed.
- Worked to fill two vacant positions on the COC—met with Policy Board to request appointments.

March 2014:

- Special meeting on March 17, 2014 to discuss possible amendment to Expenditure Plan

[VEENENDAAL]

WE 212 – Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Program

Objective: To expend Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Program funds to encourage an increase in carpooling and commuter vanpooling in Fresno County.

Accomplishments Commuter Vanpool Program:

Each month COG staff continues to:

- Improve, evaluate, and monitor tracking and reporting procedures
- Develop and release notifications of funds available via website, email, news articles, participate in community events, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Update all related information and forms online.
- Receive and evaluate all applications for the commuter vanpool program. Monitor all subsidies and reimbursements for renewals at the vanpool's 12 month anniversary. Receive and process all renewal applications. Mail award letters to new and existing vanpool drivers.
- Create new partnerships with vanpool providers and with public and private organizations to increase vanpool and carpool awareness and participation.

- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies, reimbursements and award letters.
- Perform research and development to improve and enhance Commuter Vanpool Program.

Accomplishments Carpool Subsidy Program:

COG staff continues to:

- Disseminate outreach materials used for community events, presentations, email blasts, graphics, web posts and ad and mailings.
- Give presentations to various businesses, organizations, and media outlets about the Carpool Program.
- Oversee the distribution of monthly awards to carpool winners.
- Maintain the Valleyrides.com website that includes the Measure C commuting programs, the Carpool Program functionality and information, and Tulare County commuter information (due to a funding and partnership with TCAG staff). Work with the website developer to keep Valleyrides.com website updated, answered calls and emails from carpoolers.
- Reviewed outreach program ideas, met with staff to approve marketing and expenditures as well as design
- Wrote and sent email to JSA for updates to the Valleyrides.com website reporting dashboard.
- Met with JSA staff to discuss outreach on the Carpool, Vanpool and taxi scrip programs. Exchanged follow up emails with JSA staff.
- Worked with JSA staff to update and add reporting to the Valleyrides website

JANUARY 2014

- As of January, 2014 the following numbers are reported for December 2013:
 - 1259 Carpool program participants.
 - 647 Commute logs submitted.
 - 176 people submitted for the month.
- Continued to work on all of the above.

FEBRUARY 2014

- As of February, 2014 the following numbers are reported for January 2014
 - 1426 carpool program participants:
 - 523 carpool commute logs submitted for the month.
 - 153 people submitted carpool logs.
 - 110 new program participants.
- Working with local venues to secure a place for our GPG. Visited ‘The Grand 1401 and Warnors Theater (2/5), C&C Productions
- In contact with Cameron with The Print Shack (formerly- Hard Driven Sportswear) re: additional shirts for staff.
- Preparations/discussions with Brenda regarding GPG 2014
- Met (2/12) to go over reports. Commuter, Farmworker Vanpool and Taxi Scrip (in Suzanne’s absence.)
- Continued to work on all of the above.
- Attended Fresno City College Carpool Rally 2/24-2/25, 2014

MARCH 2014

- As of March, 2014 the following numbers are reported for February 2014
 - 3357 carpool program participants:
 - 381 commute logs submitted for the month:
 - 141 people submitted carpool logs:
 - 152 new program participants:
- Meeting with JSA
- Pick winners for February 2014 and submitted check requests.
- Meeting regarding Warnors contract/parking
- Spoke with reporter of The FCC Rampage regarding the carpool rally and turnout.- 3/13/14
- Met with Matthew Shubin regarding outcome for carpool rally, and suggestion of campus listings being added to our website.
- Willow International Spring Extravaganza event
- Met w/JSA (Jim/Cynthia) regarding website fixes/changes including the campus listings for website. Will meet again April.

[MARTINEZ/VEENENDAAL/BLOCKER]

WE 214 – Measure C ADA/Seniors/Paratransit Taxi Scrip

Objective: To implement the Measure C Taxi Scrip Program for enhanced taxicab transportation services for persons 70 years of age and older living in the Fresno County (service area) region.

Accomplishments:

Each month, staff continues to:

- Improve and update tracking, reporting and information in database for taxi scrip program.
- Develop and release program notifications such as funds available, forms, bilingual educational literature, question and answers via website, email, news articles, community events and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Update all related information, forms and applications online as well as ensures that all distribution centers have complete and updated resources.
- Visit all distribution centers no less than once a month to ensure proper sales reporting, documentation, and provide training sessions on a needs basis.
- Process vendor reimbursements to Measure C for all scrip sold (minus a 5% administration fee) on a quarterly basis. *Payment invoices were sent to Taxi Scrip Vendors on 9/10/2013. As of 9/30/2013, Fresno COG had received payment for 0 of the 4 invoices sent. Staff is scheduled to send payment invoices again in December, 2013*
- Receive and evaluate all applications for Taxi Scrip Program and Proxy Designation Forms.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process invoices, subsidies, reimbursements and sales.
- Maintain and accurate list of taxi cab companies that accept taxi scrip.
- Review biweekly taxi vendor logs and submitted taxi scrip for accuracy and reimbursement.
- Maintain partnerships with various local vendors, private and public organizations to act as currency distributors and as educators to increase taxi scrip program awareness and participation.
- Perform research and development to improve and enhance the Taxi Scrip Program.

January 2014:

MONTH	# of Individual Purchases	Total Value of Scrip Purchased	# of Individuals that used Scrip	Amount Paid out to Taxis for Usage	New Users	Active Taxi Users	Total Taxi Cos.
Dec. 2013	363	\$31,800.00	454	\$25,857	37	3,463	11

- Continued to work on all of the above
- Received initial approval from City of Reedley staff to initiate process for signing the Reedley Community Center up as a location that will sell taxi scrip in-person. Reedley will be taking the draft contract to their board for acceptance and approval.
- Followed up with City of Fresno RE: Taxi Scrip Agreement.

February 2014:

MONTH	# of Individual Purchases	Total Value of Scrip Purchased	# of Individuals that used Scrip	Amount Paid out to Taxis for Usage	New Users	Active Taxi Users	Total Taxi Cos.
Jan. 2014	362	\$30,860.00	430	\$24,196	48	3,463	10

- January scrip processed in February
- Answered phone calls, mailed applications and replacement ID cards.

March 2014:

MONTH	# of Individual Purchases	Total Value of Scrip Purchased	# of Individuals that used Scrip	Amount Paid out to Taxis for Usage	New Users	Active Taxi Users	Total Taxi Cos.
Feb. 2014	347	\$32,000.00	390	\$22,244	50	3,446	8

- February scrip processed in March
- Addressed complaint calls for (2) cab companies (Parlier Taxi- no longer in service, City Cab-
- Parlier Taxi had been out of service since the beginning of February; because there was no valid return date, we terminated our contract with Parlier until Parlier Taxi can notify us and reapply for service. Picked up remaining scrip from Parlier City Hall, as that was the outlet selling scrip to Parlier seniors.
- Delivered scrip, fliers, and applications to Reedley and trained Reedley Community Center staff for scrip sales.
- Delivered scrip and fliers to Manchester Senior Center and to Manchester FAX outlet. Collected new program applications.

[MARTINEZ/VEENENDAAL/BLOCKER]

WE 215 – Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Programs

Objective: To implement the Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Program, encouraging an increase in farmworker vanpooling participation in Fresno County.

Accomplishments:

Staff continues to:

- Improve, evaluate, and monitor tracking and reporting procedures.
- Maintain the accessibility of bilingual notifications of funds available via website, email, public service announcements, news articles. Participate in community events, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Update all related information and applications online and works closely with vanpool provider to educate Farmworkers on informational program items.
- Receive and evaluate all individual applications for the Farmworker vanpool program.
- Implement the renewal process for those applicants that have reached their one-year anniversary in the Farmworker Vanpool Program.
- Process monthly subsidy award payments and monitor expenditures in relation to yearly budgets.
- Maintain partnerships with vanpool providers and with public and private organizations to increase Farmworker vanpool awareness and participation.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies and reimbursement.
- Perform research and development to improve and enhance Farmworker vanpool program.
- Collaborate with marketing agency to develop outreach material used for community events, presentations, and mailings.

January 2014:

MONTH	Number of Vans	Number of Riders	Amount Paid
December 2013	51	561	\$18,322.00

- Continued to work on all of the above
- Training to process Ag worker vanpool subsidies/applications.

February 2014:

MONTH	Number of Vans	Number of Riders	Amount Paid
January 2014	53	583	\$19,721.00

- Continued to work on all of the above

March 2014:

MONTH	Number of Vans	Number of Riders	Amount Paid
February 2014	54	594	\$16,151.00

- Continued to work on all of the above
[MARTINEZ /VEENENDAAL]

WE 220 – Transportation Program Development

Objective: To identify transportation improvements proposed for implementation within a short-range period of compliance with federal and state requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Provided FHWA and Caltrans information on specific projects in question regarding program years, conformity and funding.
- Continue Reviewing Map-21 and Caltrans Local Assistance Manual information/guidance/federal register.
- Processed and updated FresnoTrak with EPSP and Post-programming adjustment information for the 2013 FTIP.
- Provided annotated agenda information for TTC/PAC agenda and participated in the meeting.
- Held several email and phone conversations with member agency staff regarding the status of their Obligation Plans and projects programmed in the 2013 FTIP.
- Prepare for and hosted RSTP and CMAQ Call for Projects workshop for member agencies on 10/15/13.
- Organized and hosted a Caltrans Roundtable Discussion between member agencies and Caltrans Local Assistance staff on 10/16/13.
- Compile information for Buy America waiver requests.
- Met with Staff and with member agencies in an effort to maintain a financially constrained transportation improvement program for the 2013 FTIP.
- Continued correspondence with agency staff and Caltrans regarding project status, such as followed up on projects that are at risk of losing funding, obligation delays, funding alternatives, invoicing and expenditures. Worked with local agencies, project sponsors, Caltrans Local Assistance and Headquarters on the items above. Ongoing.
- Held several discussions with Agency staff, Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA for proposed changes to the 2013 FTIP and RTP.
- Continue to monitor local, federal and state grant and funding opportunities and distribute information to member agencies.
- Continued development and improvements to Fresno Trak for use in project tracking and enhancing visualization of the FTIP.
- Worked with Eco-Interactive to make Fresno Trak and all of our FTIP documents current.
- Started work on development of 2015 FTIP.
- Continued work on reconciling member agencies CMAQ and RSTP accounts.
- Continued work on 2013/14 Obligation Plan.
- Met with several member agencies to discuss FFY 13/14 Obligation Plans.
- Programmed RSTP projects that were selected during the 2013 Call for Projects into the 2015 FTIP.
- Prepped project lists for the upcoming Conformity and RTP documents.
- Finalized work on 2015 FTIP project lists and document for public review release.

[GARZA/MONGE]

SERVICES AND GENERAL COORDINATION ACTIVITIES**WE 310 - Intergovernmental Coordination**

Objectives: 1) To promote coordination, cooperation and communication on administrative and planning matters among local agencies, the COG, federal and state agencies. To enable various agencies, including Native Americans, to participate in and review the regional planning process; 2) To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities; and 3) To provide local agencies and the public the opportunity to review and comment upon federal grant proposals through the Local Clearinghouse Process; and 4) To provide local agencies with information on federal and state legislation, regulations, guidelines, and policies that effect the Fresno COG and our member agencies.

Accomplishments:**January 2014**

- Conducted enhanced stakeholder meeting, and various follow-up activities, with Courthouse Park group
- Conducted BP Project manager activities regarding Prop 84 reporting and upcoming Round 3 submission discussions

- Coordinated Caltrans Partnership grant submission specifics with various agencies
- Prepared and released additional fiscal impact analysis RFP
- Organized Prop 84 Rd 2 quarterly reports
- Participated in CRPC stakeholder group meeting to discuss valley-wide inclusion strategies and activities

February 2014

- Participated in meeting of the Valley Planners Network on February 26, 2014.

March 2014

- Attended a Leadership Fresno Fireside Chat where the Drought was discussed in detail by a panel.
- Coordinated RTP/SCS activities with various agencies
[STECK/ARNEST/GARZA/VEENENDAAL/MONGE/TERRY/CAI/DAWSON]

WE 311 - Public Information and Participation

Objective: To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities. This work element is intended to highlight the COG's desire to encourage more public participation in the transportation planning process, consistent with TEA 21 requirements. This will include public involvement in the development stages of plans and programs as well as throughout the adoption process. COG's Public Involvement Procedures will be consulted and followed during each phase of plan or program development.

It is Fresno COG's desire that the citizens of Fresno County and its cities assist in delineating values, goals, and objectives of transportation-related services and planning documents. Further, it is Fresno COG's intent that those same citizens, charged with the responsibility of providing feedback on a continuous basis, will participate in the selection of transportation facilities and programs for planning and programming under Fresno COG's authority. Finally, it is the goal of Fresno COG to adequately provide information to and solicit input from historically underserved community of Fresno County (i.e. elderly, minority groups, youth, and disabled and lower income people).

Each month's accomplishments:

- Prepared agenda packages, reports, and notices for COG's three monthly public meetings.
- Filled requests for information about Fresno COG and/or their member agencies and updated various listings in house and online.
- Continuously updated Fresno COG's current website and the Valleyrides.com website with a variety of information, meeting packets and calendar entries.
- Sent out e-news alerts called "Coming Up...at Fresno COG." The email highlighted Fresno COG activities, plans, projects, RFPs, etc. with links to the Fresno COG website. Developed and continuously updated the emails lists used for circulation.
- Maintained the Fresno COG Facebook Fan page
- Managed and maintained the Fresno COG email databases contained in Constant Contact.

January 2014:

- Updated the Fresno COG website with new plan updates, Requests for Proposals and grant information. Deleted expired information on the site.
- Rewrote the Public Outreach section of the SCS Chapter
- Wrote the RTP Consultation section. Emailed staff for feedback on agencies that were consulted during RTP development
- Wrote the Draft 2014 RTP Public Participation Chapter
- Consulted with planning staff on the SCS, Environmental Justice and Action Element Chapters of the Draft 2014 RTP to coordinate content.

February 2014:

- Updated Public Participation RTP Chapter with Appendices
- Wrote an Introduction to the RTP
- Met with RTP design staff to work on document graphics and layout.
- Updated RTP graphics template to final design standards. Worked on layout for Chapter 1.
- Obtained estimate and design binding and mock up from Fresno COG's printer.
- Updated the Fresno COG website with new plan updates, One Voice Information, Requests for Proposals and grant information. Deleted expired information on the site.
- Continued extensive update work on the Valleyrides.com website. Worked with website design firm and COG staff to correct problems and updated website and app.
- Attended Kings Canyon/Ventura Project meeting with outreach consultants

March 2014:

- Updated second draft of Public Participation RTP Chapter 2 with Appendices
- Edited the Introduction to the RTP
- Met with RTP design staff to work on document graphics and layout several times.
- Obtained a second printing estimate and mock up from Fresno COG's printer. Also had them print the cover options twice for review
- Updated the Fresno COG website with new plan updates, meeting agendas, calendar entries, One Voice Information, Requests for Proposals and grant information. Deleted expired information on the site.
- Continued extensive update work on the Valleyrides.com website. Worked with website design firm and COG staff to correct problems and updated website and app. Held meeting with JSA CEO and staff and Fresno COG's Director and staff to discuss.
- Wrote RTP public notice for the Fresno Bee and Vida En El Valle. Spoke with Fresno Bee employee to confirm due dates and email addresses. Emailed public notice to staff for proofing.
- Set up upcoming SCS public hearing and information meeting dates and times.

[VEENENDAAL/TERRY]

WE 313 – Environmental Justice Activities

Objectives: Devise ways to ensure that Fresno County's disadvantaged and minority populations are being included in the transportation process. Fresno COG's Environmental Justice Task Force, whose members include representatives from community based organizations that represent low-income, minority, elderly, disabled, Native American, and farmworker communities is available to assist Fresno COG with any environmental issues that may arise.

In response to Federal and State emphasis on Title VI and Environmental Justice an effort has been added to this work element that will involve establishing an Environmental Justice Task Force to develop a process with which to assess and ensure compliance of Fresno COG's transportation planning efforts with environmental justice requirements and Title VI. Fresno COG has since completed the Fresno COG Environmental Justice Plan that has been well received in addition to the Fresno COG Title VI Plan that has since been approved by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).

Outreach to Fresno County Tribal populations is a main component of Fresno COG environmental justice activities. Fresno COG continues to maintain channels of communication to the tribes within Fresno County. Meeting agendas and important news and updates pertaining to COG activities continue to be sent to tribal contacts. Staff continues to also maintain ongoing contact with tribal representatives on an ongoing basis.

Fresno COG will begin an update to the Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in the coming weeks. The Fresno COG Environmental Justice Task Force will be reconvened to provide guidance on outreach activities to EJ populations during the RTP update process at that time.

Accomplishments:

- Continue working on developing relationship with local tribes to include them in the transportation planning process.
- Develop relationships with stakeholders and agencies that address the needs of disadvantaged populations in Fresno County in order to better incorporate them into the transportation planning process
- Prepared and presented PowerPoint presentation for the Environmental Justice Taskforce third meeting
- Met with Caltrans staff for Project Kick-off Meeting for the Ventura Kings Canyon Merchants Association Revitalization Project.
- Developed RFP for Ventura Kings Canyon Merchants Association Revitalization Project.
- Met with City of Fresno staff to discuss Ventura Kings Canyon Merchants Association Revitalization Project.
- Released RFP for Ventura Kings Canyon Merchants Association Revitalization Project and posted to Fresno COG's website along with relevant information.
- Answer questions from consultants about RFP for Ventura Kings Canyon Merchants Association Revitalization Project.
- Collaborated with City of Fresno & COG staff on Ventura Kings Canyon Merchants Association Revitalization Project objectives and how they will work with the concerns the City has about funding and maintenance.
- Scored proposals for Caltrans EJ grant for Ventura/Kings Canyon Corridor Revitalization Project. Coordinate with Scoring Committee and deliver proposals to them to score.
- Develop Environmental Justice chapter of RTP.
- Attend webinar "*All Aboard: Making Equity Central in Transportation Planning*" on September 27, 2013.
- Attend webinar "*Communicating about Race, Equity, and the Economy*" on October 15, 2013.
- Prepare for and attend Environmental Justice Taskforce meeting on November, 19, 2013. Develop plan for Taskforce to meet quarterly in the coming year with FCOG, FAX, FCRTA, and others to discuss the current and future mobility needs of the EJ populations.
- Attend webinar "*Development without Displacement in Sustainable Communities*" on Thursday, November 21, 2013. Met with complete consultant team for the Ventura/Kings Canyon Corridor Revitalization Project. Review goals, scope of work, team

roles, milestones, next steps and make-up of Project Advisory Committee. Also participate in field view of 4 sites along the project area – February 26, 2014

- Prepared for and presented at the 3.11.14 Environmental Justice Taskforce meeting
- Worked on completion of the Environmental Justice Report for 2014 RTP
- Research BRT changes by Fresno City Council and discuss with consultant of Ventura/Kings Canyon Project.

[ARNEST/VEENENDAAL]

WE 314 – Ventura Kings Canyon Corridor Revitalization

Objectives: To develop a community based vision for the Ventura Kings Canyon Corridor to support current planning and outreach efforts including the proposed Bus Rapid Transit System and General Plan update by the City of Fresno.

Accomplishments:

- Met with Caltrans liaison to discuss management of the project with Kick-Off meeting.
- Collaborate with the City of Fresno Planning, Engineering and Transportation Departments about specific elements of the project.
- Release RFP 3/28/2013. Answer questions from consultants about RFP.
- Organize Consultant Selection Committee (CSC).
- Develop proposal scoring forms.
- Read proposals and rank preliminarily. Eliminate two.
- Distribute to CSC six of the eight proposals received and proposal scoring forms.
- Coordinate interviews with all six consultant teams and CSC.
- Develop interview scoring forms.
- Interview and score all consultants.
- Tabulate scores. Inform consultants of scoring results.
- Develop agenda item for TTC/PAC and Policy Board agendas
- Present scoring results to TTC/PAC for approval. Both committees approve.
- Present scoring results to Policy Board. Board asks for more information and continues the item until next month.
- Prepare new materials for July Policy Board meetings.
- Debrief non-chosen consultants.
- September – appeal
- Policy Board approves selected consultant team at October meeting.
- Work with Caltrans to ensure approval of budget adjustments.
- Start-up meeting with consultant team including all of the Community Based Organizations. Goals, scope of work, team roles, schedule, make up of Project Advisory Committee, and next steps were all discussed. After the meeting at the FCOG office, we reconvened the meeting out in the field to review the project.

[ARNEST]

WE 320 - Technical Assistance to Members

Objective: To provide member governments with specialized technical assistance services. It is intended that the major beneficiaries of this service be the smaller cities with limited technical staff resources.

Accomplishments:

- Rural Communities Collaborative of Fresno County (RCCFC): Served on RCCFC Steering and General Committees. The RCCFC is a volunteer organization geared toward helping rural communities to become self-sufficient through increased social and economic development. The Collaborative acts as a catalyst in identifying available federal, state, and local resources available to serve local community needs and provides access to and dissemination of those resources. Fresno COG staff also continues to participate in I-5 Business Development Committee activities, which focus on identifying economic development opportunities on the westside of Fresno County.
- I-5 Business Development Corridor: COG staff continues to participate in this work activity which focuses attention on planning, growth and economic issues facing the communities in western Fresno County.
- Currently assisting rural communities with establishing videoconferencing platforms in order to help cut the cost, time and air quality detriment associated with frequent travel to required meeting.
- COG staff is providing additional support to help fund the project through various competitive as well as available, government formula grants.
- Continued working with representatives from the City of Fresno to model the fiscal impacts of their on-going General Plan Update scenario
- Continued coordination efforts with the City of Fresno and LGC to find funding for fiscal impacts modeling of their on-going General Plan Update activities

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- Conducted various activities, for the Courthouse Park project
- Participated as a panelist in the Sept. 5th fiscal analysis events with Fresno, Clovis and the LGC
- Conducted various activities, for the Courthouse Park project
- Coordinated and held this quarter's Valley Planner's Network Meeting
- Conducted various activities for the Courthouse Park project, including enhanced stakeholder meeting organization
- Presented iMPACS valley-wide training report to the Stanislaus City Manager group with rep's from Turlock, AECOM and LGC [BITNER/VEENENDAAL/TERRY]

WE 340 – Traffic Demand Management Program

Objective: Transportation Demand Management (TDM) includes a wide variety of transportation control measures having a goal of reducing overall motor vehicle usage. In prior years, the predominate effort of this activity has been promotion of ridesharing. Declining state and federal revenue to support this effort in recent years has resulted in a less ambitious Program beginning in 1996/97. Much of the work accomplished for Transportation Demand Management is discussed in the reporting for WE 212 and WE 215.

Accomplishments:

- As of March 2014, there are over 1,972 registered users in the *Carpool/Vanpool Online Matchlist* program at www.Valleyrides.com. Maintained this current and active database of commuters, referring callers to the online system or inputting information for clients. Staff continually works with the Valleyrides.com website developer to update and improve the information available online. Also maintain the Measure C Carpool program through the Valleyrides.com website.
- Worked with other agencies, employers and vanpool agencies to facilitate matches and refer clients. These agencies include: CSU Fresno, South Valley Rideshare, San Joaquin Commute Connection, Fresno Area Express, Tulare Council of Governments, CalVans, vRide and Enterprise Rideshare.
- Filled requests for transit referrals and information; park and ride lot information; vanpool subsidies and referrals; carpool incentives; transportation guides; bikeway maps; and additional bikeway information.
- Prepared and maintained program records, invoices, budget and reports

January 2014: (December ride match numbers reported in January)

- As of January, 2014 there are 1919 total ride matching participants
- 58 ride match requests generated this month
- 29 new ride matching database registrants this month
- Answered Valleyrides telephone queries
- Worked with JSA Marketing agency to complete the Valleyrides.com website and repair problems on it. Several phone calls and emails were exchanged, and staff spent hours reviewing the site.
- Reviewed updates and changes made the Valleyrides.com website by the consulting company—JSA.
- Met with JSA staff to go over 19 separate itemized corrections to the Valleyrides website and its functionality, reporting and Carpool App.
- Continued to work on all of the above

February 2014: (January ride match numbers reported in February)

- As of February, 2014 there are 1972 total ride matching participants
- 0 ride match requests generated this month
- 16 new ride matching database registrants this month
- Answered Valleyrides telephone queries
- Worked with JSA Marketing agency to complete the Valleyrides.com website and repair problems on it. Several phone calls and emails were exchanged, and staff spent hours reviewing the site.
- Reviewed updates and changes made the Valleyrides.com website by the consulting company—JSA.
- Met with JSA staff to go over corrections to the Valleyrides website and its functionality, reporting and Carpool App.
- Working with local venues to secure a place for our GPG. Visited 'The Grand 1401 and Warnors Theater (2/5), C&C Productions
- In contact with Cameron with The Print Shack (formerly- Hard Driven Sportswear) re: additional shirts for staff.
- Preparations/discussions with Brenda regarding GPG
- Continued to work on all of the above. DB
- Attended Fresno City College Carpool Rally 2/24-2/25, 2014

March 2014: (February ride match numbers reported in March)

- As of March, 2014 there are 1972 - total ride matching participants
- 0 - ride match requests generated this month
- 6 new ride matching database registrants this month
- Meeting with JSA
- Meeting w/ Matthew Shubin regarding FCC rally numbers and discussed possibilities of adding a “Campus” button to our website for the college campuses around the valley.
- Meeting w/ JSA (Jim/Cynthia) regarding website fixes/updates and the possibility of developing a “Campus” button- drop-down menu for students looking to ride share.

[MARTINEZ/VEENENDAAL]

WE 350 - Fresno Regional Data Center

Objectives: To perform the duties as an Affiliate State Census Data Center and provide assistance to member agencies and the general public in obtaining, analyzing and utilizing census and other demographic data in support of the area-wide planning process. Also to provide continuing support to the internal data needs for traffic simulation modeling requirements including the updating and development of alternative socio-economic scenarios and providing data support for COG prepared reports and plans.

Accomplishments:

- Assisted individuals from governmental agencies, businesses, and the public in their information needs with data provision and presentations.
- Monitored and prepared data table from the Census 2010, American Community Survey, State of California Department of Finance, State of California Employment Development Department and other data to member agencies and the public.
- Developed socio-economic data for alternative land use scenarios for consultants’ traffic impact studies and special studies.
- Prepared information for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan.
- Provided demographic information for COG-prepared documents and presentations including the data needs of the SB 375 public workshop process.
- Provided data for the California Air Resources Board staff report to their board.
- Worked on annual transit population calculation to determine LTF funding shares.
- Prepared Affiliate State Census Data Center activity report as required, and State of California Department of Finance population surveys.
- Prepared data for traffic model conformity evaluation.
- Continued research on RHNA methodologies and allocation plans for FCOG’s RHNA and possible County-wide housing element

[CHUNG/SCOTT]

WE 360 – One Voice Advocacy

Objective: “One Voice” unites Fresno County communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to seek federal and state funds and support annually for projects and legislative priorities of regional significance. All projects and legislative priorities chosen shall contribute to an improved quality of life throughout the Fresno County region.

At the Valleywide level, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies have united through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council to build consensus on projects and legislative priorities in order to advocate at the state and federal level through their own lobbying effort, termed “Valley Voice”. This effort takes the Valley MPO’s and their respective elected officials to Sacramento and Washington D.C. on an annual basis beginning in 2008. More details are highlighted in WE 820.

The “One Voice” and “Valley Voice” efforts heighten Fresno COG and the Valley’s visibility and solidify relationships with both elected and staff representatives in Washington D.C. as well as in Sacramento.

One Voice and Valley Voice Accomplishments:

August/September

- Prepared for Valley Voice – DC – materials
- Participated in Valley Voice trip – Sept 10-13 – MG
- Kick off of Fresno COG 2014 One Voice
- Hold Legislative Fridays with Sacramento representatives
- Information presented to Policy Board regarding the 2014 trip – (April 5-10, 2014)
- Valley Voice Sacramento Trip – (March 5-6, 2014)

January 2014:

- Hosted One Voice delegation meeting

February 2014:

- Met with Fresno COG One Voice staff regarding trip arrangements.
- Participated in a conference call with Fresno COG's D.C. lobbying consultant.
- Make dinner reservations for delegation and various restaurants.

March 2014:

- Continued making trip arrangements
- Exchanged several emails with delegates and Fresno COG staff regarding trip arrangements, sponsorships and priorities.
- Sent invitations via email to potential and previous One Voice Sponsors. Received five sponsorship commitment forms
- Prepared all materials for 2014 DC trip

[GARZA/VEENENDAAL]

REGIONAL COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE AND HOUSING**WE 410 – San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process**

Objective: The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process is a multi-year planning effort envisioned to support long range regional planning through comprehensive development of regional consensus. The goal of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process is to develop a preferred future growth vision for the region through the use of scenario planning.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated close-out activities for the BPI project, including review of the submitted final report.
- Continued working with representatives from the City of Fresno to model the fiscal impacts of their on-going General Plan Update scenario.
- Continued coordination efforts with the City of Fresno and LGC to find funding for fiscal impacts modeling of their on-going General Plan Update activities
- Organized and attended BPPM meeting to coordinate BP projects amongst the various valley COG's
- Met with CRPC and OCED reps to discuss enhancement of Blueprint activities and programs, including increased involvement in the VPN
- Prepared and released additional fiscal impact analysis RFP
- Participated in CRPC stakeholder group meeting to discuss valley-wide inclusion strategies and activities
- Coordinated scheduling for kick-off of fiscal impact analysis activities
- Completed RFP selection for In-Fill Development Viability Analysis

[STECK/TERRY]

420 – Regional Housing Needs

Objective: To prepare an update of the Fresno Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan to estimate and allocate the housing needs in the Fresno County region.

Accomplishments:

- Met with RHNA staff to discuss next week's RHNA technical committee meeting.
- Exchanged emails with HCD regarding member agency questions about the RHNA process.
- Continued work on County-Wide Housing Element concept, including; meeting with COG management, discussing with HCD staff and researching other County practices.
- Contacted all member agencies who have not attended RHNA meetings to fill them in on County-Wide Housing Element discussions.
- Coordinated and chaired RHNA Technical Committee meeting on 8/21/13 where the main discussion was the RHNA methodology.
- Participated in RHNA Technical Committee meeting.
- Organized Housing Element Technical Committee meeting.
- Released RHNA for 60-day public review period.
- HCD meeting on September 24.
- Continued working with RHNA staff and HCD to develop Fresno COG's final RHNA determination from HCD.
- Exchanged emails with HCD regarding member agency questions about the RHNA process.
- Continued working with HCD and local agencies on the development of a consolidated Housing Element.

- Presented RHNA Methodology to PAC for approval on 11/8/13.
- Presented Consolidated Housing Element idea to PAC on 11/8/13.
- Planned and chaired Consolidated Housing Element Technical Committee Meeting on 10/30/13.
- Participated in Technical Committee meeting regarding preparation of a Countywide Housing Element.
- Drafted a Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element RFP for the technical committee to review.
- Continued to work with staff on the Fresno COG RHNA determination for member agencies.
- Drafted a Fresno County Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element MOU between participating member agencies.
- Held an RFP Workshop on 2/26/14 for member agencies to discuss the details on the Housing Element RFP.
- Participated in meeting to discuss the Request for Proposal for, and other issues related to, the consolidated Fresno County Housing Element.

[MONGE]

VALLEYWIDE COORDINATED ACTIVITIES

WE 814 – Prop 84 – Sustainable Communities Grant

Objective: To administer the state funded Proposition 84 Grant aimed at implementing the Blueprint and the Sustainable Communities Strategy called for under SB 375.

Accomplishments:

January 2014

- Conducted BP Project manager activities regarding Prop 84 reporting and upcoming Round 3 submission discussions
- Organized Prop 84 Rd 2 quarterly reports
- Participated in CRPC stakeholder group meeting to discuss valley-wide inclusion strategies and activities
- Greenprint Conference Call on January 10 to discuss issues related to report format and editing and also outreach. Numerous consultant phone calls during the reporting period.
- Wrote report for quarterly billing
- Emailed Valleywide Public Outreach staff to begin discussion on how the remainder of SCS Outreach funding should be spent.
- Continued discussion via email with Valley MPOs on how remainder of Outreach funds should be spent.
- Worked with Valley MPOs to process billing for workshop and printing materials payable through the grant

February 2014

- Greenprint Steering Committee meeting held on February 19. Primary agenda items included discussion and determination of outreach meetings to be held in March, their location and timing, and the list of individuals to be invited. There was also discussion of the report, website and other materials with a view toward a consistent branding of the project across the various media. Also processing of invoices and extensive ongoing communication with consultants.
- Monthly call of Project Managers on March 4. Conference call on March 14 with Greenprint Steering Committee members and consultants in preparation for focus group meetings the week of March 17th.
- Completed BP Project manager activities regarding Prop 84 reporting Round 3 submission discussions
- Coordinated Prop 84 Round 2 contract amendment specifics regarding assistance for local agencies with a county-wide housing element associated with RHNA/SCS activities, and increase production costs for each agencies plan
- Greenprint Outreach meetings were conducted in Tulare on March 19, in Modesto on March 20, and in a webinar format on March 21, 2014. The first two meetings focused on agricultural issues while the third focused on water issues. The essential purpose of the meetings was to seek assurance from experts that the basic data and maps that underlie this first phase of the San Joaquin Valley Greenprint are as accurate and inclusive as possible.

[STECK/CAI/VEENENDAAL/TERRY/THOMPSON]

WE 820 – Valley Coordination Activities

Objective: To promote coordination, cooperation and communication among the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies, including the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), and other federal, state, and local governments, related to various regional planning processes.

Accomplishments:

- Held several conversations with members from the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC), consisting of legislative staff from each of the eight Valley RTPAs to coordinate the calendar for the Valley Voice Sacramento trip for 2012 as well as edits to the recommendations and maps in the Statewide Needs Assessment, and suggested language for the SJV Legislative Platform.
- Continued to work with Caltrans and other RPAs on issues related to plans, projects, and other needs associated with SR 99.
- Coordination and consultation on efforts to address goods movement plans and projects.
- Participation in regular monthly, quarterly and annual meetings of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

- Participated in Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC) conference call.
- Reviewed legislation consistent with Valley Voice Sacramento priorities.
- Suggested language for the SJV Legislative Platform to be reviewed and approved by committee and policy boards.
- Continue to work with State administration and legislators on issues related to plans, projects, and other needs associated with the legislative platform and Valley Voice priorities.
- Continue to coordinate with Valley COG Directors on joint projects:
 - Intercity Rail
 - SR 99 Coordination
 - State Funding Strategies – STIP, IIP and SHOPP
 - SJV Interregional Goods Movement
 - Short Haul Rail (SB 325 Implementation)
 - High Speed Rail
 - Air Quality Transportation Planning & Coordination
 - Relationship Development with External Agencies and Entities
 - SJV Blueprint Planning
 - Valley Legislative Affairs Committee
 - Valleywide Model Improvement Plan
 - Coordination with CA Partnership for the SJV
 - Prop 84 Sustainable Communities Implementation
 - Regional Energy Planning
 - Map 21 Implications for Valley
 - Regional Transportation Plan Coordination
 - Fall Policy Conference
- Fresno COG continues to serve as lead agency for Valleywide Blueprint Integration, Greenprint, Prop 84 (Focus Area 2) projects and contracts and the Valleywide Model Improvement Plan.
- Conducted BP Project manager activities regarding Prop 84 reporting and upcoming Round 3 submission discussions Conducted BP Project Managers Meeting to coordinate valley COG activities
- Met with SCN and CRPC rep's to discuss outreach and coordination activities between valley COG's and Fresno State/OCED
- Conducted interactive BP integration mapping session at the Fall Policy Conference with rep's from LGC and CRPC
- Conducted BP Project manager activities regarding Prop 84 reporting and upcoming Round 3 submission discussions
- Presented to the COG Director's and the Regional Policy Council regarding Prop 84 reporting and upcoming Round 3 submission discussions
- Conducted BP Project manager activities regarding Prop 84 reporting and upcoming Round 3 submission discussions
- Attended Caltrans Federal Aid series training
- Presented iMPACS valley-wide training report to the Stanislaus City Manager group with rep's from Turlock, AECOM and LGC
- Completed BP Project manager activities regarding Prop 84 reporting Round 3 submission discussions
- Coordinated Prop 84 Round 2 contract amendment specifics regarding assistance for local agencies with a county-wide housing element associated with RHNA/SCS activities, and increase production costs for each agencies plan
- Coordinated scheduling for kick-off of fiscal impact analysis activities
- Completed RFP selection for In-Fill Development Viability Analysis
[SIGALA/STECK/BITNER/GARZA/FAWCETT]

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

WE 910 – COG Administration

Objective: To effectively administer the planning program and fiscal operations of the COG.

Accomplishments:

- Certification Review with FHWA and FTA was held in February.
- Certification approval received – July 2013.
- Monitored funding levels, expenses and budgets included within the FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program.
- Supervised planning staff activities and progress on work assignments.
- Coordinated preparation of agendas, related materials and committee schedules.
- Continue to update the Employee Manual to reflect current policies. Conducted ongoing management team meetings to coordinate staff assignments and outcomes.
- Conducted staff evaluations as needed.

[BOREN/BESHEARS/STECK/BITNER]

WE 911 – Overall Work Program and Budget Development

Objective: To develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget consistent with federal and state funding priorities and local agency needs.

Accomplishments:

February 2013

- Released FY 2013-14 OWP for review – approval in May

March 2013

IPG meeting with FHWA was held

May 2013

- Final FY 2013-14 OWP prepared for approval. Sent to Caltrans and FHWA. Resolution approved on May 30, 2013 and sent to Caltrans for transmittal. (Staff)

June 2013

- Amendment # 1 to FY 2013-14 OWP was approved on June 27, 2013.

September 2013

- Amendment #2 to FY 2013-14 OWP was approved September 26, 2013

November 2013

- Amendment # 3 to FY 2013-14 OWP – approved November 21, 2013

December 2013

- Kick off meeting for FY 2014-15 OWP process
- December 18, 2013 – IPG meeting with FHWA and Caltrans to discuss new process for FY2014-15

January 2014:

- Draft FY2014-15 OWP and Budget developed for fiscal year

February 2014:

- Draft FY2014-15 OWP released for review on February 14, 2014 (sent to Caltrans for distribution)
- OWP is available in hard copy and on website

March 2014:

- Comments received from Caltrans/FHWA – staff addressing in Appendix L of document
- Final document to be released in May for approval by Policy Board

[BESHEARS/ STECK/BOREN]

WE 912 - Local Transportation Funds Administration

Objective: To administer the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund in accordance with the California Transportation Development Act.

Accomplishments:

- FY 2012/13 allocations year-end report was distributed to member agencies.
- California State Controller's Office Quarterly State Transit Assistance apportionments were monitored to provide for allocations to local agencies.
- All 2013/14 Claims have been submitted by member agencies, and approved for allocation by the Fresno COG Board. FY 2013/14 Allocations are being distributed to member agencies, as the revenues are made available through the sales tax funded LTF and STA accounts.
- The TDA Triennial Performance Audit Reports for the period covering July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012, were certified by the Fresno COG Board at the January 30, 2014 meeting. These completed reports included Fresno COG, and the four transit operators located within Fresno COG's jurisdiction, and were forwarded to Caltrans, Division of Mass Transit in accordance with Section 99246(c) of the California Public Utilities Code.
- Staff continues to record sales tax deposits from the State Board of Equalization and STA allocations from the State Controller's Office. These funds are deposited and distributed to member agencies for LTF and STA expenditures throughout Fresno County.
- Staff requested an apportionment estimate from Fresno County for the FY 2014/15 LTF, and prepared an LTF Apportionment Table of monies to be made available for member agencies. The State Controller's Office provided Fresno COG with an apportionment estimate, which was used to prepare and STA Apportionment Table of monies to be made available to member agencies. Both of these Preliminary Apportionment Estimates were approved at the February 27th, 2014 Fresno COG Board meeting. The Preliminary Apportionment Estimates are based on Department of Finance (DOF) 2013 Final Population Estimates released July 1, 2013.
- The Final Apportionment Estimates for the LTF and STA will be prepared when the DOF releases preliminary population estimates for 2014, May 1, 2014.

[GRAHAM/FAWCETT]

WE 920 – Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration

Objective: To provide under contract, administrative and fiscal management services for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

Accomplishments:

Staff provided payroll and benefit administration.

- During the Third Quarter, Staff processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff continued to respond to Caltrans staff on pending Grant requests. During the Third quarter staff worked with local Caltrans district staff to review the latest Federal regulations regarding the reauthorization of Map 21. Staff reviewed Caltrans Route Segment Reports to ensure rural transit references were accurate and up-to-date. During the Third quarter staff received the 2012-13 CPA Audit Report for Board of Director acceptance. There were no material findings in the report.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- The General Manager completed the Annual Productivity Evaluation Report that was presented to the Board of Directors for acceptance. During the Third Quarter.
- During the Third Quarter the FCRTA staff submitted their annual fleet vehicle emissions report to the California Air Resources Board.
- During the Third Quarter FCRTA staff submitted their annual calendar year Drug and Alcohol Testing Report to FTA Management Information System.
- During the Third Quarter, the new Computerized Dispatching Program became fully operational for fourteen (14) of FRCRTA's Subsystems. The dispatchers and drivers have fully embraced the new equipment. Patron can now call a common "toll free" phone number and interact with the system in either English or Spanish. The dispatcher records the basic information for each patron and their specific circumstances, including common destinations, contact phone numbers, elderly and/or disabled status. Once the information is gathered, it may be reference to speed-up future phone call requests. The Information is then transmitted to a computer tablet in the service vehicle for the driver's information. This process nearly eliminated all the previous paperwork by the dispatchers and the drivers. It also reduced the two-way radio communications between the dispatchers and driver, except for clarification purposes. The Tablet records the pick-up and drop-off times and locations. It records the ridership and fare information for each passenger. The driver also has a button that they may press to make a recorded phone call, in either English or Spanish, to the next passenger to be picked-up, to ensure they are ready to go when the vehicle arrives, thus reducing delay times for other passengers.
- During the Third Quarter the City of Fresno's FAX Fleet Management team continues to maintain FCRTA's fleet vehicles in an exceptional manner and at rates lower than our previous contractor. They also are making progress in up-fitting our new Arboc Low Floor Vehicles for possible service introduction in the Fourth Quarter. The Ford Truck Chassis for two (2) Emergency CNG Service Vehicles were delivered at the end of the Third Quarter. The vehicles compartments and equipment are being fabricated by a local Fresno dealership for delivery and service introduction during the Fourth Quarter. The Board of Directors authorized the purchase of two (2) modified four (4) wheel drive vans for use in the foothill and mountain areas of Fresno County.
- During the Third Quarter, in collaboration with the Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability, FCRTA staff provided outreach to the rural unincorporated community of Lanare to address the issue of unmet transit needs of the residents. A public outreach event was held in Lanare on October 03, 2013 to meet with the residents of the community. The Community leaders continue to request the service implementation be postponed from November 2013 to February 2014, and now to the Fourth Quarter.
- During the Third Quarter the CHP (Motor Carrier Division) conducted their annual inspection of FCRTA's Fleet vehicles. Staff anticipated that the terminal inspection of FCRTA's DMV Pull- Notice Program records and Drug and Alcohol Records will be inspected during the Fourth Quarter.
- The previously procured upgraded audio and video surveillance equipment has arrived in the Third Quarter. City of Fresno maintenance staff are up-fitting the equipment in the new Arboc vehicles. The equipment also includes the cellular transmission of the signal to the Central Dispatching Center for "real-time" monitoring, Additional equipment for performing the driver's daily vehicle inspections electronically along with remote vehicle component diagnostic monitoring, and the data submission to our lead mechanic for resolution purposes will be installed during the Fourth Quarter.

[JWebster/Stites]

WE 930 – Fresno County Transportation Authority Administration

Objective: To provide personnel support services to the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Staff provided payroll and benefit administration for the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

[BESHEARS]

WE 940 - Freeway Service Patrol

Objective: To continue the Freeway Service Patrol, in coordination with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, in an effort to remove minor incidents rapidly, thereby reducing congestion, secondary accidents and vehicle emissions.

Accomplishments:

- Administered the FSP tow contracts. This primarily included reviewing and paying invoices for towing services and radio use, both on a monthly basis, and paying for radio repairs and miscellaneous supplies (i.e. brochures) on an as-needed basis.
- Completed the Request for Proposal for towing service for the FSP program for the three fiscal years beginning with the 2014/15 fiscal year. The RFP was released on February 20, 2014.
- Reviewed February invoice and submitted to finance for payment.
- Reviewed Proposal submitted in response to Request for Proposals for towing service for the Freeway Service Patrol for the three-year period beginning July 1, 2014. Met with the FSP Partners (CHP, Caltrans, Fresno COG) on March 26 to review the proposal and come to an agreement with regard to a recommendation to the TTC/PAC and Policy Board at their meetings in April.

[THOMPSON]

WE 950 – Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

Objective: To administer the activities and duties of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Ongoing communication with AVA Service Authority members, particularly regarding eligible expenses for reimbursement and reporting requirements.
- Reviewed AVA Claim Forms and Quarterly Reports for first quarter of fiscal year 2013-14.
- Participated in a Fresno County Board of Supervisors meeting on December 3 at which the Board approved placing the ten-year extension of the Fresno County AVA Program on the June 3, 2014 primary ballot.
- Ongoing coordination with member agencies of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority with an eye toward the June 3, 2014 primary ballot and the measure before the voters to extend the AVA Service Authority for another ten years.
- Coordination with member agencies on the scheduling of an AVA Working Group meeting in January to discuss issues related to the program, with emphasis on preparing for the June 3, 2014 countywide primary election in which the Fresno County electorate will have the opportunity to determine if the AVA program should be extended for another ten years or not.
- Prepared staff report for January 17 PAC agenda. Presented item to PAC. Coordinated and scheduled a meeting of the AVA Working Group
- Presentation to Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee on February 14 on language for ballot argument in support of Measure A on the June 3 ballot to extend the AVA program in Fresno County for an additional 10 years. The PAC approved the language with minor changes.
- Presentation to Fresno COG Policy Board, acting as the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority, of June 3, 2014 primary ballot Argument in Favor of Measure C, the Measure to extend the AVA program in Fresno County an additional 10 years. The Board also selected from among its membership the names of 5 individuals to be identified as advocates for the Measure on the ballot.
- Submittal on March 7 to County Clerk/Elections the Argument in Favor of Measure A along with five signatures of Mayors/Supervisor in support of the Argument.
- Reviewed Claim Forms and Quarterly Reports for the Second Quarter of F.Y. 13/14 and submitted to Finance staff for payment.
- Completed staff work for AVA 2nd quarter Summary Report to PAC and Policy Board during their April cycle of meetings

[THOMPSON]

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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
 SCHEDULE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED & EXPENDED
 3rd Quarter - March 2014

		Budget	Year to	Local	FHWA	FTA MPO	FHWA	FTA MPO	FTA MPO	Prop	SPR	FTA	FTA	PPM01	FSP	
	Percent	Authorized	Date	Resources	PL	5303	PL	5303	5304	84	Partner	5316	5307	6086(034)	6086(037)	
			Expense		Carry Frwd	Carry Frwd	Tollcredit	Tollcredit	FCMA	DOC	Planning	5317		6086(038)	6086(035)	
2013/14 OWP Allocated Funds:																
110 Regional Streets & Roads	3%	93,750	2,513	2,513												
111 Regional Transp. Modeling	44%	723,105	319,258	32,953	59,455		226,850									
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	46%	327,147	151,230	13,131	101,354		36,745									
114 IntelligentTransp Systems	3%	342,923	8,641	0			8,641									
115 Reg. Transp. Mitigation Fee	44%	63,192	27,877	27,877												
116 National Park Studies	33%	30,000	9,995	1,146		8,849										
117 Golden State	0%	100,000	0													
120 Public Trans. - Urban	61%	332,241	203,191	37,501		22,132		5,026					138,532			
121 JAARC New Freedom	30%	4,760,733	1,407,168	775,214								631,954				
125 FCMA Transportation Evaluation	43%	273,210	117,635	29,339					88,296							
150 Other Modal Elements	58%	45,553	26,525	26,525												
152 High Speed Rail Planning	2%	229,150	4,069	4,069												
153 Airport Land Use	45%	50,814	22,880	22,880												
170 Regional Transp. Plan	64%	865,956	553,190	6,527	50,377		354,545	103,147						38,594		
172 Congestion Managment Plan	36%	19,672	7,058	0			4,955	2,103								
180 Air Quality	61%	197,546	120,348	0			84,494	35,854								
210 Measure "C"	77%	162,960	124,977	124,977												
211 Measure "C" Oversight Comm.	92%	10,953	10,074	10,074												
212 Measure "C" Car/Van Pool	62%	581,405	362,744	362,744												
213 Measure "C" Highspeed Rail	0%	0	0	0												
214 Measure "C" ADA/Seniors	64%	433,371	276,871	276,871												
215 Measure "C" Farm Van Pool	69%	290,208	199,535	199,535												
220 Transportation Prog. Dev.	59%	279,154	164,259	100,527										63,732		
310 Intergov. Coordination	58%	146,327	84,723	17,067			67,656									
311 Public Info. and Partic.	50%	143,521	71,881	12,553	33,003		26,325									
313 Environmental Justice	37%	73,970	27,600	1,046	8,076		18,478									
314 Ventura Kings Canyon Corridor	2%	247,500	4,507	1,267							3,240					
320 Technical Assist. Members	14%	154,471	22,045	22,045												
340 TDM Program	35%	23,123	8,040	8,040												
350 Regional Data Center	64%	72,390	46,522	5,336	41,186											
360 One Voice Advocacy	36%	130,879	46,699	46,699												
410 California Blue Print	73%	89,758	65,255	897	6,921		22,234	35,203								
420 Regional Housing Needs	69%	37,660	25,863	25,863												
814-6 Sustainable Communities	14%	1,434,224	206,490	1,907			37,107	15,747		151,729						
820 Valley RTPA Coordination	57%	227,090	128,951	60,187		46,823	21,941									
910 COFCG Admin.	44%	113,994	49,616	49,616												
911 OWP & Budget	63%	33,420	21,188	21,188												
912 Transportation Funds Adm.	78%	130,281	101,110	101,110												
920 FCRTA Admin.	80%	396,604	315,880	315,880												
930 Trans. Auth. Admin.	65%	2,600	1,682	1,682												
940 Freeway Service Patrol	65%	396,398	258,121	53,041												205,080
950 Abandon Vehicle Abatement	71%	11,438	8,089	8,089												
Total Allocated Funds	40%	14,078,691	5,614,300	2,807,916	300,372	77,804	909,971	197,080	88,296	151,729	3,240	631,954	138,532	102,326	205,080	0