

Joint Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

Executive Minutes

Date: Friday, June 13, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room

2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Transportation Technical Committee Members Present:

Mohammad Khorsand, Fresno County, Chair

Miles Baty, Big Sandy Rancheria

Sean Brewer, City of Coalinga

Jennifer Clark, City of Fresno

Stephenie Frederick, League of Women Voters

Debbie Hunsaker, Chamber of Commerce

Rob Weyant, FEOC

Renee Mathis, City of Clovis

Scott Mozier, City of Fresno

John Mulligan, City of Sanger

Nicholas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling

Mike Prandini, BIA

John Robertson, City of Reedley

Jim Schaad, City of Fresno, FAX

Moses Stites, FCRTA

Policy Advisory Committee Members Present:

Rob Woolley, City of Clovis, Chair

Rene Ramirez, City of Coalinga

Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno

Luis Patlan, City of Kerman

Alex Henderson, City of Kingsburg

Vince DiMaggio, City of Mendota

Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley

Cruz Ramos, City of San Joaquin

Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County

Others Present – See attached.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Khorsand (County), TTC Chair and Mr. Woolley (Clovis) PAC Chair. Everyone introduced themselves.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

About Consent Items:

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- A. TTC and PAC Executive Minutes of May 9, 2014 [APPROVE]
- B. FY 2014-15 Transportation Funding Claims [Fawcett] [APPROVE]
- C. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Report Resolution 2014-14 [Public Hearing – 6-26-14] [Beshears] [APPROVE]
- D. Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, FY 2014-15 Resolution 2014-15, FCRTA Resolution 2014-04 [Public Hearing – 6-26-14][Long/Joseph] [APPROVE]
- E. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) FY 2014-15 Operations Program & Budget Resolution 2014-16 [Public Hearing – 6-26-14] Long/Halterman] [APPROVE]
- F. Unmet Transit Needs Resolution 2014-18 [Public Hearing – 6-26-14] [Long] [APPROVE]
- G. Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) [Long] [APPROVE]
- H. Prop 84 Update [Terry][INFORMATION]
- I. Greenprint Update [Thompson] [INFORMATION]
- J. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Appointments [Veenendaal][APPROVE]
- K. Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Agency Items [Beshears] [INFORMATION]
- L. Monthly Grant/Call for Project Reminders [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- M. FCRTA Items [INFO/APPROVE]

For a complete summary of these items, please see the June 13, 2014 Annotated Agenda.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand called for a motion by the Transportation Technical Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Hunsaker (Chamber) and seconded by Mr. Paladino (Cycling) to recommend approval of the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Mr. Woolley (Clovis), PAC Chair called for a motion by the Policy Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Zieba (Reedley) and seconded by Mr. Patlan (Kerman) to recommend approval for the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Regional Transportation Plan Approval including Conformity, FTIP and PEIR [Steck [APPROVE] (documents are available on website under RTP page)

Barbara Steck, Deputy Director presented this item. Ms. Steck explained that Fresno COG is required to develop a Regional Transportation Plan every four years. Since the passage of greenhouse gas emissions reduction legislation at the state level, AB 32 and SB 375, we are required to include a Sustainable Communities Strategy in the Plan. The SCS is defined in SB 375 as “a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from light trucks and cars, to achieve, if feasible, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the Air Resource Board.” While Fresno COG has developed its own RTP/SCS, it has done so in conjunction with the seven other MPOs in the San Joaquin Valley.

The process for the 2014 RTP has had many moving parts and has involved new challenges and broader outreach activities. COG staff has been engaged in this process for over three years! The first year was spent tracking the greenhouse gas target setting process at California Air Resources Board (who

ultimately sets the targets for the 18 MPOs in the state). This activity was followed by our own local target setting analysis activities. COG's SB 375 Task Force developed three land use scenarios that set the stage for staff to then embark on the SCS scenario development activities.

Fresno COG's SCS process was initiated in August 2012. Several focus group meetings were held and a list of priority performance indicators were selected by stakeholders and interested parties. In November 2012, a public workshop was held where the participants were asked to provide input regarding where growth should occur. The public input was then digitized, analyzed and converted into Scenario A. Scenario B was inherited from the 2012 target-setting process. Fresno COG staff met with each of the 15 cities and the County, and verified the growth allocation based on their latest planning assumptions. Scenario C was proposed by the RTP Roundtable Committee to study the "what if" impact if there was no growth in the foothill areas. Scenarios A, B, and C were presented to the public in August 2013 at a series of public workshops, on Fresno COG's website and through other media channels. The public was polled regarding their preference of the scenarios. Scenario D was proposed by a Coalition of community based organizations after scenario A, B & C were presented to and vetted through the public outreach process. Scenario D, which was developed later, had only COG committee review.

While Fresno COG develops its Regional Transportation Plan every four years, the 2014 RTP is the first under SB 375 which includes the Sustainable Communities Strategy. The process has been extremely technical and included various scenarios to test "what if" alternatives. The four SCS alternatives described above were developed and tested. On November 21, 2013, the Policy Board approved Scenario B as the Preferred SCS Scenario. The rationale for selecting Scenario B was:

- A significant step forward compared to status quo
- A growth plan that acknowledges current planning assumptions and local land use authority
- On track to meet the goals set in the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint
- Meets the requirement of SB375 without requiring the cities and the County to update their general plans
- A realistic and feasible growth scenario that allows the Fresno County region grow at its own pace and with its own characteristics

The Fresno SCS proposes a more compact land use pattern with significant growth allocation along transit corridors and activity centers, and with increased investment in transit and active transportation. The highlights of Fresno COG's SCS strategies are:

- Increased density: average residential density for future housing increased to 7.4 units/acre compared to 4.6 units/acre in the status quo scenario
- More mixed-use development: 16% of new housing and 38% of new jobs are in mixed use development
- Significant new jobs & housing allocated along transit corridors and activity centers: 28% of new housing and 70% of new jobs are allocated within ½ mile of transit stations
- Increased investment in public transit and active transportation (bike and pedestrian projects): \$1.5 billion, 35% of the entire RTP revenue will be invested in transit improvement, which includes the building of five Bus Rapid Transit lines in the metropolitan areas; Over \$112 million will be invested in adding over 500 miles of bike lanes and 120 miles of sidewalk by 2040
- Carpool, vanpool and other rideshare and trip reduction programs: Fresno County's local sales tax measure, Measure C, allocates \$1 million annually to carpool and vanpool programs until 2027

- Transportation system enhancement and optimization through ITS technology and operational improvement: about \$160 million will be invested on operational improvement projects.

As noted, public outreach was extensive. For many attendees this was their first interaction with Fresno COG and a transportation planning process. Additional public participation happened through 18 workshops, 12 roundtable meetings, seven focus groups, five Environmental Justice Taskforce meetings, and professional polling. This totaled over 1,700 combined participants in the process.

The associated environmental, programming and conformity documents have been prepared and provide the necessary documentation. During the 55 day comment period, Fresno COG received 16 letters (14 of which required formal responses). The majority of the comments were related to the three policy recommendations submitted by the coalition of community based organizations. The Policy Board addressed those issues at their May board meeting and directed staff to follow up in a variety of ways. The full collection of comments and responses are included as Appendix E of the RTP/SCS and Section 2 of the Final Program EIR.

The final step in the planning process for Fresno COG's 2014 RTP/SCS and associated documents was presented for consideration. Ms. Steck requested that action be taken separately on each item listed below.

1) Transportation Conformity: A Transportation Conformity Analysis is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990, in non-attainment areas to ensure that transportation plans, programs and projects will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards. The Draft Conformity Analysis for the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan was released for public review and comment on March 21, 2014. A Public hearing was held on April 24, 2014. No comments were received. The Draft Conformity Analysis for the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan is located at www.fresnocog.org/rtp.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand called for a motion by the TTC. A motion was made by Ms. Hunsaker (Chamber) and seconded by Mr. Prandini (BIA) to recommend the approval of The Conformity Analysis for the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Mr. Woolley called for a motion by the PAC. A motion was made by Mr. Patlan (Kerman) and seconded by Mr. Jimenez (County) to recommend the approval of The Conformity Analysis for the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

2) FTIP: Fresno COG is federally mandated to prepare and maintain the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The four-year program includes a listing of all transportation-related projects requiring federal funding or other approval by the federal transportation agencies. The FTIP also lists non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality modeling purposes. Projects included in the FTIP are consistent with Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan and are part of the area's overall strategy for providing mobility, congestion relief and reduction of transportation-related air pollution in support of efforts to attain federal air quality standards for the region. The 2015 Draft FTIP is located at www.fresnocog.org/ftip.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand called for a motion by the TTC. A motion was made by Mr. Prandini (BIA) and seconded by Mr. Paladino (Cycling) to recommend approval of the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Mr. Woolley called for a motion by the PAC. A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez (County) and seconded by Ms. Ramos (San Joaquin) to recommend approval of the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

3) **EIR:** Fresno COG prepared a Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR), in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2014 RTP/SCS). The 2014 RTP identifies the region's transportation needs and issues, sets forth an action plan of projects and programs to address the needs consistent with the adopted policies, and documents the financial resources needed to implement the plan. Projects are identified at a conceptual level for purposes of the RTP, and the Program EIR is programmatic in nature – meaning it does not specifically analyze individual projects.

The Program EIR finds that implementation of the 2014 RTP/SCS could result in significant and unavoidable impacts to the following issues/areas: Aesthetics; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality; Biotic Resources; Climate Change; Cultural Resources; Energy and Energy Consumption; Geology and Soils; Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Population and Housing; Public Utilities, Other Utilities, and Service Systems; and Transportation/Traffic. Included in the Final PEIR are responses to comments received on the Draft PEIR document, changes made/addressed within the document in response to those comments, findings of potential impacts and statement of overriding considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring Program to address such findings. The complete Draft and Final documents are available at www.fresnocog.org/rtp.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand called for a motion by the TTC. A motion was made by Mr. Prandini (BIA) and seconded by Ms. Hunsaker (Chamber) to recommend certification of the Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy by the adoption of Resolution 2014-19. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Mr. Woolley called for a motion by the PAC. A motion was made by Mr. Rudd (Fresno) and seconded by Mr. Jimenez (County) to recommend certification of the Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy by the adoption of Resolution 2014-19. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

4) **RTP/SCS:** A description of the RTP/SCS activities was included in the **Summary** above. Fresno COG included all the required elements in the Plan, engaged in extensive public outreach, prepared the required Program Environmental Impact Report and completed the associated Federal Transportation Improvement Program and Conformity documents. All documents were released for a 55 day comment period. The process has been comprehensive and inclusive and the Policy Board has been instrumental in all the steps along the way.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand called for a motion by the TTC. A motion was made by Mr. Robertson (Reedley) and seconded by Ms. Frederick (LWV) to recommend approval of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy by the adoption

of Resolution 2014-10. This Resolution also includes aforementioned Conformity Analysis and FTIP. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Mr. Woolley called for a motion by the PAC. A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez (County) and seconded by Mr. Patlan (Kerman) to recommend approval of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy by the adoption of Resolution 2014-10. This Resolution also includes aforementioned Conformity Analysis and FTIP. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Ms. Fredrick congratulated staff on the completion of the process.

**B. Consideration of City of Fresno Proposed Measure “C” Plan Amendment [Boren]
[INFORMATION]**

Tony Boren, Executive Director reported that in April 2014, Fresno COG staff brought forward a request from the City of Fresno to amend the existing Measure “C” Expenditure Plan by eliminating the Rail Consolidation and New Technology programs and moving those dollars into a newly formed “Street Maintenance” account. That funding would then be allocated to all of Fresno COG’s member agencies on a formula basis. The first step in the amendment process would be for the COG to hire a polling firm to conduct a voter survey to gauge the community’s support for the proposed amendment. After lengthy discussion by the Policy Board, direction was given to staff to provide the proposed amendment information to each of our member agency city councils in order to gauge each community’s feelings about the proposed uivoter survey and the amendment. That process has been taking place over the last two months, and the results are as follows:

Responses:

<u>Support</u>	<u>Do Not Support</u>
Fresno	Clovis
Coalinga	Kerman
Firebaugh	Kingsburg
Fowler	Reedley
Huron	Selma
Orange Cove	County
San Joaquin	
Sanger	

Mendota (no action)

Parlier (no action)

Mr. Boren pointed out that the presentation by Fresno State later on this agenda is also a request to use the New Technology Program funding.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee. The item will be taken to the Policy Board on June 26, 2014 for direction.

III. Election of Chair and Vice Chair - TTC and PAC

Mr. Woolley opened the nomination for the Transportation Technical Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

Ms. Mathis (Clovis) asked that before nominations were made, that there be a show of hands of members who had not served as Chair or Vice Chair. Ms. Mathis nominated Mr. Prandini (BIA) for Chair. Mr. Mozier (Fresno) nominated Ms. Clark (Fresno). It was suggested that the nominations be Mr. Prandini for Chair and Ms. Clark for Vice Chair. Mr. Mozier made that motion and it was seconded by Ms. Hunsaker (Chamber). A vote was called for and passed unanimously.

Mr. Khorsand then opened the nominations for Policy Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Ramirez (Coalinga) was nominated for Chair, Ms. Zieba (Reedley) for Vice Chair. A motion to approve the nominations was made by Mr. Jimenez (County) and seconded by Mr. Rudd (Fresno). A vote was called for and passed unanimously.

ITEM VII. PRESENTATIONS. This item was moved before the Administrative Consent items to accommodate the TTC members.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

2. CALTRANS Report [Caltrans]

Michael Navarro gave an update. The Quarterly Report was included as an exhibit to this item. Mr. Navarro reported on an upcoming CA Freight Mobility Plan Workshop to be held on June 30th. Mr. Navarro will email the information to staff to send to the Committee members. This was an information item and required no further action by the Committee members.

1. Possible Measure C Amendment – CSUF School of Engineering - Drs. Aly Tawfik and Luz Gonzalez [Boren] [INFORMATION]

Dr. Aly Tawfik and Dr. Luz Gonzalez will make a short presentation. The Proposal was included as an exhibit to this item and is available on the website. A power point presentation was made explaining the proposal and a copy was emailed to the committee members following the meeting.

Mr. Boren noted that this item was taken to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee on June 12th and the members were in support of the proposal. It was suggested that questions be added to the survey that is being requested in the proposed survey under Item II B above. There was a brief discussion. Several members expressed interest in the project. Mr. Paladino (Cycling) felt that this may fall in the bounds of the New Technology funding criteria and therefore may not need an amendment. This was an information item and required no further action by the Committees. The item will be presented to the Policy Board on June 26th.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER ITEMS IV and V

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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- A. Contract Renewals [Beshears] [APPROVE]
- B. Monthly Legislative Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- C. Regional Clearinghouse [Arnest] [APPROVE]

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V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Memorandum of Understanding and Contracts [Monge] [APPROVE]** – THIS ITEM WAS PULLED BY STAFF AND WILL BE BROUGHT BACK IN JULY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Items from Staff**

- 1. July TTC/PAC meetings moved to Friday, July 18th
- 2. Retirement Recognition of D-B Heusser, City Manager, City of Selma – Mr. Heusser was not in attendance. A certificate will be mailed to him.

- B. **Items from Members**

None

VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Public Presentations**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.** There were no public presentations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director

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Others Attending:

Brittney Watson, Senator Vidak's office
Tom Tieba, Fresno Sheriff
A. Suan, Fresno Sheriff
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Heather Dumais, ALA in CA
Aly Tawlik, Fresno State
Diana Sedigh, FCTA
Steven Son, City of Fresno
Jeff Dorn, Provost and Pritchard
Karen Kirk, Provost and Pritchard

Juan Garza, California Consulting
Harpreet Kooner, Fresno County
A Mata, CHP
Charles Johnson, City of Mendota
Jaime, CCSA
Luz Gonzalez, Fresno State
Kent Karsevar, Fresno State
Henry Perea, Supervisor (County)
Patricia Pinedo, Fresno County

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