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### Fresno COG Policy Board

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2014

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room

2035 Tulare St. #201 Fresno, CA 93721

Members Attending:

Mayor Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis

Councilmember Ron Lander, City of Coalinga

Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler Mayor Ashley Swearengin, City of Fresno Mayor Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman Mayor Chet Reilly, City of Kingsburg Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota

Mayor Gabriel Jimenez, City of Orange Cove Councilmember Raul Villanueva, City of Parlier

Mayor Robert Beck, City of Reedley Mayor Joshua Mitchell, City of Sanger

Mayor Ken Grey, City of Selma

Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno

Gail Miller, Caltrans

Arthur Wille, Legal Counsel Tony Boren, Executive Director

Absent:

Mayor Marcia Sablan, City of Firebaugh

Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin

(See attachment for Others Attending)

**QUORUM**: At the start of the meeting there were 10 members present representing 38.71% of the population and there was not a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Huron, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley and Fresno County)

Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

Due to the fact that quorum was not available to conduct the business portion of the meeting Item V. A. was moved up on the agenda.

## A. Request by City of Fowler for COG Member Agencies to Consider Adopting Resolutions of Opposition to Anti-Sikh Bullying [BOREN] [INFORMATION/ACTION]

Dan Parra, councilman from the City of Fowler gave a brief presentation. Mr. Parra commented on the issue of anti-Sikh bullying and requested that Fresno County cities consider adopting resolutions proclaiming solidarity in

the stand against bullying. An example of the resolution approved by the Fowler City Council was included in the package. Simran Kahr, Sikh Coalition also commented.

Following the presentation, the Policy Board directed staff to bring back a resolution in July for approval. The Board also instructed staff to forward a copy of the resolution to the member agencies for their use.

**QUOURM**: Kerman and Sanger arrived – 12 members present representing 42.80% of the population. A quorum was reached.

## Fresno COG Sitting as the Fresno County Mayors Selection Committee (includes Fresno County)

## A. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Appointments [Veenendaal] [APPROVE]

Brenda Veenendaal (FCOG) presented this item. The Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board, acting as the County Mayors' Select Committee and the Chair of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, was asked to appoint two new members to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee. The purpose of the Citizen Oversight Committee is to inform the public and to ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public.

Applications were received from Keith Bergthold, Fresno Metro Ministries and Robert Allen, Selma Chamber of Commerce. No other applications were received. Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) and seconded by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) to appoint both to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

### Fresno COG Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

### I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

### **About Consent Items:**

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- A. FY 2014-15 Transportation Funding Claims [Fawcett] [APPROVE]
- B. Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) [Long] [APPROVE]
- C. Prop 84 Update [Terry][INFORMATION]
- D. Greenprint Update [Thompson] [INFORMATION]
- E. CTC Annual Report Request for Photos [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- F. Monthly Grant/Call for Project Reminders [Garza] [INFORMATION]

For a complete summary of these items, please see the June 26, 2014 Annotated Agenda.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Yep (Kerman) and seconded by Mayor Beck (Reedley) to approve the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

QUOURM: City of Selma arrived at 5:46 pm - 13 members present representing 45.29% of the population.

QUOURM: City of Fresno arrived at 5:50 pm during the presentation of this item but prior to the vote. 14 members present representing 98.76% of the population.

### 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. 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, we have 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 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.

Ms. Steck noted that the final step in the planning process for Fresno COG's 2014 RTP/SCS and associated documents was to approve the following documents.

(order of approval was changed)

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 were 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 <a href="https://www.fresnocog.org/rtp">www.fresnocog.org/rtp</a>.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) and seconded by Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) to certify 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.

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 <a href="https://www.fresnocog.org/rtp">www.fresnocog.org/rtp</a>.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Grey (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Mitchell (Sanger) to approve the Conformity Analysis for the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program and the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan by the adoption of Resolution 2014-10. 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 <a href="https://www.fresnocog.org/ftip">www.fresnocog.org/ftip</a>.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) and seconded by Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) to approve the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program by approval of Resolution 2014-10. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

4) **RTP/SCS**: A description of the RTP/SCS activities is included in the <u>Summary</u> 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. Ms. Steck pointed out that the process has been comprehensive and inclusive and the Policy Board has been instrumental in all the steps along the way.

Mayor Cardenas opened the meeting for public comment. The following people made comments.

Sabina Gonzales, CNC Ed Fund

- 2. Veronica Garibay, Leadership Counsel
- 3. Heather Dumais, ALA in CA
- 4. Sarah Sharpe, Fresno Metro Ministries
- 5. Stephenie Frederick, League of Women Voters
- 6. Maura Fabian, Selma Resident
- 7. Reverend Sophia DeWitt, Interim Co-Director, FIRM
- 8. Cesar Campos, CCEJN
- 9. Rey Leon, Valley LEAP
- 10. Daniel O'Connell, Farmland Trust
- 11. Erin Sanchez, Fresno Resident
- 12. Jose Luis Barraza, Interim Executive Director, Housing Alliance of Fresno

Mayor Cardenas closed the public comments and brought the matter back to the Board for discussion.

Supervisor Perea (County) suggested setting a meeting to discuss further concerns with Ms. Garibay. Ms. Steck will set the meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Perea (County) and seconded by Mayor Silva (Mendota) to approve 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.

# B. <u>PUBLIC HEARING: Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Report Resolution 2014-14 [Beshears]</u> [APPROVE]

Les Beshears, Finance Director, reported that the U.S. Department of Transportation, pursuant to revisions to 49 CFR Part 26, recently issued rules affecting the implementation and management of the Department's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program requiring a three year goal setting methodology. The three year goal for the period 2013 - 2015 was submitted in 2012 and is updated annually to reflect adjustments in participation rates. The federal guidance also encourages DBE goals to be met with Race Neutral methodology however requires recipients to do a study to identify evidence of discrimination. A study by the State Department may be used. Fresno COG acknowledges the National Aspiration Goal as a minimum of 10% and also takes into consideration evidence of discrimination when setting goals.

A California State Department of Transportation Availability and Disparity Study revealed statistically significant underutilization of six groups (African American, Asian Pacific American, Native American, Women, Hispanic Males and Subcontinent Asian Males) presumed to be disadvantaged as defined in 49, CFR Part 26. The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) has approved the California State Department of Transportation 2013 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program on the basis of this the Disparity Study.

Fresno COG staff mailed a notice to our entire consulting database advising them of the requirements and requesting updates to their DBE status. The result of their response has been tabulated and our database now has 296 companies of which one is African American, six are Asian Pacific American, one is Native American, twenty are Women, twelve are Hispanic Male, and three are Subcontinent Asian Male reflecting a 14.53% over all anticipated DBE Participation Level.

A public notice was placed in the Fresno Bee on May 13, 2014, noticing this public hearing and inviting interested parties of the Fresno Council of Governments DBE program public hearing on June 26, 2014.

The 2014/15 Overall work program and budget identifies \$1,351,085 in contracting opportunities that will be subject to procurement during the fiscal year. \$598,309 of the contracting opportunities are with FHWA funds, \$74,265 Federal Transit Administration funds, \$311,085 are state funds and \$367,426 are local.

Mr. Beshears reported that during the 2013/14 fiscal year COG did 11 procurements totaling \$1,218,185. Overall DBE participation was \$107,596 or 9%.

Mayor Cardenas opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Beck (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) to approve Resolution 2014-14 updating Fresno COG's 2013-2015 Annual Anticipated DBE Participation Level to 14.53%. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

# C. <u>PUBLIC HEARING: Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations</u> <u>Program & Budget, FY 2014-15 Resolution 2014-16 [Long/Joseph] [APPROVE]</u>

Gary Joseph, FEOC reported that the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB), FY 2014-15 for the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA is available on the Fresno COG website at: http://fresnocog.org. The document is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies will be providing service over the next fiscal year. The OPB 45 day review process was initiated on May 9, 2014 by the TTC and was scheduled to be ratified by the Governing Board on June 26, 2014. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) approved the document on May 27, 2014.

Mayor Cardenas opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Beck (Reedley) to approve the document by adoption of Resolution 2014-16. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

# D. <u>PUBLIC HEARING: Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) FY 2014-15 Operations</u> <u>Program & Budget Resolution 2014-15 [Long/Halterman] [APPROVE]</u>

Shonna Halterman, Clovis, reported that the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB) FY 2014-15 for the Clovis Urban Area is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency will provide service over the next fiscal year. The OPB 45 day review process was initiated on May 9, 2014 by the TTC and was scheduled to be ratified by the Governing Board on June 26, 2014. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) approved the document on May 27, 2014. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget FY 2014-15 for the Clovis Urban Area document is available on the Fresno COG website at: <a href="http://fresnocog.org">http://fresnocog.org</a>.

Mayor Cardenas opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Grey (Selma) and seconded by Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) to approve the document by adoption of Resolution 2014-15. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

## E. PUBLIC HEARING: Unmet Transit Needs Resolution 2014-18 [Long] [APPROVE]

Jeff Long, FCOG/FAX reported that the Fresno COG Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in Fiscal Year 2014-15 prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads. Mr. Long noted that the Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins the process of soliciting comments from the public by sending approximately 400 letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County. The request for comments letters, English and Spanish, were sent on February 7, 2014.

In addition to the request for written comments, SSTAC held three information-gathering meetings. (See the June 26, 2014 Annotated Agenda and final report for meeting information and comments).

Mr. Long reported that after thorough review of all items, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee (SSTAC) found there to be no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

Mayor Cardenas opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Mayor Grey (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to approve resolution 2014-18 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

# F. <u>Proposed Measure C Amendment—"Fresno County Transportation Institute"-CSUF School of Engineering-Drs. Aly Tawfik and Luz Gonzalez [INFORMATION/ACTION}</u>

Tony Boren, Executive Director reported that Fresno COG staff was recently contacted by the California State University School of Engineering about the potential of amending our existing Measure "C" Expenditure Plan. The proposed amendment would reallocate funding from the existing Measure "C" New Technology Program to create and establish the *Fresno County Transportation Institute*. The "Institute" would serve as a sustainable entity that fosters, supports, and integrates collaborative efforts in transportation projects between Fresno COG, its member agencies and CSUF. The vision and mission of this Institute will coincide with local, regional and national visions of sustainability, as well as improving the quality of life for the residents of Fresno County. Activities of this Institute will cover a wide range of road, transit and rail transportation projects. In addition, a variety of transportation related projects such as research, technical services, education, and public outreach would also be available. A powerpoint presentation detailing the proposal was included in the packet as an attachment and was presented by CSUF Engineering Professor Dr. Aly Tawfik. (For a complete summary of this item see the June 26, 2014 Annotated Agenda and enclosures included on Fresno COG's website as exhibits to this item.

Mr. Boren pointed out the this item was taken to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee, the Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Advisory Committee and all were supportive of this proposal. Mary Savala, Citizen Oversight Committee Chair, spoke briefly about the proposal and felt that it fell under the criteria for New Technology.

There were questions as to whether this needed to be an amendment if it falls under the New Technology category. There was a brief discussion about the use of the funds. Several felt that it was a good use of funds. Mr. Boren noted that the proposal will be presented to the Fresno County Transportation Authority for their input.

A motion was made by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) and seconded by Supervisor Perea (County) to support the concept.

Mr. Boren noted that the plan will be brought back to the Board and will then go to FCTA for final approval.

Mayor Swearengin (Fresno) briefly commented. Mayor Yep (Kerman) also suggested a possible matching fund.

A vote was called for and carried, with Kerman abstaining.

## G. <u>Consideration of City of Fresno Proposed Measure "C" Plan Amendment [Boren]</u> [INFORMATION/ACTION]

Mr. Boren 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 (included in the meeting package). 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:

Prior to the meeting, the following responses were received.

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

At that time, Mendota and Parlier had taken no action.

Mayor Silva (Mendota) reported that Mendota did not support the amendment. Councilmember Villanueva (Parlier) also reported that Parlier did not support the amendment.

Mayor Swearengin (Fresno) asked Bruce Rudd, Fresno City Manager to clarify the request. Mr. Rudd noted that the request at this time was not to amend the Measure C Plan but to conduct a survey to determine the community's feelings toward an amendment.

There was a brief discussion. Mary Savala, Citizen Oversight Committee Chair, commented regarding possible loss of local funds.

Mayor Swearengin (Fresno) noted that since there was a deadlock in the support/non-support of the proposed amendment, that the Board not proceed in taking an action.

Supervisor Perea (County) pointed out that in 2016 the funds would become available for other uses if not used for New Technology. Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) expressed concerns about spending money for a survey. Mayor Yep (Kerman) pointed out that these funds are being seen as a "slush fund".

No action taken.

### H. <u>Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]</u>

Gail Miller, Caltrans provided a verbal update. The Caltrans Quarterly Report was included as an exhibit to this item.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

## Fresno COG Sitting as the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board

## III. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

### IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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- A. <u>Executive Minutes of May 29, 2014 [APPROVE]</u>
- B. <u>Contract Renewals [Beshears] [APPROVE]</u>
- C. <u>Monthly Legislative Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]</u>
- D. Regional Clearinghouse [Arnest] [APPROVE]

For a complete summary of these items, please see the June 26, 2014 Annotated Agenda.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Chavez (Huron) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

### V. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>

#### ITEM A. MOVED TO BEGINNING OF MEETING

### VI. OTHER BUSINESS

## A. <u>Items from Staff</u>

1. Annual Parking Passes will be distributed.

## B. <u>items from Members</u>

None

## VII. <u>PRESENTATIONS</u>

## A. <u>PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS</u>

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Policy Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

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: Rey Leon, Valley LEAP

Eady Racy, Valley LEAP

Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Technologies
Mary Savala, League of Women Voters

Radley Reys, League of Women Voters

Sharlene Yang, FIRM

Daniel Parra, City of Fowler

Sarah Sharpe, Fresno Metro Ministries

John Wright

Simran Kahr, Sikh Coalition Shonna Halterman, City of Clovis

Heather Dumais, ALA in CA

Veronica Garibay, Leadership Counsel

Fresno COG Staff:

Barbara Steck

Mike Bitner

Les Beshears

Melissa Garza

Kristine Cai

Brenda Veenendaal

**Kathy Chung** 

Clark Thompson

Sabina Gonzalez, CNC Ed Fund

Daniel O'Connell, AFT

Dennis Manning, FARRC

Sophia DeWitt, FIRM

Cesar Campos, CCEJN

Maura Fabian

Bety Fabian

Bob Hillison, CB&H

Mr. Paynter, Clovis-Herndon LLC

Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno

Jose Luis Barraza, Housing Alliance of Fresno

Moses Stites, FCRTA

Peggy Arnest

Lauren Dawson

**Laural Fawcett** 

**Rob Terry** 

Lindsey Monge

Jeff Long, FCOG/FAX

Marla Day