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Fresno COG Policy Board

Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room 2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending: Mayor Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis

Councilmember Ron Lander, City of Coalinga Mayor Marcia Sablan, City of Firebaugh Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler

Councilmember Clinton Olivier, 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 Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier Mayor Robert Beck, City of Reedley

Mayor Robert Beck, City of Reedley
Mayor Joshua Mitchell, City of Sanger
Councilmember Jim Avalos, City of Selma

Supervisor Judith Case-McNairy, County of Fresno

Gail Miller, Caltrans

Arthur Wille, Legal Counsel Tony Boren, Executive Director

Absent: Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin

(See attachment for Others Attending)

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 13 members present representing 43.51% of the population and there was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Selma and Fresno County)

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

RECOGNITION:

Barbara Steck, Deputy Director

Tony Boren, Executive Director, presented Ms. Steck with a token of appreciation from Fresno COG.

Everyone thanked Ms. Steck for her service and wished her well in her retirement.

Fresno COG Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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- A. FY 2014-15 Transportation Funding Claims [Fawcett] [INFORMATION]
- B. FY 2014-15 Measure C Funding Claims Resolution 2014-23 [Beshears] [APPROVE]
- C. Fresno COG Competitive Regional Active Transportation Program Call for Projects [Garza/Monge-Chargin][INFORMATION]
- D. Notices of Proposed Rulemaking Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- E. State Route 198 Corridor Preservation and Improvement Strategic Plan-Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- F. Peer Exchange Event [Terry/Garza/KCai/Veenendaal] [INFORMATION]
- G. Prop 84 Update [Terry][INFORMATION]
- H. Greenprint Update [Thompson][INFORMATION]
- Monthly Grant/Call for Project Reminders [Garza] [INFORMATION]

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

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. <u>Amendment to Fresno Modeling Development and Support Contract [Bitner][APPROVE]</u>

Mike Bitner, Deputy Director reported on this contract amendment for Fresno COG transportation model technical assistance and development.

In September 2012 Fresno COG awarded a contract to Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants for "Continued Transportation Model Development and Support". The scope of the contract is to provide

for trouble shooting of modeling problems, review of modeling assumptions and model refinements and continued assistance with development of the Fresno COG advanced Activity Based Model. The contract currently is scheduled to run through June of 2016.

Technical modeling issues and the unanticipated need for modeling assistance with the development of the Fresno County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Sustainable Community Strategies (SCS) and the Environmental Justice Analysis required utilizing the technical assistance of the modeling consultant in the their development. The nearly 2 years of technical assistance provided by Fehr & Peers in the development of the RTP and SCS utilized nearly all the money available and did not directly address COG's original needs. Mr. Bitner noted that funds for this project are contained in Fresno COG's FY2014-15 Overall Work Program.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Chavez (Huron) and seconded by Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) to approve the contract amendment with Fehr & Peers in the amount of \$150,000 and extending the completion date until June 30, 2017. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Retrofit Soundwall Corridor Study [Garza][AUTHORIZE]

On April 28, 2014, an RFP was released seeking qualified consultants with experience in preparing soundwall studies in response to increased public inquiry regarding the mitigation of noise levels from local freeways, Fresno COG solicited proposals from qualified consultants to prepare a Retrofit Soundwall Corridor Study for qualifying existing residential developments along eligible portions of the existing state routes throughout Fresno County and where noise impacts are directly related to traffic. While some of these locations were analyzed by Caltrans several years ago, many of these locations require reevaluation in light of growing traffic on the state highways adjacent to these locations. The goal of the study is to utilize this data to provide relief to affected communities on a prioritized basis, relying on existing detailed data documenting noise impacts and on new collected data. The project will undertake a review of locations where noise impacts may be severe but remain unquantified and will reassess all previously studied locations where noise barriers have been evaluated but have not yet been designed and constructed.

Fresno COG received 4 qualifying proposals. Proposals were received from:

- 1. ILLINGWORTH & RODKIN, INC
- 2. WILSON IHRIG& ASSOCIATE
- 3. LSA ASSOCIATES INC
- 4. URS

Though all four consulting firms were highly qualified, the evaluation team recommended LSA Associates Inc. to perform the Fresno County Retrofit Soundwall Corridor Study based on their high scoring proposal that included high technical merit, the overall understanding of the project and the

amount of current and recent experience with similar projects conducted in compliance with Caltrans/FHWA that analyzed traffic noise and evaluated the potential for noise reduction mitigation. Though not an eligibility requirement or a scoring criteria, the evaluators highlighted that LSA is a local firm and the close accessibility to staff throughout the project would be beneficial.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) and seconded by Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a scope of services and to enter into a contract with LSA not to exceed \$100,000 to conduct the Fresno County Retrofit Soundwall Corridor Study. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. <u>Freeway Service Patrol – Revised Memorandum of Understanding [Thompson] [AUTHORIZE]</u>

Clark Thompson (FCOG) gave a brief presentation highlighting the Freeway Service Patrol and its functions.

Following the presentation, Mr. Thompson reported that the Fresno Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) is operated pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG). The original MOU was dated March 8, 1993, and amended on May 29, 1997. Mr. Thompson noted that the CHP requested the MOU again be amended in order to more accurately describe the manner in which the program actually operates, clarify the different responsibilities of the FSP partners, and correct incorrect language and references. (For a complete description of the changes, please see the July 31, 2014 Annotated Agenda). The amended MOU was included as an exhibit to this item.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Supervisor Case-McNairy (County) and seconded by Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) to authorize the Fresno COG Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Freeway Service Patrol program. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

QUOURM: 6:00 pm. During the presentation, Councilmember Olivier (Fresno) and Mayor Mitchell (Sanger) arrived. There were 15 members present representing 99.57% of the population.

D. <u>Measure "C" Regional Transportation Plan Update [Beshears] [ADOPT]</u>

Les Beshears (FCOG) reported that on June 25, 2014 the Measure "C" Regional Transportation Plan subcommittee met to review the updated plan. The staff report for that meeting was provided.

Urban Plan recommendations – Project delivery for major projects is consistent with the previous adopted plan, however construction for SR 41 Tulare to "O" Street Aux lanes is advanced two years to 2020/21. Veterans Blvd. remains in 2019/20. Various minor cost and schedule adjustment are programmed per recommendations by Caltrans, Fresno, and Clovis. Design for SR 41 Tulare to "O" Street Aux lanes and Environmental for SR 99 North/Cedar Interchange is advanced to 2014/15.

Rural Plan recommendations - Project delivery for major projects is consistent with the previous adopted plan (Option 1) however a second option was identified during the committee discussion to demonstrate that unprogrammed funds may be available to fully fund Golden State when the design phase is done. At the completion of the 30% design phase, \$23.9 million in cost cuts were made to bring the project within the amount initially programmed in the Measure. However, it now appears there may be enough to complete the project as initially envisioned. In coordination with Fowler, Selma, Kingsburg, and the County, staff is developing an RFP to do the final design. The total cost to deliver the project will be better known during a subsequent update.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Supervisor Case-McNairy (County) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to adopt the updated Measure "C" Regional Transportation Plan and forward to the Transportation Authority. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

E. <u>Cap and Trade [Garza] [INFORMATION]</u>

Melissa Garza (FCOG) reported that the AB 32 Scoping Plan identifies a cap-and-trade program as one of the strategies California will employ to reduce the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that cause climate change. This program will help put California on the path to meet its goal of reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020, and ultimately achieving an 80% reduction from 1990 levels by 2050. Under cap-and-trade, an overall limit on GHG emissions from capped sectors will be established by the cap-and-trade program and facilities subject to the cap will be able to trade permits (allowances) to emit GHGs. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has designed a California cap-and-trade program that is enforceable and meets the requirements of AB 32. The development of this program included a multi-year stakeholder process and consideration of potential impacts on disproportionately impacted communities. The program started on January 1, 2012, with the enforceable compliance obligation beginning with the 2013 GHG emissions.

The Governor signed the budget for FY 2014/2015 that included the first investment plan for Cap and Trade auction revenues. The cap and trade brief outlined the main points of interest for regional transportation planning agencies, summarizes the scope of key programs, and provides selected language from SB 852 (allocations) and SB 862 (cap and trade program trailer bill).

Two categories (totaling 60% of future revenues) get multi-year allocations:

- 1. Transit, Housing, and Sustainable Communities (35%)
- 2. High-Speed Rail (25%)
- 3. Other program areas will be subject to the annual budget process

The Strategic Growth Council will be holding a series of hearings on the development process of the Cap and Trade guidelines and though it has not been confirmed, it is expected that one of the hearings will be held in Fresno on August 12th. Details on this event will be forthcoming once they become available.

There was a brief discussion. Mayor Cardenas asked for public comments.

Veronica Garibay, Leadership Counsel and Scott Lipton, California Independent Oil Marketers commented on the impact of increased fuel costs on the community.

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

F. <u>Highway Trust Fund [Garza][INFORMATION/DISCUSSION]</u>

Ms. Garza introduced James Corless, *Director of* Transportation for America from the DC office. Mr. Corless gave a presentation on the status of the Federal Highway Trust Fund and the prospects for a new federal transportation bill. He highlighted the potential for short- and long-term fixes to ensure that federal funding is not cut below current levels. Mr. Corless also pointed out the need to increase long-term investments to achieve economic development and the potential mechanisms to raise the revenues to do so. The presentation also included a short description of Transportation for America's efforts to increase local control over federal transportation funding.

(For a complete summary of this item, please see the July 31, 2014 Annotated Agenda.)

The Federal Highway Administration has provided specific guidance on how they will implement this cash management plan. These details are on the U.S. Department of Transportation's website located at: http://www.dot.gov/highway-trust-fund-ticker in the related links and related documents section.

Two letters from Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty regarding the insolvency situation and the other outlining USDOT's reimbursement plan were included in the meeting package and are available on the website as exhibits to the July 31, 2014 Agenda.

There was a brief discussion. Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) suggested having a roundtable discussion. Staff will provide updates as available. This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

G. Millerton Road [Granville Homes] [DIRECTION]

Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes gave a short presentation. Granville's goal is to position the 4 lane improvement project in a way that it may qualify for a unique fund that is administered by the Federal Department of Transportation. These funds are only available to recognized Native American tribes of which Table Mountain is one. Granville believes that any support letters, proclamations, resolutions etc., are going to be helpful to this effort.

Granville Homes was requesting support from the Fresno COG Board. Mayor Cardenas felt that anything that can be done to enhance safety should be supported.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, the Policy Board directed staff to provide an amendment in support. A sample resolution will also be sent to the member agencies.

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

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the 198 Stakeholder meeting that was held earlier in the day on July 31st.

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 Chavez (Huron) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to reaffirm all action 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 June 26, 2014 [APPROVE]</u>
- B. Monthly Legislative Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- C. Regional Clearinghouse [Arnest] [APPROVE]

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) 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>

A. <u>FY 2014-15 Overall Work Program Amendment #1 [Beshears] [APPROVE]</u>

Work Element 116 National Park Transit Service

Les Beshears, Finance Director, reported that Caltrans awarded Fresno COG an \$88,530 Transit Planning Sustainable Communities grant matched with \$11,470 local funds to provide \$100,000 for Yosemite National Park Transit Services. The funding will be used by YARTS to provide administrative expertise in

putting together the service, work with stakeholders along the SR 41 Corridor to establish transit stop locations and to secure services of a consultant specializing in Media Outreach to promote the proposed service. Capital and operations will be funded by CMAQ revenues awarded in the recent Call for projects and matched with Air District funding.

Mr. Beshears reported that as part of the task list for this project, Fresno COG and Yosemite Area Regional Transportation Systems (YARTS) are in the process of establishing an MOU. This item will be reviewed and finalized at the September 2014 TTC/PAC and Board Meetings.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Beck (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to approve FY 2014-15 OWP Amendment #1 increasing the budget \$100,000 for Yosemite National Park Transit Service Study. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan [Monge-Chargin] [APPROVE]

Lindsey Monge-Chargin (FCOG) presented this item. The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan is a state required document that determines the number of housing units cities and counties must plan for in their housing element section of the general plan. First, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) allocates RHNA units to Fresno COG for the whole county. Fresno COG is then tasked with developing a methodology in which those units will be allocated to member agencies. Once the units are allocated, each jurisdiction will update their housing element to show proper zoning to accommodate the allocated units.

A RHNA is updated every 8 years and the 2013 RHNA process started in February of 2013 with a committee comprised of member agency housing element staff. The RHNA Technical Committee has been meeting for the past year to discuss and develop the RHNA methodology as well as agreeing upon the RHNA allocation per jurisdiction.

The Fresno COG 2013 RHNA Proposed Methodology was released for public review and comment on Friday, September 13, 2013. The comment period ended on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 and no comments were received. A public hearing was held on Thursday, October 24, 2013 during Fresno COG's regular Board meeting, and the COG Policy Board adopted the methodology on November 21, 2013. The methodology can be found at www.fresnocog.org/fresno-county-regional-housing-needs-allocation-plan.

The Draft RHNA Allocation was developed using the approved methodology and the numbers were released to Fresno COG member agencies and placed online on May 9, 2014. Following several Technical Committee meetings, a Final RHNA Allocation was agreed upon for recommendation. The Fresno Council of Governments' Draft 2013 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan document was included in the meeting package and is available as an exhibit to this item on the Fresno COG website.

Mayor Cardenas asked for public comments. Veronica Garibay, Leadership Counsel commented.

Following the expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Chavez (Huron) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to adopt Resolution 2014-25 for approval of the Fresno COG 2013 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. <u>Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element - Memorandum of Understanding and Contract [Monge-Chargin] [APPROVE]</u>

Ms. Monge-Chargin went on to report that in February 2013, the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) assembled a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RNHA) Technical Committee, consisting of representatives from FCOG member agencies, to discuss the methodology by which the total allocation of housing units for the Fresno County region determined by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), would be distributed among the cities and the County. The development of the methodology was in anticipation of preparation of the Fifth-Cycle Housing Element for the RHNA Planning Period of 2013 through 2023 that is due to HCD by December of 2015.

The idea for preparation of a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element for Fresno County was born out of the RHNA Technical Committee and is based on the experiences of Kings and Marin Counties in preparing a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element for their jurisdictions.

Preparation of a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element in Fresno County is a collaborative effort among all local governments in Fresno County and will set a precedent for other collaborative efforts among local governments in Fresno County. The Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element provides an opportunity for housing issues to be addressed at the regional level rather than just the local level. It will also provide an opportunity for the local governments to work together to accommodate the RHNA numbers that are assigned to Fresno County region.

It should be noted that the idea to prepare a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element for the Fifth-Cycle has been discussed with officials at HCD and they are fully in support of such an effort.

The Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element idea was favorably received by all jurisdictions in Fresno County. However, the Cities of Fresno, Firebaugh and Orange Cove later informed FCOG that they would not participate in this process. The concept of a Multi-Jurisdictional Fifth-Cycle Housing Element was originally presented to the Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) on June 14, 2013. PAC directed COG staff to start researching the idea by gathering information and contacting the jurisdictions that have done a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element. On November 8, 2013, COG staff provided PAC with information on pros and cons of a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element and asked that at the January 2014 meeting, the city managers provide direction to COG staff on this project. At the January 17, 2014 PAC meeting, the members unanimously directed COG staff to move forward with the project. The Policy Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that the COG Policy Board authorize COG to administer the project. The COG Policy Board was informed of this project on June 27, 2013 and again on November 21, 2013.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project was prepared and released on March 11, 2014 with a response deadline of April 11, 2014. A Consultant Selection Committee was appointed by the Housing

Element Technical Committee to select a consultant for the project. On May 7, 2014, the Consultant Selection Committee selected the consulting firm of Mintier-Harnish in association with the consulting firms of Veronica Tam and Associates, and MIG to prepare the Multi-Jurisdictional Fifth-Cycle Housing Element for Fresno County region. The scope of work was included as an exhibit to this item.

The PAC was informed of the selection of the consultant team for the project on May 9, 2014 and Housing Element Technical Committee representatives were asked to get authorization from their councils/board to sign the MOU between FCOG and the participating agencies no later than June 20, 2014 indicating their willingness to participate in this venture. All participating member agencies have submitted a signed MOU.

Mr. Boren pointed out that by using the "COG umbrella" substantial savings have been seen by the member agencies.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) and seconded by Councilmember Lander (Coalinga) to authorize the FCOG Executive Director to sign the MOU between Fresno COG, Fresno County and the Cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin and Selma as well as the contract between Fresno COG and Mintier Harnish. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. <u>New Federal Requirement That MPOs have a Transit Representative on their Policy Boards</u> [Boren] [DIRECTION]

Mr. Boren reported on the new requirement. Fresno COG has representation on the Policy Board from the City of Fresno for Fresno Area Express. Adding additional members to the Policy Board would affect the double-weighted voting system that is used.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board. Staff will keep the Board informed as this progresses.

E. <u>Water Update [Garza/Boren] [ENDORSE]</u>

Ms. Garza presented this item asking that this be changed to "information" from "endorse". Both houses of Congress have passed California drought bills moving the issue into a conference process. There are significant differences between the Senate and House versions. On July 10, Allied Growers sent a letter to several Members of Congress regarding this issue. The Allied Growers letter was included in the meeting package and was signed by many individuals representing water boards, other public agencies and San Joaquin Valley agricultural interests.

The Latino Water Coalition prepared a letter that concurs and endorses the provisions identified in the Allied Growers letter concerning the need for immediate bipartisan resolution. The Fresno Council of Governments has endorsed the letter and it was sent to several Members of Congress on Thursday July 24th.

Another letter addressed to the San Joaquin Valley Members of the California Senate and Assembly and included important key provisions that must be a part of the Water bond measure. The letter reiterates the position that funding of the most crucially-needed and expansively-beneficial Central Valley and statewide projects must remain consistent with what was already considered critical in getting the current water bond enacted. The letter also emphasizes that the following projects and activities identified in the existing bond must be retained and funded fully within a modified 2014 bond proposal.

These include:

- \$3 billion for new surface water development.
- \$300 million for local/regional conveyance projects and groundwater recharge.
- \$2.25 billion for Delta sustainability.
- \$1 billion in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grants.
- \$400 million for safe drinking water, including water quality funds for use by disadvantaged communities as well as specific language directed at aiding rural residential homeowners and tenants.

This letter was endorsed by Fresno COG and was sent out on July 30th.

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

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

1. No August Meetings

B. <u>Items from Members</u>

Mayor Silva (Mendota) reported on SB 1139. Staff will send information to member agencies.

Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) commented on September 10th LGC event. Staff will forward information to member agencies.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

VIII. Fresno COG Policy Board Sitting as the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority

A. <u>Abandoned Vehicle Abatement - Program Termination [Thompson] [INFORMATION]</u>

Mr. Thompson reported that at the recent June 3, 2014 election, the voters of Fresno County were asked to approve a ten-year extension of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA)

program. Although Measure A on the ballot received simple majority approval, it did not achieve the two-thirds majority approval necessary for the extension. This means that Fresno County's AVA program expired on June 30 of this year. Of course, all Claim Forms and Quarterly Reports for the fiscal year 2013/14 fourth quarter period (April – June) must still be submitted. These claims will be paid, including any previous costs claimed during the fiscal year for which payment has not yet been made. Also, even after June 30, the program will still have some unexpended funds and will continue to receive small amounts of funding from late vehicle registrations and associated penalties. This relatively small amount of remaining/additional funds will need to be allocated to participating jurisdictions within Fresno County. Rather than requiring another Claim Form and Quarterly Report, staff proposes to allocate these funds in the same proportion as was done for the April – June quarter.

Fresno County's AVA program has been a very useful program to those agencies that have regularly participated. Tens of thousands of abandoned vehicles have been abated over the past ten-year period as a direct result of this program. It has been my great privilege to work with local code enforcement, police, community service officers, and other individuals who do the real work of this program at the local level.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Boren Executive Director

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Others Attending:

Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes

Art Penson, City of Fresno

Jeffrey Webster, FCRTA

Moses Stites, FCRTA

Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County

Daniel Gibbs, Fresno County

Veronica Garibay, Leadership Counsel

Alexandra Powell, Fresno EOC

Jensen Vans, Fresno EOC

Scott Lipton, CA Independent Oil Marketers

Ryan Wiggins, T4A

James Corless, Transportation for America

Darrell Unruh

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