

**Fresno Council of Governments**  
**Progress Report for Fourth Quarter (April-June)**  
**FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program (July 2013-June 2014)**  
**June 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

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**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
- 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 UCDavis 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
- Performed project level select zone analysis for consultants.
- Participated in ARB SJV MPO Model review workshop 3/24/14
- Conference call with State Health Department re: health impact modeling 4/21
- MIP 2 Kick off meeting 5/6/2014
- SB743 Webinar 4/30/2014
- Provided project-level model analysis for traffic consultants.
- MIP 2 individual county meeting with consultant 5/14/14
- Investigated health impact modeling and supplied local data for ITHIM model
- Attended ITHIM workshop 5/29/14

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## **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.
- Responded to traffic count requests from traffic consultants.
- Reviewed newly available count data from Caltrans.
- Provided model current and future traffic forecast to consultants and member agencies.
- Provided traffic count information in support of RTP/SCS/Conformity review by ARB and IAC
- Continued providing current and future traffic data to member agencies.
- Provided traffic count information for MIP model improvement project and ARB review of SCS modeling process. [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.
- Plan, prepare for and attend stakeholder meetings for ITS Plan Update.
- Work with COG staff and URS consultant to amend and enhance ITS website.
- Review deliverables prepared by consultant.

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## **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 2013-14 the total fees collected were \$4,447,841.37. The total amount collected since inception is \$11,212,766.60. 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.
- *CMAQ Grant Awarded:* The Fresno COG awarded \$2,692,521 to begin operating the Fresno/Yosemite transit service.
- *MOU with YARTS:* Fresno COG staff is working with YARTS staff to develop an MOU to operate the Fresno/Yosemite transit service. The service could start as early as May 2015.
- *Sanger CMAQ Demonstration grant:* The Fresno COG awarded \$462,127 to the City of Sanger to operate the Fresno/Sanger/Sequoia/Kings Canyon transit service (SEKI). Fresno COG staff is providing assistance to Sanger staff to help facilitate this new service.
- *Transit Planning for Sustainable Communities* \$88,530 Awarded July 3, 2014; local match of \$11,470 from Transportation Development Act Account, Local Transportation Funding.
- Planning activities to be conducted to promote the efficient implementation of the transit management, operations and route specific capital infrastructure projects:
  - **Transit Provider Coordination Activities**, YARTS as sub-recipient to provide the administrative expertise as consulting subcontractor for all appropriate management, marketing and operations.
  - **Identification of Transit Route and Stops**, Working with the stakeholders identified in the National Park Study, as well as other Highway 41 Corridor stakeholders to establish the transit stop locations and confirmation and consultation with property owners including State Highway System locations.
  - **Media and Advertising Activities**
    - **RFP for Consultant Services**  
Prepare and conduct a Request for Proposal process to secure the services of a consultant specializing in Media and Outreach Campaigns. Deliverables for this task include coordination of RFP specifics formulation, delivery of final RFP document, and executed consultant contract to Caltrans project manager.
    - **Advertising Guidelines**  
Utilizing transit provider and stakeholder input received during the first workshops with each group, determine an advertising outline that best accommodates the needs, and addresses the concerns, of the groups. Deliverables for this task include a completed Advertising Outline Analysis and Plan to the Caltrans project manager.
    - **Branding and Media Campaign**  
Design conceptual branding, logos, taglines, etc., to be associated with the service. Formulate a media campaign to advertise and promote use of the service. Design and provide for promotional materials to promote and encourage service use. Deliverables for this task include a completed report/guide detailing the Logos, Taglines, Branding specifics and Media Spots associated with the project to the Caltrans project manager.

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### **WE 117 – Golden State Corridor Study**

**Objective:** 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.
- Attended Selma City Council meeting and gave a presentation on the Golden State project to date and discussed what was needed from the Council to begin the next phase of the project.

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**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 continues on the implementation of the Regional Trip Planning program, as well as the Regional Farebox system.
- National Transit Database Report: National Transit Data Base (NTDB) annual operating statistics for FY2013-14 is being compiled. 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.
- 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.
- 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. Beginning January 10, 2011, FAX only sells Metro passes and no longer offer the monthly convenience pass.
- Regional Farebox: Farebox installation on the FAX fixed-route system has been completed, and the system is now undergoing acceptance testing. The next part of the project will install smart card readers on the Handy Ride Paratransit vehicles.
- Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC): Staff has completed the Annual Unmet Transit Needs process and a Public Hearing is scheduled before the COG Policy Board on June 26th, 2014.
- 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 suffered from prolonged technical difficulties and is not anticipated to be completed this fiscal year

[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.
- Review MAP-21 changes to 5310 program. Start development of Program Management Plan necessary for FCOG as a designated recipient.
- Work with FCRTA on invoices for JARC and New Freedom grants.

[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:***

- 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 at Fresno State University, Fresno City College, and Fresno City Hall.
- Transit Workshop: A follow-up workshop was scheduled and conducted for Fresno City Council.
- Preferred Network: Work on a preferred network based on public input and supported by data has been started, and expected to be completed in first quarter of FY 14-15.

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**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.
- Participated in a meeting in Fresno City Hall on April 3, 2014 on a proposal to develop a comprehensive cycletracks plan for the Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area.
- On May 27, attended a workshop of the San Joaquins Joint Powers Agency on the Draft Business Plan.
- Review and comment on the SJJPA Business Plan.
- Ongoing review of SJJPA Business Plan and other documents/activities of the SJJPA.
- Review of 29 applications submitted to Caltrans under the first statewide round of the Active Transportation Program, a very extensive time commitment.

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#### **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.
- Review of final 2014 Business Plan, approved by the California High Speed Rail Authority at its meeting on April 10, 2014
- Reviewed action of the High-Speed Rail Authority certifying the EIR and approving the alignment for the HSR corridor between Fresno and Bakersfield
- Ongoing monitoring of high speed rail issues of importance to Fresno County
- Continued monitoring of high speed rail issues, including the certification and Record of Decision issued for the segment between Fresno and Bakersfield.

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#### **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:**

- 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.

• **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](http://www.fresnocog.org/aluc)
- Continue to participate in the California Airport Land Use Consortium (Cal-ALUC).
- Participated in a special meeting of the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission on May 12, 2014 largely focused on policy and planning issues in the vicinity of Sierra Sky Park Airport in the City of Fresno.

[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 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP 21) planning factors.

**Accomplishments:**

**ONGOING:**

- Regular RTP staff meetings
- Website Updates
- Monthly RTP Roundtable meetings thru March 2014.

**APRIL 2014:**

- Attended RTP staff meeting regarding finalization of work products and upcoming public hearings.
- Reviewed Policy Element
- Attended public hearing for 2014 RTP
- Met with League of Women Voters regarding Policy Element for the 2014 RTP
- Public hearing by the COG Policy Council on the RTP and related documents at their meeting on April 24, 2014.
- Worked on developing comments for the MPS Self-assessment report
- Worked on SCS presentation for the SCS informational meeting

**MAY 2014**

- Attended additional meeting with League of Women Voters regarding Comments for the 2014 RTP 5/1/14/14.
- Fresno Metro Ministry SCS workshop 5/5/2014
- SCS public hearing in Selma 5/7/2014
- SCS presentation at Fresno State 5/8/2014
- Conference call with ARB re: SCS data 5/1/2014
- Drafted response to written comments from League of Women Voters (letter dated 4/24/14)
- Worked with COG staff regarding Caltrans comment letter on the 2014 RTP.
- Responded to question from FHWA on 2015 FTIP RE: CMAQ project eligibility
- Attended the 5/15/14 -2014 RTP staff meeting RE: comments received/logging/response coordination
- Considerable time spent reviewing and responding to comments received on the 2014 RTP/SCS/EIR.
- Meeting with ARB Board members 5/13/14
- Response to comments from public workshop 5/15/14
- Response to RTP/SCS/EIR comments 5/16-5/23
- Response written for LGC comment letter.
- Coordinated response with MB on Caltrans comment letter.
- Revised/edited response to comments from Community Equity Coalition
- Revised/edited response to comments from American Lung Association.

**JUNE 2014**

- Attended RTP Staff meeting to review comments received on 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP and EIR
- Statewide SB375 MPO conference call 6/17/14
- Conference call re: Collective Wisdom workshop 6/16/14
- Meeting with ARB staff 6/24/14,



- Conference call with SBC & LGC re: August workshop 6/25/14
- Conference call with ARB staff 7/1/14
- Meeting with Veronica Garibay 7/2/14
- Met twice with consultant hired to write the RTP Executive Summary document. Proofed 3 drafts, sent second draft out to staff for feedback. Coordinated staff responses and forwarded to the consultant.
- Began design of the RTP Summary
- Worked with Dumont printing to obtain an updated estimate and design template for the RTP Summary document
- Updated Fresno COG website with Final Draft and Final pieces of the 2014 RTP, 2015 FTIP, PEIR and Conformity Finding

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### **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.
- Attended workshop at MTC on ITHIM modeling. 6/9/14
- MAP21 NPRM webinar 6/13/14

[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:**

APRIL 2014

- Hot spot assessment for City of Clovis
- Completed FHWA Consultant request for survey data on a CMAQ project
- CMAQ Projects under review: additional data requested for CSUF project, Revisions requested for Reedley project, rechecked emissions for Coalinga two projects, Clovis #3 project, County project recalculated, Consultation with Dennis Jacobs regarding Sanger two projects, County project, Parlier Project, consultation with Air District on Central USD emissions calculations
- Provided ARB with MIP and EMFAC modeling data for review.
- Conducted analyses relates to proposed Shaw Ave BRT line.
- Revised spreadsheet for 2013-14 CMAQ Project applications submitted
- Advised member agencies of Caltrans' headquarters' finding that ADA curb ramp replacements are not eligible, new curb ramps as part of new projects are eligible.
- Notified two applicants of outstanding CMAQ Council Resolutions are due.

- Consulted with City of Fresno on CMAQ funded ADA curb ramp question.
- Updated COG staff on new EPA work to address SIP backlog as presented at the Statewide Conformity Working Group
- Scheduled and attended IAC Valley-wide conference call
- Assisted City of Fresno with PM2.5 Hot-spot assessment
- Drafted presentation for the 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP Transportation Conformity public hearing.
- Responded to consultant question regarding PM2.5 hot-spot conformity for potential project
- Wrote final Resolution for the adoption of the 2014 RTP/SCS, 2015 FTIP and associated Conformity Analysis
- Presented 2014 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP Transportation Conformity to the COG Policy Board, and conducted public hearing
- Conducted CMAQ Call-for-Projects Scoring Committee meeting 4/28/14]

#### MAY 2014

- Conducted CMAQ Call-for-Projects Programming Sub-Committee meeting to discuss use of toll-credits 5/1/14
- Supplied MIP model data to ARB for its Valley-wide SCS modeling review. 5/12/14
- Attended ACT Expo relating to alternative fuels, research potential future CMAQ eligible projects, contacts for alternative fuel infrastructure-funding approaches. 5/5/2014
- Prepared agenda item for CMAQ Scoring Committee recommendations for the 2013-14 CMAQ call-for-projects
- Drafted and transmitted for interagency consultation three separate project-level conformity assessments for the city of Fresno
- Request sent to remaining CMAQ applicants to transmit AB1012 resolutions
- Assisted Kings County Association of Govts. with a project level conformity assessment
- Following TTC/PAC 5/9/14 meeting, CMAQ Scoring Committee recommendations sent to all applicants for CMAQ funding.
- Prepared Policy Board agenda item (5/29/14 meeting) for CMAQ projects
- Contacting consultant and Raisin City Elementary S.D. regarding CMAQ project. Consultant was terminated by school district, COG requesting school district signatures on application as well as resolution.

#### JUNE 2014

- Revised 2015 FTIP/2014 RTP Conformity
- Consultation with Caltrans regarding question they received from Fresno USD about their CMAQ school buses.
- Consultation with Valley Air Quality consultant regarding the request for modifications to Transportation Conformity document.
- Revisions made to modeling.
- Drafted Transportation Conformity item for TTC/PAC/Policy Board Agendas.
- CMAQ:
  - Thank you notes sent to Scoring Committee, and notified of Policy Board approval of their recommendations.
  - Transmitted results to all applicants
  - Consulted with Parlier USD regarding new contact person for their project.
  - Revisions/clarifications made to the CSUF Barstow trail project
  - Prepared final CMAQ project chart with FRE # and emissions and cost-effectiveness data. Revised emission calculations
  - Assisted another jurisdiction with information on how to fund school bus replacements using a variety of funding sources.
- CMAQ: following Call for Projects request-transmitted information to Parlier City and Parlier U.S.D regarding established Measure C Rideshare/Carpool/Vanpool/ incentive programs/taxi scrip etc.
- Finalized Transportation Conformity Analysis following board adoption on 6/26/14: copies made for IAC transmittals, copies made for COG library and office files, document posted on fresnocog.org.
- Notified TTC/PAC about Electric Vehicle Partnership Committee –CSUF collaboration.
- Worked with CMAQ project sponsor regarding sponsorship COG Sticker to display on CMAQ funded vehicles
- PM2.5 Hot-spot project level conformity done for City of Clovis.

[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 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.
- Began and continued recruitment of two new Community Organization representatives for the Oversight Committee. Revised and printed the application form and posted online. Answered phone and email inquiries and emailed out applications.
- Began preparation of meeting materials for June 2014 COC meeting.
- Answered questions from the County of Fresno regarding the Measure.
- Discussed Oversight Committee issues with Fresno COG management and FCTA staff on separate occasions
- Drafted TTC/PAC and Policy Board items for the nomination of Citizen Oversight Committee candidates –
- Answered questions, conducted follow-up on Measure C funding issues such as the appropriate use of Trail & Bikeways Funding, and costs associated with polling the public regarding their opinion on amending the Expenditure Plan.
- Two Community Organization positions were filled at the June 2014 Policy Board meeting. Contacted two new COC members. Worked with FCTA to update outreach materials and online information.

[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:***

June 2014:

- Reviewed minutes from 3 previous COC meetings to update and correct them as part of the June COC meeting agenda. Drafted agenda and staffed a special meeting of the Oversight Committee on Thursday, June 12, 2014
- Wrote annotated agenda items for COC selection and placed on TTC, PAC and Board Agendas. Two Community Organization positions were filled at the June 2014 Policy Board meeting. Contacted two new COC members.
- Requested 2014-2015 Local Agency Pass Through funding budgets from FCTA

[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

#### APRIL 2014

- As of April, 2014 the following numbers are reported for March:
  - 3398 carpool program participants:
  - 452 commute logs submitted for the month:
  - 146 people who submitted carpool logs:
  - 41 new program participants:
- Meet with JSA 4/1/14 to go over Word Press Tutorial
- Continued contact with JSA regarding website changes/updates
- Received estimate regarding a “Campus” function addition to our Valley Rides website for valley college campuses.
- Change in reporting format, report numbers for current month only

#### MAY 2014

- As of May 2014 the following numbers are reported:
  - 3406 carpool program participants:
  - 512 commute logs submitted for the month:
  - 154 people who submitted carpool logs:
  - 33 new program participants:
- ALA event @ St. Agnes 5/10/14
- Continued to work with JSA to update, edit, and maintain website
- Central CA Explorations @ Fresno Airport Holiday Inn 5/18/2014
- Conducted research into products for items for the GPG – planning for event

#### JUNE 2014

- As of June 30, 2014 the following numbers are reported:
  - 3449 carpool program participants:
  - 653 commute logs submitted for the month:
  - 222 people who submitted carpool logs:
  - 68 new program participants:
- Continued to work with JSA to update, edit, and maintain website
- Met with Henry Flores of DSS/ Rios Company regarding Social Service Intranet, Transportation Gap Analysis
- Send out Second Eblast –Save the Date!
- Staff met to continue planning the GPG event, handle website problems, work on website updates.-DB/BV/SMM
- Staff discussed revisiting Rideshare week for next October  
[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.

**April 2014:**

MONTH	# of Individual Purchases	Total Value of Scrip Purchased	# of Individuals that used Scrip	Amount Paid out to Taxis for Usage	New Users	# of Taxi Companies.
March 2014	348	\$33,120.00	418	\$25,816.00	50	15

- March scrip processed in April
- Processed claims and filed scrip
- Delivered scrip to Clovis City Hall
- Active users as of 4/28/2014: 3521

**May 2014:**

MONTH	# of Individual Purchases	Total Value of Scrip Purchased	# of Individuals that used Scrip	Amount Paid out to Taxis for Usage	New Users	# of Taxi Companies.
April 2014	367	\$34,680.00	453	\$22,778.00	62	15

- April scrip processed in May
- Processed claims and filed scrip
- Copied material for senior packets
- ALA event @ St. Agnes ( Taxi Scrip)
- Assembled senior application packets for upcoming, senior events
- Senior Day at the Fresno Grizzlies 5/20/14
- Clovis Memorial Day Seniors Run- 5/24/14
- Clovis Memorial Auditorium- Susan Hatch Senior Day Expo 5/30/14
- Placed an order for Permanent ID cards for new applicants and users that had lost their ID's
- Delivered Taxi Scrip to Reedley
- Reviewed program information on Valleyrides.com website and Measure C app

**June 2014:**

MONTH	# of Individual Purchases	Total Value of Scrip Purchased	# of Individuals that used Scrip	Amount Paid out to Taxis for Usage	New Users	# of Taxi Companies.
May 2014	391	\$36,360.00	TBD	TBD	68	15

- Sent out A-D Permanent ID Cards
- Researched purchase of sales books for Taxi Scrip
- Delivered Taxi Scrip to Clovis and MTC
- May scrip processed in June
- Processed scrip and filed scrip
- Met with Balwinder Singh of Royal Cab, 6/18/14
- Answered questions and looked up scrip information for different taxi companies.

[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.

### **April 2014:**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>Number of Vans</b>	<b>Number of Riders</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
March 2014	55	605	\$17,321.00

### **May 2014:**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>Number of Vans</b>	<b>Number of Riders</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
April 2014	51	561	\$17,321.00

- Answered questions from staff and Measure C Oversight Committee regarding program

### **June 2014:**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>Number of Vans</b>	<b>Number of Riders</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
May 2014	51	561	\$23,480.00

- Continued work and was given permission to go forward with the Agworker RFP.

[MARTINEZ /BLOCKER/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 Fresno Trak with EPSP and Post-programming adjustment information for the 2013 FTIP.
- Provided annotated agenda information for TTC/PAC and Board agendas and participated in the meetings.
- Held several email and phone conversations with member agency staff regarding the status of their Obligation Plans and projects programmed in the 2013 FTIP.
- 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.
- Continue to monitor local, federal and state grant and funding opportunities and distribute information to member agencies. MG

- 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.
- Continued work on reconciling member agencies CMAQ and RSTP accounts.
- Finalized work on 2015 FTIP project lists and document for final document.
- Completed and released Final 2015 FTIP.
- Continued to encourage member agencies to obligate projects in order to meet the regions obligation goals.

[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:**

##### **April 2014**

- Association for the Beautification of Highway 99:
  - Sent meeting reminder notice, printed documents for the meeting, revised the draft RFP for the 99 Association, Contacted the County of Fresno for a staffing replacement on the association, revised the meeting minutes, sent introductory information to new County representative, printed old Master Plan for meeting participants, attended and took notes for the 99 Association meeting
  - Sent supplemental documents electronically to all 99 Association members: draft RFP, Caltrans Master Plan, the 2000 99 Association Master Plan, the 99 Overlay District docs.
- Sent thank you note to Keep Bakersfield Beautiful staff for Policy Board Presentation
- Interagency Coordination conference call re: RTP/FTIP/Conformity
- 99 Association:
  - transmitted content received from Oliver Baines office regarding incorporating HSR into the next update to the 99 Association Master Plan.

##### **May 2014**

- Consulted with Kern CAG regarding Keep Bakersfield Beautiful as relates to Keep America Beautiful process sand application.5/8/14[LD] Follow-up note sent to Kern CAG director regarding KAB.
- Consulted with Caltrans as to contact person for KAB and litter issue

##### **June 2014**

- Association for the Beautification of Highway 99:
  - transmitted meeting announcement, agenda draft and draft meeting notes.
  - Responded to request by Fresno County Clerk to updated database information for the Association.
  - Updated 99 Association membership lists, updated website information
  - Prepared items for June meeting.
  - met with finance and executive director regarding amount for RFP, process, members submitting proposals for the RFP. Members requesting changes to RFP
  - Information packet sent to Senator Vidak's representative.
  - Research for 99 Association: prior plant list and design guidelines developed for the Golden State Corridor that can be used by the 99 Association.

[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.

**April 2014:**

- Wrote and emailed two press releases on the One Voice trip and set up 4 media interviews for participants.
- Set up a new Active Transportation Plan page on the Fresno COG website. Significantly update the Intelligent Transportation Services and One Voice pages. Updated website calendar, posted new RFPs, updated various existing pages.

**May 2014:**

- Staff presented the RTP/SCS at a workshop hosted by Fresno Metro Ministries on May 5, 2014. A PowerPoint and an interactive exercise were developed for it by several members of the Fresno COG staff.
- Updated website calendar, posted new RFPs, updated various existing pages.
- Made RTP/SCS presentation to the CSUF Campus Planning Committee on May 8, 2014.
- Reviewed Bikeway Maps design and content
- Created and populated new pages on the COG website as requested by staff and consultants:
  - Intelligent Transportation Systems
  - Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Public Transportation Strategic Service Evaluation
  - San Joaquin Valley Drought Issue Tracking
- Attended a workshop for the Transit Gap Analysis at EOC
- Met with staff to discuss the future of the 511 sjv.org website
- Continued work on RTP items, Made updates and changes to RTP chapter 1, 2, 3, & 4, Appendices, Table of Contents and List of Figures

**June 2014:**

- Made final changes to 2014 RTP and posted documents on COG website. Ongoing RTP items.
- Wrote 100 workshop response and update letters in English and Spanish
- Designed a transit survey email flyer and sent it out to all of Fresno COG's contacts.
- Updated the Valleyrides.com website.
- Met with staff to discuss Transportation guide layout
- Designed email "Save The Date" for Measure C Carpool Grand Prize Giveaway.
- Proofed three drafts of the Fresno-Clovis Bikeway Maps
- Redesigned the Fresno COG Transportation Guide, worked with transit agencies to gather and update their information included in the guide, typed up changes and sent to Dumont Printing for layout.
- Fresno COG website: Updated several pages and calendar entries. Add new pages for ITS, Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Public Transportation Strategic Service Evaluation
- Attended meeting with the Ventura Kings Canyon Study Outreach committee. Reviewed the Outreach plan and community flyers.
- Valleyrides.com website: Worked with consultant and Ridesharing staff to update the Valleyrides website in-house. Exchanged many clarifying emails with all, formatted new postings, added photos.

[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.

The Fresno COG Environmental Justice Task Force was reconvened to provide guidance on outreach activities to EJ populations during the RTP update process.

***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.
- Review Environmental Justice laws and guidelines to prepare for RTP presentations and public comments.
- Review invoices from consultant of Ventura/Kings Canyon Corridor Caltrans EJ grant.
- Travel to Bakersfield and attend Community Design Matters "Building Walkable, Healthy, Livable Communities"
- Prepared for and presented at the 6.10.14 Environmental Justice Taskforce meeting
- Attend Ventura/Kings Canyon Corridor Revitalization Caltrans EJ Grant Outreach Workshop 6.12.14

[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 2013 Policy Board meetings.
- Debrief non-chosen consultants.
- September – appeal
- Policy Board approved selected consultant team at October 2013 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
- Participated as a panelist in the Sept. 5th fiscal analysis events with Fresno, Clovis and the LGC
- 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
- Assisted Fresno County public works department with traffic forecast and modeling results interpretation.
- Coordinated circuit planning efforts with consultant providing on-going assistance to 12 of the smaller cities

[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](http://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

April 2014:

- As of April, 2014 there are 1972 - total ride matching participants
- 0 - ride match requests generated this month
- 5 new ride matching database registrants this month
- Meeting with JSA
- Set weekly carpool log date
- Working out website problems that have been allowing our participants to register multiple times.

May 2014:

- As of May, 2014 there are 2004 - total ride matching participants
- 0 - ride match requests generated this month
- 16 new ride matching database registrants this month
- Set weekly carpool log date
- Continue to monitor Ride Match reports portion of website
- Continued to work on participants data, editing and updating information. Still working with Cynthia from JSA
- Attended Meeting regarding Valleyrides Website – 5/19/2014

June 2014:

- As of June, 2014 there are 2014 - total ride matching participants
- 0 - ride match requests generated this month
- 18 new ride matching database registrants this month
- Set weekly carpool date
- Continued to update website and problem solve reported issues
- Met with rideshare staff to train ourselves how to update the Valleyrides website. Held phone meeting with JSA for questions
- Wrote eblast content to be sent through website. Follow up emails required for issues.
- Updated Rideshare information in RTP Executive Summary
- Spoke with Suzanne Campbell and Tamara Porter about Rideshare week

[MARTINEZ/BLOCKER/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
- Prepared draft allocation for FCOG's RHNA, worked on resolution of jurisdiction RHNA allocation issue, 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:***

April 2014:

- Completed trip arrangements and hosted One Voice Washington D.C. Lobbying trip from April 5-10th.
- Presented One Voice trip follow up information to the TTC, PAC and Board.
- Wrote and emailed two press releases on the One Voice trip and set up 4 media interviews for participants.
- Valley Voice DC scheduled for September 9-12, 2014.
- 2015 Fresno COG One Voice DC trip scheduled for April 11-16, 2015.

[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:**

- Released the Fresno COG Draft RHNA on May 9, 2014. LM/CT/KC
- Sent MOU for Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element to participating agencies and worked with them to have the MOUs executed at the City/County level.
- Worked with Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element consultant, Mintier Harnish, to finalize their contract for work beginning on July 1, 2014.
- Participated in meeting to discuss and finalize issues related to the Housing Element contract.

[MONGE-CHARGIN]

## **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:**

April 2014

- Worked with Local Government Commission to coordinate a visit to Sacramento to discuss next steps for Greenprint project with SACOG, SGC, and representatives of other agencies as well.
- Facilitated Greenprint Meeting held in Fresno on April 17. The meeting was well-attended and focused on the maps that have been compiled by UC Davis, the consultant for the project. Much discussion of the maps, those which were helpful and those which should be deemphasized.
- Gave a Greenprint presentation to the Kings County Association of Governments on April 23. Working to reschedule the meeting to discuss Phase 2 of the Greenprint project previously scheduled in Sacramento on April 16 – held June 2, 2014.

May 2014

- Greenprint Steering Committee meeting held on May 27. Meeting largely devoted to a review of the Administrative Draft “State of the Valley” report and discussion regarding upcoming meetings.
- Participated in a meeting in Sacramento on June 2 with representatives from the Sacramento Area Association of Governments, the Strategic Growth Council, Office of Planning and Research, and others regarding lessons learned, challenges for the project, and the way forward for Phase II.
- Presentation to the Valley COG Directors on June 5 regarding the Administrative Draft of the “State of the Valley” report.

June 2014

- Presentation to the Regional Policy Council and California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley at their joint meeting in Tulare on June 20, 2014
- Ongoing review and editing of Greenprint Phase I Report. Continued development of Phase II tasks.
- Contacted other Valley planning agencies for year-end billing on work element 814. Several emails and follow up phone calls needed.
- Reviewed invoices for approval and submitted them for payment to Fresno COG’s accounting department.  
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
- Valley-wide SB375 conference call –6/11/14

[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 2013.
- 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:**

FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program and Budget

- Amendment # 1 to FY 2013-14 OWP was approved on June 27, 2013.
- Amendment #2 to FY 2013-14 OWP was approved September 26, 2013
- Amendment # 3 to FY 2013-14 OWP – approved November 21, 2013

April/May 2014:

- FY 2014-15 OWP approved by Policy Board on May 29, 2014

June 2014:

- FY 2014-15 OWP received final approval from FHWA on June 30, 2014

[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 2013/14 allocations year-end report will be distributed to member agencies at the beginning of the FY 2014-2015. California State Controller's Office Quarterly State Transit Assistance apportionments were monitored to provide for allocations to local agencies.
- Fiscal Year 2014/15 TDA Draft Claims are being prepared for member agencies. FCRTA and FCEOC have submitted Claims for approval at the June 26, 2014 Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting.
- FCRTAs FY 2014-2015 Budget was released for 45 day review on May 8, 2014 and was approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- FCEOCs FY 2014-2015 Urban and Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget was released for 45 day review on May 9, 2014 and will go before the Fresno COG Policy Board was approved at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Clovis' FY 2014-2015 Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget was released for 45 day review on May 9, 2014 and was approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The Public Transportation needs within Fresno County have been evaluated by the Social Services Technical Advisory Committee (SSTAC), including a request for written comments and three information gathering public outreach meetings. This Unmet Needs process was approved at the June 26<sup>th</sup> Fresno COG Policy Board. After approval by the Policy Board, member agencies can submit their FY 2014-2015 TDA Claims.
- Final 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.
- 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. The Final Apportionment Estimates for the FY 2014-2015 LTF and STA were approved at the May 29th 2014 Fresno COG Policy Board Meeting.

[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 Fourth Quarter, Staff processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff continued to respond to Caltrans staff on pending Grant requests.
- Staff prepared, submitted to Caltrans, received tentative approval from Caltrans, and circulated for comments, before Board adopted, and subsequent approval by Caltrans, a Federal Transit Administration Title VI Program.

- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- During the Fourth Quarter, the California Highway Patrol completed their annual vehicle fleet inspection, recordkeeping, Department of Motor Vehicle Pull Notice driver records, and Drug and Alcohol Program review and issued a “satisfactory” rating.
- During the Fourth Quarter the FCRTA staff submitted their annual Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Smog Emissions Report, that field audited and accepted.
- During the Fourth Quarter, staff received Kingsburg City Council approval to transition the dispatching functions at City Hall to the FEOC Centralized Dispatcher Center in Fresno.
- During the Fourth Quarter the Selma City Council authorized the transfer of the local dispatching function to the FCEOC Centralized Dispatching Center in Fresno.
- During the Fourth Quarter the City of Fresno’s FAX Fleet Management negotiated no change in the on-going contract rate for FCRTA’s Fleet Maintenance Services.
- During the Fourth 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. Further events were held to settle on the actual demonstration services, and a projected implementation dated in 2014-15.
- City of Fresno Maintenance staff continued to up-fit the necessary Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) equipment in the FCRTA’s forty (40) vehicle replacements and service expansion vehicles for continued service introduction.

[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.
- 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.
- Prepared and presented powerpoint to joint TTC/PAC on April 11. Presented item to PAC on towing company recommendation for next three year contract period of FSP beginning July 1, 2014.
- Presented item on the selection of a towing provider for the next three years of the FSP program to the Fresno COG Policy Board on 4/24/14

[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
- Presented second quarter summary status report to PAC at their meeting on April 11, 2014. PAC accepted the status report as presented.
- With the unsuccessful Measure A Extension of the AVA program on the June 3 ballot, addressed issues regarding the winding down of the program, which terminated June 30, 2014.

[THOMPSON]

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
 SCHEDULE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED & EXPENDED  
 4th Quarter - June 2014

		Budget	Year to		FHWA	FTA MPO	FHWA	FTA MPO	FTA MPO	FHWA	Prop	SPR	FTA	FTA	PPM01	FSP
	Percent	Authorized	Date	Local	PL	5303	PL	5303	5304	MPO	84	Partner	5316	5307	6086(040)	6086(037)
			Expense	Resources	Carry Frwd	Carry Frwd	Tollcredit	Tollcredit	FCMA	Blueprint	DOC	Planning	5317		6086(038)	6086(035)
2013/14 OWP Allocated Funds:																
110 Regional Streets & Roads	15%	93,750	14,103	5,423	5,791			2,889								
111 Regional Transp. Modeling	58%	723,105	416,055	35,130	69,308		311,617									
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	88%	327,147	288,294	26,056	201,110		61,128									
114 IntelligentTransp Systems	36%	342,923	124,088	17,259			37,790						69039			
115 Reg. Transp. Mitigation Fee	80%	63,192	50,624	50,624												
116 National Park Studies	83%	30,000	24,995	2,867		22,128										
117 Golden State	1%	100,000	1,335	1,335												
120 Public Trans. - Urban	93%	332,241	309,255	54,482		44,265		15,522						194,986		
121 JAARC New Freedom	41%	4,760,733	1,931,065	914,244									1,016,821			
125 FCMA Transportation Evaluation	78%	273,210	213,692	63,977					149,715							
150 Other Modal Elements	95%	45,553	43,362	43,362												
152 High Speed Rail Planning	39%	229,150	89,872	89,872												
153 Airport Land Use	93%	50,814	47,169	47,169												
170 Regional Transp. Plan	90%	865,956	781,398	26,337	203,283		393,601	114,509							43,668	
172 Congestion Management Plan	53%	19,672	10,479	0			7,357	3,122								
180 Air Quality	88%	197,546	174,726	0			122,672	52,054								
210 Measure "C"	91%	162,960	147,633	147,633												
211 Measure "C" Oversight Comm.	97%	10,953	10,623	10,623												
212 Measure "C" Car/Van Pool	83%	581,405	485,176	485,176												
213 Measure "C" Highspeed Rail	0%	0	0	0												
214 Measure "C" ADA/Seniors	95%	433,371	409,631	409,631												
215 Measure "C" Farm Van Pool	108%	290,208	312,905	312,905												
220 Transportation Prog. Dev.	90%	279,154	250,456	17,831											232,625	
310 Intergov. Coordination	77%	146,327	112,509	29,375			83,134									
311 Public Info. and Partic.	94%	143,521	134,547	45,169	49,720		39,658									
313 Environmental Justice	44%	73,970	32,198	1,046	8,076		23,076									
314 Ventura Kings Canyon Corridor	13%	247,500	31,609	3,791								27,818				
320 Technical Assist. Members	55%	154,471	85,111	85,111												
340 TDM Program	71%	23,123	16,526	16,526												
350 Regional Data Center	96%	72,390	69,291	7,948	61,343											
360 One Voice Advocacy	81%	130,879	105,742	105,742												
410 California Blue Print	162%	89,758	145,841	13,919	8,853		29,071	46,026		47,972						
420 Regional Housing Needs	95%	37,660	35,850	35,850												
814-6 Sustainable Communities	29%	1,434,224	421,189	2,114			70,294	29,830			318,951					
820 Valley RTPA Coordination	91%	227,090	207,407	88,254		90,182	28,971									
910 COFCG Admin.	109%	113,994	124,464	124,464												
911 OWP & Budget	94%	33,420	31,474	31,474												
912 Transportation Funds Adm.	117%	130,281	152,117	152,117												
920 FCRTA Admin.	109%	396,604	432,854	432,854												
930 Trans. Auth. Admin.	88%	2,600	2,293	2,293												
940 Freeway Service Patrol	98%	396,398	389,724	79,550												310,174
950 Abandon Vehicle Abatement	81%	11,438	9,312	9,312												
<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>14,078,691</b>	<b>8,676,994</b>	<b>4,028,845</b>	<b>607,484</b>	<b>156,575</b>	<b>1,208,369</b>	<b>263,952</b>	<b>149,715</b>	<b>47,972</b>	<b>318,951</b>	<b>27,818</b>	<b>1,085,860</b>	<b>194,986</b>	<b>276,293</b>	<b>310,174</b>