

**Fresno Council of Governments**  
**Progress Report for First Quarter (July-September)**  
**FY 2014-15 Overall Work Program (July 2014-June 2015)**  
**September 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.
- Participated in the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group in Emfact2011 procedure adjustments
- Attend 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

**JULY 2014**

- Wrote draft RFP for Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 Master Plan update. (original draft 4/7/14, revised 7/14/14)
- Meetings held with management regarding RFP and Contract for Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 Master Plan update.
- Notifications to members of Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 RE: RFP requirements, policy, process, scope change, funding allocation available,
- Researched SAFE-Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies to see if that funding source could be used for litter removal (accessed legal code, San Diego Counsel review of requirements, consultation with state-wide coordinator of program.7/1/2014, 7/2/2014.

[GARZA/CHARGIN/FAWCETT/TERRY/DAWSON]

**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:**

July 2014

- Conference call with ARB re: inter-regional trips 7/16/14
- Performed project level select zone analyses for traffic consultants
- Assisted in sensitivity analysis for ARB model review 7/18/14
- Conducted select zone analyses based on requests from traffic consultants
- Generated transit ridership reports on Shaw BRT model run for FAX and Air District
- Conducted select zone analyses for new developments submitted by traffic consultants

September

- Reviewed Fresno HERE GIS network for VMIP II project
- Conducted model run for project level analyses of proposed development for traffic consultants
- Conducted in-person, phone and skype interviews of the applicants to the new modeler and demographer positions

- Performed model runs for traffic consultants for new developments
- Model sensitivity discussion with Fehr & Peers 9/15/14
- State-wide modeling call 9/25/14
- Provided modeling information to traffic consultants and university senior students in support of their project analyses.  
9/26/2014

[BITNER/HAN]

### **WE 112 - Regional Traffic Monitoring**

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

**Accomplishments:**

- Coordinated the *Traffic Counts Program* and provided technical assistance to member agencies.
- Provided traffic count information for MIP model improvement project and ARB review of SCS modeling process.

[BITNER/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:**

- Review consultant invoices. Work with consultant to make invoices acceptable.
- Correspond with and collect information from local agencies for the ITS update.
- Discuss agenda items for next meeting with consultant and FHWA.
- Update FTA and FHWA on activities and schedule of ITS Plan update.
- Work with COG staff and URS consultant to amend and enhance ITS website.
- Review deliverables prepared by consultant. Comment as necessary.
- Plan, prepare for and attend 6<sup>th</sup> stakeholder meeting for ITS Plan Update.
- Work with COG staff to amend maps for ITS Plan deliverables.

[ARNEST]

### **WE 115 – Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Plan**

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

**Accomplishments:**

During the FY 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.

**The following activities continue;**

- 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).
- RTMF Update in process. Expected to be approved in November.

[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 workshop's 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.

[DOWNS/FAWCETT/GARZA/ARNEST]

## **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:*

- Begin the development of the RFP for the 100% design phase.
- Meet with Fresno County, FCTA, Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg representatives to improve the RFP before it is released.
- Mail out Cooperative Agreements to the County of Fresno and the cities of Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg for their approval and signature July 14, 2014.
- Worked on map of bike lanes and pedestrian trails for FCTA.

[ARNEST]

**WE 120 - Regional Public Transportation Planning – Urban & Rural**

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

*Accomplishments:*

- *Management Information Systems:* Staff continues to develop and maintain various MIS programs and services. Work 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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]

**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:*

- Review invoices for payment. Entered Federal Financial Reports into TEAMWeb. Update and redesign grant spreadsheets.
- Review invoices for payment. Entered Federal Financial Reports into TEAMWeb.

- Created new grant in TeamWeb. Submitted for FTA approval. PA
- Review invoices for payment for ITS update JARC grant.
- Review MAP-21 changes to 5310 program. Develop the Program Management Plan and new application necessary for FCOG as a designated recipient for the 5310 program.
- Work with FAX on a revision for a New Freedom grant. Enter information into TeamWeb and work with our FTA representative to gain approval.
- Work with FAX to add additional funding to an existing New Freedom grant. Coordinate with CalTrans to secure Toll Credits for additional funding. Work with our FTA representative to gain approval.
- Working with FTA representative to add additional funding to current FAX New Freedom grant.
- Developing FTA 5310 Program Management Plan and Application.
- Successfully added funding to older FAX New Freedom grant.
- Completed final draft of Program Management Plan for Section 5310 Grants
- Completed final draft of new application for 5310 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.

[DOWNS]

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

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

#### ***Accomplishments/Aviation:***

- Monitored aviation issues and legislation important to Fresno County.

#### ***Accomplishments/Rail:***

- Monitored rail issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Monitored activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority and other activities related to high-speed rail in California.
- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of issues related to the establishment of a new Regional Governance structure for the AMTRAK San Joaquins.
- Ongoing monitoring of all activities of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and the transfer of management responsibilities of the San Joaquins to the SJJPA.
- 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.

#### ***Accomplishments/Bicycle and Pedestrian:***

- Ongoing monitoring of issues related to rail, bicycling, and pedestrian modes of transportation. Prepared report to Transportation Technical Committee and Policy Advisory Committee on Assembly Bill 1193, a bill working its way through the California legislature that would provide for the classification of Class IV Bikeways.
- 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.
- Participated in kick-off meeting of Active Transportation Plan development on August 14, 2014.

- Participated in meeting to discuss an amendment to Measure C that would allow for use of funds for maintenance as well as new construction and other purposes.
- Attended meeting of Fresno County Transportation Authority on September 10, 2014 at which a workshop was conducted to discuss a potential amendment to Measure C to provide for use of trail funds for maintenance as well as new construction. Reviewed state legislation affecting the bicycle transportation mode and prepared staff report for TTC/PAC meeting on September 12, 2014 reporting on same.
- Participation in two-day workshop on September 16 and 17 on Complete Streets.

[THOMPSON]

### **WE 152 – High Speed Rail Planning**

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

#### **Accomplishments:**

- Continue to monitor on an ongoing basis the activities and decisions of the California High-Speed Rail Authority for their relationship to high-speed rail in Fresno.
- 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.

[THOMPSON]

### **WE 153 – Airport Land Use Commission**

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

#### **Accomplishments:**

- 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).
- Continue to participate in Military related aviation meetings and discussions, such as the Military Noise Demonstration and Land Use Workshop at Sacramento International Airport on July 22, 2014 and the Master Plan Workshop held at NAS Lemoore on July 24, 2014.

[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:**

July 2014

- Meeting with County Public Health Department 7/7/2014
- Meeting with Veronica Garibay 7/7/2014
- Conference call re: Peer Exchange workshop 7/9/2014
- Conference call with ARB 7/9/2014
- SGC webcast 7/10/2014
- Provided technical assistance to ARB's SCS review process 7/18/14
- Processed PEIR documents for state filing
- Performed follow-up activities associated with review of the Final RTP/SCS document
- Prepared Final RTP/SCS Documents for printing and publication
- Coordinated design and formulation of the RTP/SCS Highlights Document
- Reviewed and analyzed SCS sensitivity test report
- Conference call with ARB regarding sensitivity tests

- Conference calls with Sierra Business Council to continue organizing the August 20, 2014 Peer Exchange Workshop.
- Updated Peer Exchange Background information
- Designed and emailed out the Peer Exchange invitation to approximately 200 perspective guests .
- Prepared Peer Exchange speaker listing and made several updates.
- Met with consultant on development of the RTP Highlights document to get feedback on design and content changes made by COG staff.

#### August 2014

- Continued designing the RTP/SCS Highlights document—editing, graphic design, coordination with staff and consultant.
- Coordinating the final transmittal of the 2014RTP/SCS; EIR; 2015 FTIP; Conformity to the Interagency Partners-Federal and state agencies. Drafted transmittal letters, IAC Memo etc.
- Attended SGC Affordable Housing and Sustainable Community Program workshop 8/12/14
- Attend Safe Route to School- Affordable Housing and Sustainable Community Program webinar 8/8/14
- Organized and hosted the kick-off meeting on 8/14/14 for the Active Transportation Plan.
- Printed and compiled additional hard copies of the RTP/SCS for agency and public access
- Printed and packaged all hard copies and digital files for submission to FHWA, FTA, Caltrans and others
- Continued design and formulation of the RTP/SCS Highlights Document
- Coordinated Peer Exchange event with potential speakers and attendees
- Attended Peer Exchange workshop 8/20/14

#### September 2014

- Attended COG Directors' meeting in Stockton 9/4/2014
- Attended ARB target update workshop 9/9/2014
- ATP & Needs Assessment brainstorming 9/3/2014
- Call with Jeanie Ward from SRTS Partnership regarding Active Transportation Plan promotion during their Active Healthy Places Tour 9/5/14.
- Continued work on Active Transportation Plan.
- Attended Complete Streets Workshop hosted by Caltrans.
- Meeting with East side cities: SCS implementation proposals
- Meeting with the County: SCS implementation proposals
- Made presentations to the TTC, PAC and Board regarding the Peer Exchange.

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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.

[CAI/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:**

#### July 2014

- Transmitted IAC for Clovis Hot-Spot assessment for EPA/Caltrans concurrence.
- Reviewed ARB comments regarding SCS modeling protocols.
- Researched innovative CMAQ eligible projects (concrete products that absorb pollutants)
- Reviewed draft GAMAQI 2014 version.
- Located copy of final PEV Readiness Plan adopted SJVAPCD May 2014, for future presentation to Boards.
- Review of draft CMAQ Cost-effectiveness threshold update for 2015 FTIP.
- Revised the 2015 FTIP Amendment #1 CMAQ C.E. report.
- Plug-In 2014 conference 7/28-31/2014

#### August 2014

- Reviewed and provided comment on the Federal Register Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for MAP-21 CMAQ PM2.5 population weighting factor.
- The above review, MAP-21 CMAQ PM2.5 population weighting factor, was transmitted for IAC Valley-wide
- Reviewed CalEnviroScreen 2.0 tool to be used in upcoming Cap and Trade allocations for disadvantaged communities.
- (Met with ARB representative and consulted on the Cap and Trade element with EPA staff at Plug-In 2014)
- Consulted with Fresno County staff on bike lane project, obtained next County contact person to follow through on project upon retirement of former lead staffer.
- Updated fresnocog.org webpage for 2014 RTP/2015 FTIP Transportation Conformity documentation.
- Consultation with Caltrans Local assistance regarding eligibility and funding allowed for CSU Fresno potential CMAQ bus shuttle project.
- Discussion during CFPG conference call regarding Federal Register Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for MAP-21 CMAQ PM2.5 population weighting factor.

#### September 2014

- Further consultation with Caltrans Local assistance regarding CMAQ eligibility and funding allowed for CSU Fresno potential CMAQ bus shuttle project. Local Assistance requested Caltrans Headquarters evaluation, Headquarters requested more detail on the project prior to making a determination. COG contacted CSF and requested additional information on the project.
- Consultation and coordination in progress for the San Joaquin Valley Plug-In Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council- EV Readiness Plan presentation for the 9/12/14 TTC/PAC. Speaker coordination, document search, agenda item, annotated, staff report written, PowerPoint created,
- 9/25/14 COG Policy Board: Consultation and coordination in progress for the San Joaquin Valley Plug-In Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council- EV Readiness Plan presentation for the 9/25/14 Policy Board. Speaker coordination, document search, agenda item, annotated, staff report updated,
- Reviewed Caltrans' Headquarters comments drafted for the Federal Register Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for MAP-21 CMAQ PM2.5 population weighting factor.
- Reviewed Program Opportunity Notice from California Energy Commission regarding PEV Readiness Grant availability and application release, prepared copies of the grant application packet for 9/12/14 TTC/PAC.
- Sent notice regarding National Renewable Laboratories webinar for CNG infrastructure to TTC/PAC and interested stakeholders
- San Joaquin Valley Plug-In Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council- EV Readiness Plan documents requested and picked up from SJVAPCD. Packets assembled for Policy Board, coordination with presenter and preparation of PowerPoint, confirmation of Air District presenters.
- Continued consultation with Caltrans Local assistance and with Caltrans Headquarters regarding eligibility and funding allowed for CSU Fresno potential CMAQ bus shuttle project. Request for additional information on Bus project requested from CSUF and later transmitted to Caltrans Headquarters.
- Project level conformity done for County of Fresno (Jensen/Temperance Signal. Concurrence received from EPA and Caltrans
- Program Opportunity Notice from California Energy Commission regarding PEV Readiness Grant availability and application release, prepared copies of the grant application packet for 9/25/14 Policy Board.
- Attended Statewide Conformity Work Group and hosted local call-in center. Prepared summary of meeting highlights for COG staff-modeling and programming.
- Attended webinar regarding CEC grant opportunity for ZEV Readiness.
- Attended webcast of SJVAPCD Governing Board Meeting
- Notified TTC/PAC and Policy Board members of free training made available for alternative vehicles/fuels first responders through grant with Clean Cities Coalition for San Joaquin Valley.

[DAWSON]



## 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:**

- Measure C Expenditure Plan Update approved 7-31-14  
[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:**

September 2014:

- Held new member briefing with Committee Chair and Bob Allen representing the Selma Chamber of Commerce.
- Customized all of the 2014-2015 Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Local Agency Reporting Forms and emailed them out to the agencies responsible for completing them.  
[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

**AUGUST 2014:**

- New Vanpool Subsidy: 25 Vans
- Existing Vanpool Subsidy: 10 Vans
- Riders Serviced: 245
- New riders eligible for Voucher Award Subsidy: 26
- Spoke with Ron Hughes and arranged meeting to discuss marketing partnership
- Met with Ron Hughes to discuss marketing partnership for Carpool/ Commuter Vanpool 8/14/14
- Participated in CalVans TAC meeting. 8/28/2014

**SEPTEMBER 2014:**

- New Vanpool Subsidy: 21 Vans
- Existing Vanpool Subsidy: 9 Vans
- Riders Serviced: 210
- New riders eligible for Voucher Award Subsidy: 21

[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.

**JULY 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.
June 2014	361	34,840.00	454	\$24,525.00	36	16

- June scrip processed in July
- Processed and filed scrip
- Answered questions and looked up scrip information for different taxi companies

**AUGUST 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.
July 2014	330	31,540.00	465	\$25,470.00	48	16

- July scrip processed in August
- Processed and filed scrip
- Answered questions and looked up scrip information for different taxi companies
- Meet with Judi Nishi of FAX @ Veterans Home in Fresno to do mini presentation for seniors. Delivered taxi scrip information, applications, and fliers
- Sent reminder emails/ phone calls, to cab companies with outstanding claims for the last fiscal year
- Answered and followed up on taxi scrip application inquires and questions

**SEPTEMBER 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.
August 2014	357	34,140.00	442	\$21,537	46	16

- Placed an order for more Taxi Scrip Coupons with DuMont Printing
- Promoted Senior Taxi Scrip and Central Valley Women’s Conference booth
- Attended meeting with Hospital Council and Hospital Administrators. Spoke briefly about program and began follow up on interest expressed by the Hospitals to learn more about the program.
- August Scrip processed in September
- Attended Senior Resource Fair, Selma - 9/18/2014
- Researched and created report for the viability of using Uber or Lyft for Taxi Scrip
- Met w/ Staff, regarding Uber & Lyft companies. – 9/23/2014
- Placed order for Permanent card printing with DuMont Printing  
[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.

**JULY 2014:**

MONTH	Number of Vans	Number of Riders	Amount Paid
June 2014	52	572	\$26,131.00

- Answered and forwarded calls for Agworker Vanpool

**AUGUST 2014:**

MONTH	Number of Vans	Number of Riders	Amount Paid
July 2014	52	572	\$24,912.00

- Working with Measure C Staff to update and release Agworker RFP- 8/14/14
- Meeting scheduled to review Agworker RFP (8/20)

**SEPTEMBER 2014:**

MONTH	Number of Vans	Number of Riders	Amount Paid
August 2014	52	572	\$22,230.00

- Held two staff meetings to discuss the Ag Worker Vanpool Outreach RFT
- Reviewed and began final draft of Ag Worker Vanpool Outreach RFP.
- Continued to develop and work on the Ag Worker Vanpool 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Continued to encourage member agencies to obligate projects in order to meet the regions obligation goals.
- Started work on Amendment 12-16 to the 2013 FTIP.
- Continued work on Amendment 14-01 to the 2015 FTIP.
- Hosted the Regional Competitive Active Transportation Program Scoring Committee on 9/8/14.
- Met with the City of Selma’s engineer to discuss programming and projects on 9/3/14.
- Spoke with SCAG’s ATP project manager to discuss logistics and ideas that might be utilized for ours on 9/2/14.
- Met with Fresno State on 9/9/14 to discuss the award of ATP funds to their bikeways project.
- Hosted with Caltrans a Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) on 9/11/14.
- Presented the Active Transportation Program recommended projects to TTC and PAC on 9/12/14.

[GARZA/CHARGIN]

## 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:**

##### AUGUST 2014

- Association for the Beautification of Highway 99: Prepared notes for meeting with Director and Finance Manager regarding proposed RFP for Master Plan update, listened to meeting tape to make notes, reviewed meeting notes.
- Grand Jury Litter on Freeway work: Consulted with CHP to provide presentation for September TTC/PAC/Policy Boards regarding litter law enforcement, also provided documentation regarding the significant effect on accidents and traffic deaths from freeway litter.
- Contacted State Sustainability Coordinator (LGC) to provide an update on the PEVCC for September TTC/PAC/Policy Boards regarding the tools developed for electric vehicle readiness (ordinances, permitting, zoning etc.)
- Reviewed Draft Final Report for the Infill Viability Analysis [
- Coordinated Valley Planner's Network agenda and activities with VPN Chair
- Coordinated Peer Exchange event with potential speakers and attendees.
- Attended California Adaptation Forum; statewide and nationwide presentations regarding building resilient communities which will be able to respond to extreme weather events.
- Attended and participated in a week long Caltrans Field Academy in Los Angeles, alongside Caltrans, CTC, HCD, and other MPO staff.
- Participated in meeting of the Valley Planners Network on August 27, 2014. Gave a presentation on Greenprint Phase I and the proposed Work Plan for Phase II.

##### SEPTEMBER 2014

- Association for the Beautification of Highway 99: held meeting with Director and Finance Manager regarding proposed RFP for Master Plan update,
- Litter on Fresno County Highways/Keep America Beautiful: consultation and coordination with Fresno CHP to provide a presentation for the 9/12/14 TTC/PAC. Prepared presentation regarding the next steps to become a KAB affiliate to present to 9/12/14 TTC/PAC. Placed the Fresno COG Litter slogan, "Thing Green, Keep Fresno County Clean" on email, agendas, COG website, held meeting with Director and Finance Manager regarding requirements for becoming a KAB affiliate,
- Updated Litter on Fresno County Highways/Keep America Beautiful agenda and annotated and staff report for 9/25/14 Policy Board.
- Researched SAFE-Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies funding source for potential availability to use for litter removal in Fresno County. Held meeting with Director and Finance Manager regarding feasibility. Requirement to fully implement a freeway call-box system first makes this non-feasible at this point in time.
- Reviewed and provided additional feedback on the Draft Final Report for the Infill Viability Analysis
- Conducted Valley Planner's Network meeting and associated activities
- Attended Living Well event as the transportation sector representative
- Continued work on the sustainable communities planning grant for the Fresno-Yosemite Transit Service Plan
- Litter on Fresno County Highways/Keep America Beautiful: consultation and coordination with Fresno CHP to provide a presentation for the 9/25/14 Policy Board. Prepared presentation regarding the next steps to become a KAB affiliate to present to 9/25/14 Policy Board
- Met with PPP staff regarding litter on Fresno Highways. 9/11/14
- Prepared fliers to hand out at the Fresno Women's Conference regarding Litter in Fresno County
- Series of meetings with Director and Finance Director regarding 99 Association upcoming update to Master Plan and proposed RFP.
- Responded to request for meeting results information for West Coast Waste project discussion at 99 Association 9/18/14[LD]
- Updated 99 Association mailing list information per committee request.
- Met with supervisory staff regarding steps to take in 99 Association RFP process

- Rescheduled 99 Association Meeting to accommodate schedule of COG Management staff to respond to 99 Association requests on the RFP for the Master Plan update.

[ARNEST/GARZA/CHARGIN/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.

#### **July 2014:**

- Coordinated RTP/SCS implementation activities with various agencies
- Began coordination of Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> Peer Exchange event, in preparation for SCS implementation activities
- Meeting with Veronica Garibay
- Conference call re: Peer Exchange workshop
- Coordinated design and formulation of the RTP/SCS Highlights Document
- with Sierra Business Council to continue organizing the August 20, 2014 Peer Exchange Workshop.
- Updated Peer Exchange Background information
- Designed and emailed out the Peer Exchange invitation to approximately 200 perspective guests .
- Met with consultant on development of the RTP Highlights document to get feedback on design and content changes made by COG staff.
- Updated several sections of the Fresno COG website and worked with ridesharing staff on issues with the Valleyrides.com website.
- Participated in Valley Voice conference call. Began reviewing materials for redesign.

#### **August 2014:**

- Continued designing the RTP/SCS Highlights document—editing, graphic design, coordination with staff and consultant.-BV
- Proofed the Fresno County Transportation Guide—sent out to transit providers to do the same.
- Designed and wrote the Measure C Grand Prize Giveaway script and powerpoint presentation for the event. Updated several sections of the Fresno COG website and worked with ridesharing staff on issues with the Valleyrides.com website.
- Coordinated the design and development of a new Fresno/Clovis Bikeway Map. Sent to print.
- Coordinated Peer Exchange event with potential speakers and attendees
- Continued design and formulation of the RTP/SCS Highlights Document

#### **September 2014**

- Attended Living Well event on 9/10/14 as the transportation sector representative
- Continued design and formulation of the RTP/SCS Highlights Document
- Updated the following website pages: Valley Voice, One Voice, Action Program, FTIP, calendar, Get Involved, home page, Doing Business with Fresno COG, Highway Litter, Measure C Oversight Committee, Environmental Justice, RHNA.
- Worked with Measure C Staff to begin development of the 2014-2015 Measure C Programs Outreach Plan.

- Reviewed and updated the Agricultural Worker Outreach RFP-held two meetings with staff.
- Designed and printed thank you packets for the 2014 One Voice sponsors.
- Designed and printed Valley Voice materials for the DC trip
- Proofed the Fresno County Transportation Guide and asked Transit staff to review and comment
- Wrote final Prop 84 Valleywide SCS Outreach report.
- Attended Environmental Justice Task Force meeting and completed follow-up tasks
- Worked out sponsorship agreements with three upcoming bike or walk events.

[VEENENDAAL]

### **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
- Attend Ventura/Kings Canyon Corridor Revitalization Caltrans EJ Grant Outreach Coordination meeting. 7.8.14
- Work with Consultants, Caltrans PM and City of Fresno staff on initial outreach flyer.
- Review Stakeholder Interview materials.
- Facilitate Environmental Justice Taskforce meeting held September 9, 2014.
- Work with participants to improve the taskforce and make it more viable.

[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:**

- Give update to Caltrans project manager.
- Review consultant deliverables and invoices.
- Attend outreach coordination meeting with consultant and sub consultants.
- Work with COG staff and consultant to develop the website page for the project.
- Attend meeting with Outreach Consultant for Non-profit organizations and Tree Fresno to discuss ways to transform Ventura/Kings Canyon with trees.
- Attend Project Advisory Committee meeting #1. Went over agenda and presentations for the Town Hall Meeting #1 to be held the next day.
- Attend Town Hall Meeting #1 held at the Grace Methodist Church on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Approximately 30-40 residents and merchants were present.

[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.
- Coordinated circuit planning efforts with consultant providing on-going assistance to 12 of the smaller cities
- Reviewed Draft Final Report for the Courthouse Park document
- Reviewed Draft Final Report for the Infill Viability Analysis.
- Coordinated project close-out activities for the SJV iMPACS project
- Coordinated closing activities for the Courthouse Park Draft Final Report document
- Reviewed and provided additional feedback on the Draft Final Report for the Infill Viability Analysis
- Presented the SJV iMPACS tool to the COG Director's for acceptance and inclusion onto the SJV Blueprint Toolkit [BITNER/ 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:**

#### **Monthly Accomplishments:**

- 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. 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

#### **JULY 2014:**

- As of the end of July the following occurred with the Measure C Rideshare Program:
  - 2025 Ride matching program participants:
  - 0 ride match requests for the month.
  - 12 new ride matching database registrants.
- Helped new rideshare individuals go through sign up process
- Continue to promote rideshare program and the Valleyrides.com website
- Updated Valleyrides.com website with new Carpool Grand Prize Giveaway information, rules, prizes, winners

#### **AUGUST 2014:**

- As of the end of August, the following occurred with the Measure C Rideshare Program:
  - 2050 Ride matching program participants:
  - 0 ride match requests for the month.
  - 13 new ride matching database registrants.
- Attend Tune in and Tune Up Event @ The Fresno Fair Ground w/ Valley Air District- 8/9/14



- Helped new rideshare individuals go through sign up process
- Coordinated the design and development of a new Fresno/Clovis Bikeway Map. Sent to print, proofed and began supervising distribution to bike shops, visitor centers, local agencies, and bike clubs.
- Contacted Cynthia @ JSA regarding the reprinting of our Carpool/Commuter Vanpool fliers.
- Reviewing updated version of WordPress-

#### **SEPTEMBER 2014:**

- As of 9/29/2014, the following occurred with the Measure C Rideshare Program:
    - 2066 Ride matching program participants:
    - 0 ride match requests for the month.
    - 0 new ride matching database registrants.
  - Picked August winners- submitted check requests
  - Prepare 2014 GPG Survey Questions
  - Attended Central California Women’s Conference - 9/16/14
  - Attended EOC Fall Employee Wellness Resource Fair - 9/19/14
  - Sent out monthly carpool reminder
  - Attended Fig Garden/Whole Foods Wellness Resource Fair – 9/27/14
  - Delivered Fresno/Clovis Bikeway maps to all of the Clovis Bike and sports stores and to several north Fresno stores
  - Prepared 2014 Grand Prize Giveaway Survey questions
- [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.
- Provided demographic information for COG-prepared documents and presentations including the data needs of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- 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.
- Reviewed candidate resumes for demographer and traffic modeler positions.

Prepared draft allocation for FCOG’s RHNA, worked on resolution of jurisdiction RHNA allocation issue, completed draft RHNA plan, and multi-jurisdictional housing element

[CHUNG/SCOTT/CHARGIN]

#### **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:***

- Valley Voice DC scheduled for September 9-12, 2014.
- 2015 Fresno COG One Voice DC trip scheduled for April 11-16, 2015.
- Prepared Valley Voice, DC materials
- Participated in Valley Voice trip – September 9-12, 2014
- Designed and printed Thank You packets for 2014 One Voice sponsors
- Updated the One Voice page of the Fresno COG website
- Hosted Kick-off meeting for Fresno COG 2015 One Voice
- Researched news stories and studies on current effects of the drought. Saved all to server file for reference.
- Met with Mario Santoyo and KMPH TV 26 regarding development of a 5 minutes video showing the drought effects on the San Joaquin Valley.
- Answered various emails regarding One Voice preparation
- Legislative Platform for 2015 to be approved in November.

[GARZA/VEENENDAAL]

**REGIONAL COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE AND HOUSING**

**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:***

- Continued working with HCD on RHNA and received their approval on 9/10/14.
- Continued working with Mintier Harnish and the 13 member agencies that are participating in the MJHE.
- Hosted the kick-off meeting for the MJHE on 9/10/14.

[CHARGIN/THOMPSON/CHUNG]

**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:***

July 2014

- Coordinated fiscal impact analysis activities and training amongst the eight valley MPOs
- Coordinated In-Fill Development Viability Analysis activities, including internal and external review of the draft document
- Coordinated RTP/SCS implementation activities with various agencies [
- Coordinated sustainable communities planning grant acceptance processing with Caltrans for the Fresno-Yosemite Transit Service Planning
- Facilitated a meeting of the Greenprint Steering Committee on July 9, 2014. Agenda items included review and acceptance to State of the Valley Report/Executive Summary and Phase II Greenprint tasks.
- Extensive staff work in preparation for the Valley COG Directors meeting on August 7, 2014. Major staff work to coordinate comments and finalize the Phase II work program that will be presented to the Directors at their meeting with a recommendation to issue the RFP for Phase II of the project.

August 2014

- Reviewed Draft Final Report for the Infill Viability Analysis
- Coordinated project close-out activities for the SJV iMPACS project
- Continued design and formulation of the RTP/SCS Highlights Document
- Continued work on the sustainable communities planning grant for the Fresno-Yosemite Transit Service Plan
- Began final report for Prop 84 Round 1 close-out activities
- Presentation to Valley COG Directors on August 7, 2014 on Phase I “State of the Valley” report and Greenprint Phase II.
- Met with Mike McCoy and John Wright on August 12, 2014 to further discuss Greenprint Phase II Workplan.
- Prepared powerpoint presentation for presentation to Kern COG Regional Planning Committee

- Ongoing revisions to Greenprint Phase II Work Plan for presentation to and approval by Valley COG Directors at their meeting on September 4, 2014.

September 2014

- Reviewed and provided additional feedback on the Draft Final Report for the Infill Viability Analysis
- Presented the SJV iMPACS tool to the COG Director's for acceptance and inclusion onto the SJV Blueprint
- Continued design and formulation of the RTP/SCS Highlights Document
- Continued final report for Prop 84 Round 1 close-out activities
- Began formulation of Prop 84 Round 2 reporting for the quarter
- Presented Greenprint Phase II Work Program to Valley COG Directors at their meeting on September 4, 2014. Directors approved the Work Program with one change clarifying the role of policy development in the Phase II Work Program.
- Finalized powerpoint on Greenprint Phases I and II for presentation to KernCOG Planners Technical Committee at their meeting on September 3, 2014.
- Detailed review and editing of Greenprint Executive Summary and Final Report for presentation to Regional Policy Council at their meeting on October 3, 2014.
- Preparation and release of RFP for Phase II of Greenprint project on September 22, 2014.

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:**

- Coordinated fiscal impact analysis activities and training amongst the eight valley MPOs
- Coordinated In-Fill Development Viability Analysis activities, including internal and external review of the draft document
- Participated in meetings with FHWA and FTA regarding the Blueprint process, and collaboration lessons learned for their case study
- Reviewed Draft Final Report for the Infill Viability Analysis
- Coordinated project close-out activities for the SJV iMPACS project
- Began final report for Prop 84 Round 1 close-out activities
- Coordinated Valley Planner's Network agenda and activities with VPN Chair
- Served on the interview panel for Kings County Association of Governments
- Conducted Valley Planner's Network meeting and associated activities
- Reviewed and provided additional feedback on the Draft Final Report for the Infill Viability Analysis
- Presented the SJV iMPACS tool to the COG Director's for acceptance and inclusion onto the SJV Blueprint Toolkit
- Continued design and formulation of the RTP/SCS Highlights Document
- Continued final report for Prop 84 Round 1 close-out activities
- Began formulation of Prop 84 Round 2 reporting for the quarter

[SIGALA/ BITNER/GARZA/TERRY]

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

### **WE 910 – COG Administration**

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

#### **Accomplishments:**

- Monitored funding levels, expenses and budgets included within the FY 2014-15 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/ 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 2014-15 OWP approved by Policy Board on May 29, 2014
- FY 2014-15 OWP received final approval from FHWA on June 30, 2014
- Amendment #1 approved 7-31-14

[BESHEARS/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 has been distributed to member agencies. 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 have been prepared and sent to member agencies. Selma and Parlier have submitted claims for approval at the September 25, 2014 Fr5esno COG Board meeting. FCRTA and FCEOC were approved 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 went before the Fresno COG Policy Board, and was approved 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 went before the Fresno COG Policy Board, and 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 went before the Fresno COG Policy Board, and was approved 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 finalized 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 First Quarter, Staff processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff continued to respond to Caltrans staff on pending Grant requests. Staff submitted the FCRTA's adopted Title VI Program, and it was approved by Caltrans Headquarters Staff. During the First Quarter staff worked with local Caltrans district staff to coordinate the processing of FCRTA's FTA Grants.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- The General Manager and Operations Manager began implementing the new 2014-15 Budget. Several new services are being introduced this year.

[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.
- Authorized payment to Budget Towing, the FSP towing provider, for June 2014.
- Presentation to TTC/PAC on July 18, 2014 regarding revisions to the FSP Memorandum of Understanding. TTC/PAC recommended approval of the revised MOU to the Fresno COG Policy Board.
- Powerpoint presentation to Fresno COG Policy Board at their meeting on July 31, 2014 on the history and evolution of the Fresno County Freeway Service Patrol program.
- Presentation to Fresno COG Policy Board on July 31, 2014 regarding revisions to the FSP Memorandum of Understanding. Review July invoice and authorize payment.
- Review August invoice and authorize payment.
- Ongoing effort to secure appropriate signatures (CHP and Caltrans) for Memorandum of Understanding approved by COG Policy Board on July 31, 2014.

[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.
- Presentation to Policy Advisory Committee 7/18/14 regarding the termination of the Fresno County AVA program and the process that will be followed to close out the program
- Presentation to Fresno COG Policy Board 7/31/14 regarding the termination of the Fresno County AVA program and the process that will be followed to close out the program
- Ongoing conversations with member agencies regarding program termination and the process to be followed to close out the program.

[THOMPSON]

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
 SCHEDULE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED & EXPENDED  
 1st Quarter - July-Sept 2014

		Budget	Year to	Local	FHWA	FTA MPO	FHWA	FTA MPO	FTA MPO	FHWA	Prop	SPR	FTA	FTA	PPM01	FSP
	Percent	Authorized	Date	Resources	PL	5303	PL	5303	5304	MPO	84	Partner	5316	5307	6086(040)	6086(037)
			Expense		Carry Frwd	Carry Frwd	Tollcredit	Tollcredit	FCMA	Blueprint	DOC	Planning	5317		6086(000)	6086(035)
2014/15 OWP Allocated Funds:																
110 Regional Streets & Roads	2%	144,316	2,576	0			2,576									
111 Regional Transp. Modeling	11%	1,002,704	108,121	0			108,121									
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	5%	441,000	21,349	0			21,349									
114 IntelligentTransp Systems	2%	223,181	5,480	0			5,480									
115 Reg. Transp. Mitigation Fee	5%	179,064	8,122	8,122												
116 National Park Studies	0%	105,971	0	0												
117 Golden State	0%	140,348	241	241												
120 Public Trans. - Urban	19%	351,988	65,327	12,082				4,918						48,327		
121 JAARC New Freedom	0%	3,461,062	8,721	8,721												
125 FCMA Transportation Evaluation	0%	136,605	0	0												
150 Other Modal Elements	7%	203,090	14,879	14,879												
152 High Speed Rail Planning	13%	235,436	31,664	31,664												
153 Airport Land Use	17%	63,646	10,778	10,778												
170 Regional Transp. Plan	21%	404,217	84,022	413		3,187	62,298	18,124								
172 Congestion Management Plan	0%	216,480	0	0												
180 Air Quality	35%	171,454	60,395	0			41,151	19,244								
210 Measure "C"	27%	215,802	58,431	58,431												
211 Measure "C" Oversight Comm.	7%	16,699	1,219	1,219												
212 Measure "C" Car/Van Pool	12%	394,420	46,473	46,473												
213 Measure "C" Highspeed Rail	0%	0	0	0												
214 Measure "C" ADA/Seniors	12%	525,279	60,772	60,772												
215 Measure "C" Farm Van Pool	8%	446,980	33,900	33,900												
220 Transportation Prog. Dev.	17%	322,000	54,435	0											54,435	
310 Intergov. Coordination	17%	175,195	29,814	0			29,814									
311 Public Info. and Partic.	20%	123,876	25,369	1,398			23,971									
313 Environmental Justice	7%	137,252	9,294	0			9,294									
314 Ventura Kings Canyon Corridor	3%	120,000	4,150	377								3,773				
320 Technical Assist. Members	3%	162,203	4,170	4,170												
340 TDM Program	26%	28,884	7,638	7,638												
350 Regional Data Center	37%	68,573	25,661	0			25,661									
360 One Voice Advocacy	11%	140,154	14,762	14,762												
420 Regional Housing Needs	18%	73,226	13,409	13,409												
814-6 Sustainable Communities	5%	1,088,499	51,606	9,148			3,789	3,348			35,321					
820 Valley RTPA Coordination	11%	262,616	28,247	13,993	3,675		7,374	3,205								
910 COFCG Admin.	17%	109,742	18,233	18,233												
911 OWP & Budget	2%	21,108	329	329												
912 Transportation Funds Adm.	20%	135,975	26,959	26,959												
920 FCRTA Admin.	25%	434,707	108,517	108,517												
930 Trans. Auth. Admin.	24%	2,600	633	633												
940 Freeway Service Patrol	19%	396,603	73,433	14,960												58,473
950 Abandon Vehicle Abatement	0%	10,185	0	0												
<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12,893,140</b>	<b>1,119,129</b>	<b>522,221</b>	<b>3,675</b>	<b>3,187</b>	<b>340,878</b>	<b>48,839</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,321</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,327</b>	<b>54,435</b>	<b>58,473</b>