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POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Minutes

Date: Friday, February 13, 2015
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Rene Ramirez, City of Coalinga
David Elias, City of Fowler
Ken McDonald, City of Firebaugh
Chris Motta, Fresno County
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley

Brian Haddix, City of Sanger
Rob Woolley, City of Clovis
Vince DiMaggio, City of Mendota
Chad McMullen, City of San Joaquin
Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno

Others Attending:

See attached

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ramirez (Coalinga), Chair at 10 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS

JOINT Transportation Technical Committee / Policy Advisory Committee

The TTC and the PAC meet as a joint Committee to consider scheduled public presentations brought before the Committees.

1. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]

David Padilla, Caltrans, gave an update on current Caltrans activities. Mr. Padilla handed out information regarding the California Transportation Plan update and the 2015 Cycle-7 HSIP Call for Projects.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Policy Advisory Committee will consider all items on the agenda. The meeting began following Presentations.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

About Consent Items:

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- A. Executive Minutes of January 16, 2015 [APPROVE]
- B. FY 2014-15 Transportation Funding Claims [Fawcett] [INFORMATION]
- C. Preliminary TDA Estimates [Fawcett] [ACCEPT]
- D. FY 2013/14 Financial Audits – Fresno COG and FCRTA – [Beshears] [ACCEPT]
- E. FY 2014-15 Second Quarter Progress Report [Beshears] [ACCEPT]
- F. FTA Section 5310 – Updated Program Management Plan [Arnest] [APPROVE]
- G. Update of the Unmet Transit Needs Process [Long] [INFORMATION]
- H. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) Update [Garza/Kai] [INFORMATION]
- I. Update on the 2015 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 2 [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- J. Fresno County Transportation Guides [Veenendaal] [INFORMATION]
- K. ALUC – NAS Lemoore Military Air Installation Land Use Planning [Fawcett] [INFORMATION]
- L. National Parks Transit Update [Fawcett] [INFORMATION]
- M. Prop 84/Greenprint Update [Terry] [INFORMATION]
- N. Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Agency Items [Beshears] [INFORMATION]
- O. Monthly Grant/Call for Project/Request for Proposals Reminder [Chargin] [INFORMATION]
- P. FCRTA items [Stites] INFORMATION]

For a complete summary of these items, please see the February 13, 2015 Annotated Agenda.

Mr. Motta (County) asked that Item K be pulled for discussion. Ms. Fawcett (FCOG) addressed this item.

K. ALUC – NAS Lemoore Military Air Installation Land Use Planning [Fawcett] [INFORMATION]

The Airport Land Use Commission of Fresno County has directed staff to engage in military land use planning activities for the purpose of promoting compatible land uses near and around military installation in Fresno County, per state aeronautics act and related state and federal laws and guidelines. The urgency for this action is in anticipation of the rapidly approaching arrival of 100 F-35C jet fighters to their designated home base at NAS Lemoore. The reason that the ALUC has taken this action is related to Federal and State law which gives the Commissioners authority to advise local jurisdictions and the general public of safety and noise related compatibility land uses on and around civilian and military airports and heliports. It is important to note that while most of NAS Lemoore is located in neighboring Kings County; the western portion, including strategic portions of the runway are located in Fresno County; therefore, land uses around those areas are subject to Fresno County local land use authority and the statutes empowering the ALUC of Fresno County.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011 a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) was funded by the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment. This effort was completed as the culmination of collaboration between Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) NAS Lemoore and stakeholders from the adjacent counties to develop land use planning guidelines for local land use authorities to incorporate into existing or updated land use documents such as general plans and zoning ordinances.

During the February 2, 2015 Regular Session of the ALUC, staff invited Amanda Fagan, JLUS Project Manager for the Department of Defense (DoD), Office of Economic Adjustment, and Marlana Brown, Community Plans Liaison Officer, NAS Lemoore to present information on the JLUS effort and discuss funding opportunities for the ALUC to move forward with recommended JLUS recommended land use planning implementation. Although the presentation was informational, it was a concurrence with previous direction formalized by a vote of unanimous support by the ALUC for staff to move forward with land use planning efforts intended to:

1. Secure funding and allocate ALUC staff time to prepare an RFP for retaining the services of a consultant to assist staff with the activities involved in preparing and adopting a model land use plan for NAS Lemoore that can be used by local land use authorities and ALUCs.
2. Request that Fresno COG act as a lead to coordinate the effort for the model land use planning policy document to be implemented from the JLUS effort.

Action: The ALUC gave direction for staff to request that Fresno COG act as a lead sponsor to implement the land use planning activities between the military and local land use authorities and stakeholders that will result in a model land use planning

Mr. Motta (County) noted that the County had already spent a lot on time on this item and asked that staff bring this item back in March with a presentation explaining the Plan. Ms. Fawcett (FCOG) noted that the item was pulled for discussion by the County at the TTC meeting as well. Staff will meet with the County regarding the presentation.

This was an information item.

Following the explanation, a motion was made by Mr. Elias (Fowler) and seconded by Mr. Motta (County) to recommend approval of the Transportation Consent Items. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2015-16 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget (OWP) [Boren] [INITIATE REVIEW]

Tony Boren, Executive Director, presented this item, noting that a memorandum highlighting the changes in the FY 2015-16 OWP was included in the meeting package. Mr. Boren briefly covered the memo. The Draft FY2 2015-16 Draft Overall Work Program is available on our website at

[http://www.fresnocog.org/sites/default/files/publications/OWP/FY 2015 16 Draft OWP and Budget.pdf](http://www.fresnocog.org/sites/default/files/publications/OWP/FY_2015_16_Draft_OWP_and_Budget.pdf)

The Committee concurred with initiating review of the FY 2015-16 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget with adoption scheduled for May 28, 2015.

B. I-5/Hwy 99 Goods Movement Study [Terry] [INFORMATION]

Rob Terry (FCOG) presented this item. Recognizing the importance of goods movement to the region, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and Caltrans commissioned the San Joaquin Valley (SVJ) Interregional Goods Movement Plan (Plan) completed in 2013. The Plan built upon recent traffic, logistics, and long-term infrastructure improvement planning efforts throughout the region. Building on these prior efforts and new analysis, the Plan developed a comprehensive list of prioritized multi-modal projects, strategic programs, and policies to guide future goods movement investments and policy. The Plan concludes with a discussion of funding and implementation strategies so the SVJ Regional Planning Agencies can move forward with next steps to realize the vision embodied in the Plan <http://sjvcogs.org/goods.html>. The Plan proposes four projects along the I-5 and seven projects along SR-99 to increase capacity; as well as numerous others throughout the I-5 and SR-99 corridor's providing important East-West as well as parallel capacity.

Mr. Terry noted that Caltrans has identified \$550,000 from the Public Engagement and Emerging Priorities Branch of the Office of Sustainable Community Planning to move the planning implementation efforts forward. The money comes from the State Highway Account and there is no match requirement. Staff has had discussion with the Office of Sustainable Community Planning and determined Fresno COG will implement the study on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley COGs. Presently we are in the process of developing a Request for Proposals (RFP). A description of the project is included as an exhibit.

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

C. Road User Charge [Garza] [INFORMATION]

Mr. Boren reported that on September 29, 2014, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1077 (DeSaulnier, Road Usage Charge Pilot Program) mandating the California Transportation Commission Chair, in consultation with the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Secretary, to create a 15-member Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee (Committee) to study road usage charge alternatives to the gas tax and to make recommendations on the design of a pilot program. Per SB 1077, CalSTA must implement a road usage charge pilot program by January 1, 2017 based on the recommendations of the Committee and submit to the Legislature, the Committee, and the Commission, a report of its findings by June 30, 2018.

Pursuant to SB 1077, the 15-member committee must include representation from the following areas:

- Telecommunications Industry
- Highway User Groups
- Data Security and Privacy Industry
- Privacy Rights Advocacy Organizations
- Regional Transportation Agencies
- National Research and Policymaking Bodies
- Members of the Legislature

- Other relevant stakeholders as determined by the Chair

The Committee will meet, on a minimum, once a month and held their first meeting on January 23, 2015 in Sacramento. Mayor Robert Poythress of Madera was selected by CalSTA to sit on the Advisory Committee and he accepted to be a member representing the Regional Transportation Agencies. Mayor Poythress is currently the Chair of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council. Detailed information is available on the new Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee website located at http://www.catc.ca.gov/meetings/Committees/Road_Charge/Road_Charge.html.

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

D. 2014 Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment [Garza] [INFORMATION]

Mr. Boren went on to report that the 2014 California Local Streets & Roads Needs Assessment (Needs Assessment) is a culmination of the original assessment in 2008 and subsequent 2010 and 2012 updates. The Needs Assessment addresses the conditions of local streets and roads, and identifies the required rehabilitation and maintenance costs for the next decade, identifies essential components (such as safety, traffic and regulatory), and recognizes the funding shortfall and the impacts of different funding scenarios. The *2014 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment* report was released in October of 2014. The goal of the report is to educate the public, and policy/decision-makers at all levels of government about the infrastructure investments needed to provide California with a seamless, safe, and efficient multi-modal transportation system. The report illustrates the future funding requirements for California's local streets, bridges, sidewalks and other essential transportation components. The findings provide data and evidence to inform solutions to address our critical infrastructure needs and the economic and public safety impacts of delaying local street and road maintenance.

For a complete summary of this item, please see the February 13, 2015 Annotated Agenda. A fact sheet and presentation outlining the findings of the 2014 California Local Streets & Roads Needs Assessment was include as an exhibit to this item on the agenda. The full report can be downloaded at www.savecaliforniastreet.org.

Please note: This report does not include state highways, Caltrans has a similar report for the state's highways. It is located at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/SHOPP/prior_shopp_documents/10yr_SHOPP_Plan/2013_Ten_Year_SHOPP_Plan.pdf

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

E. Legislative Alert: Speaker's \$10 Billion Transportation Funding Proposal {Boren} [INFORMATION]

Mr. Boren reported on this item. On February 12th, Speaker Atkins introduced a \$10 billion, five year funding package for road and transportation infrastructure investment while speaking at the California Transportation Foundation Leadership Forum. For a complete summary of this item, please see the February 13, 2015 Annotated Agenda.

Mr. Boren briefly discussed the major points of the proposal. Staff will report back to the Committees as more information becomes available.

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

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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A. Monthly Legislative Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]

B. SJV Regional Policy Council Update [Boren] [INFORMATION]

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A motion was made by Mr. Haddix (Sanger) and seconded by Ms. Zieba (Reedley) to recommend approval of the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2014/15 OWP Amendment #3 – I-5/SR 99 Freight Study [Beshears] [APPROVE]

Les Beshears, Finance Director, reported that the Valley COG directors have been discussing a freight movement study on SR 99 and I-5 with Caltrans. Caltrans has identified \$550,000 from the Public Engagement and Emerging Priorities Branch of the Office of Sustainable Community Planning. The money comes from the State Highway account so there is no match requirement. Staff has had discussion with the Office of Sustainable Community Planning and determined Fresno COG will implement the study on behalf of the Valley COGs. Presently staff is in the process of developing a Request for Proposals (RFP). A description of the project was included as an exhibit to the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. McDonald (Firebaugh) and seconded by Ms. Zieba (Reedley) to recommend approval of 2014/15 Overall Work Program Amendment #3 increasing the budget \$550,000. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

1. Cap and Trade Update

Mr. Terry reminded everyone of the upcoming deadline for submitting applications. Mr. Terry asked that the member agencies contact him if they need assistance.

B. Items from Members

Mr. Rudd (Fresno) asked to have a Water Item on the agenda for next month to discuss long term implications of the drought. After a short discussion, it was decided that they members would meet immediately following the PAC meeting in March to discuss and invite speakers to make presentations. Mr. Rudd will contact speakers.

There was a short discussion of the Freeway 41/99 Study. Mr. Terry noted that staff is revisiting the scope of the study to include the River Crossing. This item will be brought back through the Committees.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

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

There were no public presentations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director

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Others Attending:

Moses Stites, FCRTA

Steven Son, Fresno County

David Padilla, Caltrans

Fresno COG:

Tony Boren

Les Beshears

Rob Terry

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