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Fresno COG Policy Board

Executive Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2015

Time: 5:30 PM

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

Members Attending: Mayor Nathan Magsig, City of Clovis

Mayor Ron Ramsey, City of Coalinga Mayor Craig Knight, City of Firebaugh Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler

Councilmember Clinton Olivier, City of Fresno

Mayor Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron
Mayor Stephen Hill, City of Kerman
Mayor Chet Reilly, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Councilmember Robert Beck, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin

Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno

Gail Miller, Caltrans

Arthur Wille, Legal Counsel Tony Boren, Executive Director

Absent: Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota

Mayor Pro Tem Raul Villanueva, City of Parlier

Mayor Joshua Mitchell, City of Sanger

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 13 members present representing 94.72% of the population and there was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Reedley, San Joaquin, Selma and Fresno County)

Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. following the Fresno County Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Agency meeting.

Fresno COG Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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- A. FY 2015-16 Transportation Funding Claims [Fawcett] [APPROVE]
- B. Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) [Long] [APPROVE]
- C. FCMA Public Transportation Strategic Service Evaluation [Downs] [APPROVE]
- D. Approval of the 2015 FTA Section 5310 Program of Projects (POP) [Arnest] [APPROVE]
- E. MAP-21 [Boren/Garza] [INFORMATION]
- F. Caltrans Obligational Authority Delivery Report [Chargin] [INFORMATION]
- G. Fresno COG Regional Competitive Active Transportation Program Call for Projects [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- H. California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting Update [Boren] [INFORMATION]
- I. California Road Charge Pilot Program-Exploring an Option for Replacing California's Gas Tax [Garza/Boren] [INFORMATION]
- J. I- 5/SR-99 Goods Movement Study [Terry] [INFORMATION]
- K. Cap and Trade Update [Terry] [INFORMATION]
- L. Ag Mitigation Update [Terry] [INFORMATION]
- M. Prop 84/Greenprint Update [Terry] [INFORMATION]
- N. Funding Available for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations-Infrastructure [Dawson] [INFORMATION]
- O. FHWA's Bicycle-Pedestrian Count Technology Pilot Program Update [Han] [INFORMATION]
- P. Monthly Grant/Call for Project Reminders [Chargin] [INFORMATION]

For a complete summary of these items, please see the June 25, 2015 Annotated Agenda.

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

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. <u>PUBLIC HEARING - SR 198 Corridor Preservation and Improvement Strategic Plan Public Outreach - Hatch Mott MacDonald [INFORMATION]</u>

Richard Darres, Shruti Malik and Jason Moody made a brief presentation. The April agenda provided an update on the development of the SR 198 Corridor Preservation and Improvement Strategic Plan. As previously noted, the intent of this plan is to establish up to date transportation data for the corridor through Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties; to establish performance measure criteria by which to evaluate future projects on the corridor; and to apply the measures to candidate projects recommended to provide operational and safety improvements to the corridor as interim steps leading to the ultimate design as recommended by the SR 198 Corridor Systems Management Plan (CSMP), the San Joaquin Valley Good Movement Plan (SJVGMP), the National Highway Performance Program and the National Freight Policy Goals as outlined in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) legislation. The Plan will also evaluate the economic development benefits that would result from recommended improvements. The consultant responsible for this project is Hatch Mott MacDonald and

as part of the Outreach Plan and Community Workshops requirements, they have held several Public Meetings with the first one being in the City of Huron and the second one in Lemoore during the month of May. The remaining public meeting was held during the June Policy Board meeting.

The purpose of the public meetings is to provide an overview of the project scope/schedule, context of the Plan, economic overview (socioeconomic growth trends and agricultural/food processing trends); and Goods Movement overview relating to, current and future truck traffic forecasts, regional economy, goods movement customers/suppliers, and objectives of corridor improvements. A corridor analysis was provided, including Base Year information for non-drought and non-recession conditions, future traffic forecasts, roadway capacity analysis, accident analysis and roadway improvement recommendations. The presentation included information on the ultimate goal and configuration of the Plan including performance measures and metrics.

There was a brief discussion regarding need for passing lanes, fog/dust storm markers and 198/269 aqueduct signal. Mayor Knight (Firebaugh) asked how roundabouts are working in the rural areas.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing.

Patrick Smith, Harris Ranch briefly commented on safety concerns.

There being no other comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

B. <u>PUBLIC HEARING - Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CSTA)</u> Operations Program & Budget Resolution 2015-19 [Joseph - FEOC] [APPROVE]

Gary Joseph (Fresno EOC) presented this item. The Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB), FY 2015-16 for the Fresno Urban and Rural CTSA is available on the Fresno COG website at: http://fresnocog.org. The document is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies will be providing service over the next fiscal year. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) began their review of the document on April 21, 2015 and initiated the 45 day review process.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Councilmember Beck (Reedley) to approve the document by adoption of Resolution 2015-19. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. <u>PUBLIC HEARING - Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CSTA) FY 2015-16</u> <u>Operations Program & Budget Resolution 2015-18 [Halterman] [APPROVE]</u>

Shonna Halterman (City of Clovis) presented this item. The Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB) FY 2015-16 for the Clovis Urban Area is designed to provide an overview of how and in what manner the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency will provide service over the next fiscal year. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) began their review of the document on April 21, 2015 and initiated the 45 day review

process. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget FY 2015-16 for the Clovis Urban Area document is available on the Fresno COG website at: http://fresnocog.org.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Magsig (Clovis) noted that this was approved by the City of Clovis on June 15th.

A motion was made by Mayor Magsig (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to approve the document by adoption of Resolution 2015-18. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. <u>PUBLIC HEARING - Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area - Resolution 2015-17</u> [Long] [APPROVE]

Jeff Long (FCOG/FAX) presented this item. The Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the Fresno-Clovis Urbanized Area is the bi-annual update to the operating plan and capital programs for Fresno Area Express FAX and Clovis Transit. The purpose of this Plan is to promote a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous planning process for transit service in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA). This Plan represents a short-range evaluation of transit needs and proposes specific recommendations for implementing the long-range objectives of Fresno County's Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will guide the provision of transit services in the FCMA over the next five years. The Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) began their review of the document on April 21, 2015 and initiated the 45 day review process. The SRTP is available on the Fresno COG website at: http://fresnocog.org.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Mayor Ramsey (Coalinga) to approve the document by adoption of Resolution 2015-17. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

E. <u>PUBLIC HEARING - 2016-2020 Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area – Fresno COG Resolution 2015-22 [Stites] [APPROVE]</u>

Moses Stites, FCRTA General Manager, presented this item. The Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2016-20 addresses public transportation for the cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and the County of Fresno. The Plan provides a five-year, action-oriented program designed to implement the Public Transportation Element of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will also provide a basis for local governments to demonstrate that public transportation needs within their jurisdiction have been, and may continue to be, reasonably met. The SRTP 45 day review process was initiated on May 15, 2015 by the TTC/PAC. A copy of the draft Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2016-20 is available on the Fresno COG website at: http://fresnocog.org.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Beck (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to approve Fresno COG Resolution 2015-22 adopting the Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area, 2016-20. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

F. PUBLIC HEARING - Unmet Transit Needs Report Resolution 2015-16 [Long] [APPROVE]

Jeff Long (FCOG/FAX) presented this item noting that the Fresno COG Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in Fiscal Year 2015-16 prior to approving claims of Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads. The Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins the process of soliciting comments from the public by sending approximately 400 letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County. The request for comments letters, English and Spanish, were sent on February 7, 2015.

In addition to the request for written comments, SSTAC held three information-gathering meetings.

The first outreach meeting was held in the City of Huron, on February 17, 2015, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 36311 Lassen Ave., Huron, CA 93234. The meeting location was set to facilitate comments from the residents of Western Fresno county including: Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, San Joaquin, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting time was set for 5:30 p.m. No comments were received.

The second meeting was held in the City of Clovis on February 18, 2015 in the Clovis Senior Activity Center at 850 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612. The location was selected to facilitate comments from the residents of the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA) and surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting time was 5:30 p.m. No comments were received.

The final outreach meeting was held in the City of Selma, on February 19, 2015, in the City Council Chambers at 1710 Tucker Street, Selma, CA 93662. The meeting location was set to facilitate comments from the residents of Eastern Fresno county including: Fowler, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, and the surrounding unincorporated communities. The meeting time was set for 5:30 p.m. One comment was received regarding staffing on the intercity bus passing through Selma in route to the City of Fresno. Gary Joseph, FEOC Manager and operator of this service responded to the inquiry. This issued was not related to Unmet Needs.

The SSTAC Chairman received two (2) letters and one (1) email regarding perceived "Unmet Transit Needs". Copies of the actual letters and Staff response are attached to this Report. They are summarized as follows:

- 1. The first comment letter was from the County of Fresno Public Works Department, concerning service in the southeast part of Fresno.
- 2. The second comment email came from Mr. David F. Rodriguez, Senior Deputy County Counsel, regarding service to the Juvenile Justice Campus.

3. The final comment letter came from Mr. Tom Gaffery from Fresno State University, concerning service in the area of the University and El Dorado Park.

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

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mayor Hill (Kerman) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to approve Resolution 2015-16 making the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

G. <u>PUBLIC HEARING - Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Report - Resolution 2015-15</u> [Beshears] [APPROVE]

Les Beshears, FCOG Finance Director, reported that the U.S. Department of Transportation, pursuant to revisions to 49 CFR Part 26, issued rules affecting the implementation and management of the Departments Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program requiring a three year goal setting methodology. The three year goal for the period 2015-16 through 2017-18 will be updated annually to reflect adjustments in participation rates. The federal guidance also encourages DBE goals to be met with Race Neutral methodology however requires recipients to do a study to identify evidence of discrimination. A study by Caltrans may be used.

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

Fresno COG staff mailed a notice to our entire consulting database advising them of the requirements and requesting updates to their DBE status. The result of their response has been tabulated and our database now has 313 companies of which one is African American, seven are Asian Pacific American, two are Native American, twenty four are women, ten are Hispanic Male, three are Subcontinent Asian Male and 2 are Other, reflecting a 15.65% over all anticipated DBE Participation Level.

A public notice was placed in the Fresno Bee on May 20, 2015, noticing this public hearing and inviting interested parties of the Fresno Council of Governments DBE program to the public hearing on June 25, 2015.

The 2015/16 Overall work program and budget identifies \$1,145,000 in contracting opportunities that will be subject to procurement during the fiscal year.

During the 2014/15 fiscal year we did 11 procurements totaling \$1,013,146. Overall DBE participation was \$110,000 or 10.86 %.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Beck (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to approve Resolution 2015-15 adopting Fresno COG's 2015-16 through 2017-18 Annual Anticipated DBE Participation Level at 15.65%. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

H. Scope of Work for Needs Assessment Program [Cai] [APPROVE]

Kristine Cai (FCOG) presented this item, noting that in May of 2014, the Fresno COG Policy Board directed COG staff to work on three Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) implementation programs: Needs Assessment, Sustainable Planning and Infrastructure Grant Program and Agriculture Mitigation program. The mission of the Needs Assessment program was to conduct a county-wide transportation needs assessment and evaluate such needs in Fresno County's disadvantaged communities.

Launched in November 2014, the Needs Assessment Committee, which consisted of staff members from the cities and the County as well as representatives of community groups, went through 6 months of intensive discussion and debate about what is desired and what can be realistically achieved through the Needs Assessment program. Under the leadership of the City of Clovis Council member Lynne Ashbeck, the Needs Assessment Committee developed a definition for "Disadvantaged Communities" in Fresno County, and reached consensus on the scope of work for the Needs Assessment program. The following is a summary of the scope recommended by the Needs Assessment Committee:

- 1. Collect ADA (or sidewalk) plans and bike plans from the cities and the County
- 2. Build an inventory of existing sidewalks and bike/trail facility based on the data/plans from the cities and the County; create a GIS database for planned bike & pedestrian facilities
- 3. For cities or jurisdictions that do not have such existing data, contract with Fresno State's Community and Regional Planning Center(CRPC) to fill the data gap using Google Earth
- 4. Overlay the sidewalk/bike inventory maps with transit stops
- 5. Collect health related data, and overlay the health data map with sidewalk, bike/trail and transit stop maps
- 6. Overlay sidewalk, bike/trail and transit stop maps with the Disadvantaged Communities map
- 7. Contract with a consulting firm to conduct:
- A regional gap analysis for bike and trail facilities (sidewalk is not included in the analysis because sidewalks are considered local)
- A transportation connectivity/accessibility analysis for 10 major regional facilities that provide basic services to the public. All modes (roads and streets, transit, bike/ped) are included in this analysis

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Magsig (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to approve the scope of work for the Needs Assessment program. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

I. <u>Local Labor Hiring Process Pilot Program [Chargin/Garza] [INFORMATION]</u>

Lindsey Chargin (FCOG) presented this item. On March 3, 2015, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced a proposal for a new pilot program that will explore new ways to make it easier for states and cities to promote the hiring of local residents to work on local transportation construction projects. A March 6, 2015 Federal Register Notice formally announced that the Federal Highway

Administration and the Federal Transit Administration are conducting a "Contracting Initiative" pilot program that will allow recipients and subrecipients to utilize social and/or economic contracting requirements (such as a local or other geographic labor hiring preferences, economic-based labor hiring preferences-for example low-income workers, and veteran's labor hiring preferences) to evaluate the impacts to the competitive bidding process. Also, on March 6, 2015, the USDOT published a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to propose amending the USDOT's adoption of the Common Grant Rule to permit all recipients and sub-recipients to utilize geographic hiring provisions for labor on DOT-assisted projects when such use is otherwise consistent with applicable statutory authority.

For FHWA, the year-long pilot is proposed as an experiment under FHWA's "Special Experimental Project No. 14 (SEP-14) provisions made possible by Congress to allow the agencies leeway in finding new and more effective means of building, maintaining and managing federal transportation projects. Any project funded by FHWA or FTA can be considered for the pilot program. This includes construction projects, as well as rolling stock procurements. This one-year period is for contracts that will be advertised during the pilot period. Reference:

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/cgit/sep14local.cfm

A webinar was offered on Monday May 4th and June 18th focusing on local agency issues; however, the information and material that FHWA presents will be very similar to that used on May 4th. A recording from the May 4, 2015 is available through the following link: <u>FHWA's Local Hiring Preference Pilot Program Webinar Recording.</u>

Agency staff from any public transportation agency, including local agencies who are involved in the Federal-aid Highway program and have an interest in using local, economic, or veterans labor hiring preference provisions are encouraged to register for the webinar at the following link: https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=637. A copy of the webinar is available and a link will be provided on the https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=637. A copy of the Webinar is available and a link will be provided on the https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=637. A copy of the Webinar is available and a link will be provided on the https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=637. A copy of the Webinar is available and a link will be provided on the https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=637. A copy of the Webinar is available and a link will be provided on the https://collaboration.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=637.

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) asked questions regarding when the program started and where to apply. Mr. Boren noted that this a one-year pilot program. Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) also commented.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board. Please contact Lindsey Chargin or Melissa Garza will any questions.

J. <u>Caltrans Report [Caltrans] [INFORMATION]</u>

Gail Miller, Caltrans, gave an update on current Caltrans activities. The Quarterly Update was included. The link to Mile Marker is: <u>The Mile Marker: A Caltrans Performance Report.</u>

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

Fresno COG Sitting as the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board

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

A motion was made by Mayor Chavez (Huron) and seconded by Mayor Knight (Firebaugh) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

QUORUM: 6:38 pm Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) left the meeting. There were 12 members present representing 94.30% of the population.

Mayor Cardenas (Fowler), Vice Chair, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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- A. Executive Minutes of May 28, 2015 [APPROVE]
- B. Contracts [Beshears] [APPROVE]
- C. Monthly Legislative Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- D. Regional Clearinghouse [Arnest] [APPROVE]

For a complete summary of these items, please see the June 25, 2015 Annotated Agenda.

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

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

A. Senate Bill 16 [Boren] [INFORMATION]

Tony Boren, Executive Director noted that Senate Bill 16, authored by Senator Jim Beall of San Jose is an urgency bill that would increase several taxes and fees to raise roughly \$3.5 billion in new transportation revenues annually for five years with the funding used to address deferred maintenance on the state highways and local streets and roads. Specifically, this bill imposes the following:

- 1. A \$0.10 per gallon excise tax on gasoline
- 2. A \$0.12 per gallon excise tax on diesel
- 3. An increase in vehicle license fees and registration fees for five years
 - 1. VLF: for non-commercial vehicles, 0.07% each year so that the VLF is 1.00% by July 1, 2019; and
 - 2. VRF: \$35 per vehicle plus an additional \$100 for zero-emission vehicles.

Existing law imposes state taxes and fees related to transportation as follows:

- 1. Gasoline excise tax: \$0.36/gallon;
- 2. Diesel excise tax: \$0.11/gallon;
- 3. Diesel sales tax: \$0.27/gallon;
- 4. Vehicle license fee (VLF): 0.65% of market value;
- 5. Vehicle registration fee (VRF): \$43 per vehicle; and
- 6. Weight fees, for commercial vehicles only, up to a maximum amount of \$2,271

If passed, the new funds would be allocated by formula to both state and local projects. However, there is an incentive for non-self-help counties to pass sales tax measures by including a set-aside of 5% of the funds for counties that pass local sales and use taxes for transportation purposes, and which have not previously passed such taxes. The remainder is split 50/50 between state and local projects. The local project funding is allocated pursuant to an existing statutory formula where 50% goes to cities based on population and 50% goes to counties based on a combination of the number of registered vehicles and the miles of county roads. This bill would also redirect truck weight fees from the General Fund to road maintenance purposes, phased in over five years. Though this would be a loss to the General Fund, it would be backfilled by the VLF increase.

The road maintenance program established by this bill would sunset at the end of Fiscal Year 2019-20. If the Legislature does not reauthorize the program beyond that fiscal year, then the increases in the gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and the \$35 increase in the vehicle registration fee would terminate.

FCOG previously reported that in February, the Speaker of the Assembly announced her plan to increase transportation funding by \$2 billion annually by establishing a road user charge or a flat annual fee for access to the road system, returning weight fees to transportation purposes, and accelerating the repayment of transportation loans. A bill to enact that proposal has not yet been introduced.

Senate Bill 16 has passed the Senate Appropriations Committee but still requires a two-thirds majority vote by the Senate and Assembly.

Following a brief discussion, staff was directed to bring back the item in July for support.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Mr. Boren asked the Board to Save the Date – October 14th for Fresno COG Transportation Forum.

Mr. Boren introduced Muyi Zhou, traffic modeler for FCOG.

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

None

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. <u>PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS</u>

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

There were no public presentations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Boren Executive Director

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Others Attending: Georgiena Vivian, VRPA Omar Mostafa, Caltrans Shruti Malik, HMM Margo Lerwill, Fresno EDC Brittany Watson, Senator Vidak's office Patrick Smith, Harris Ranch Bruce Johnson, County Counsel Jason Moody, EPS Richard Darres, HMM Gary Joseph, Fresno EOC Mohammad Alimi, Fresno County Gary Yep, City of Kerman **Charles Luper** Kris Balaji, AECOM Shonna Halterman, City of Fresno Rob Weyant, Fresno EOC Moses Stites, FCRTA

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