

**Fresno COG Policy Board
Executive Minutes**

**Thursday, October 27, 2016
5:30 PM**

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

Members Attending:

Mayor Nathan Magsig, City of Clovis
Mayor Pro Tem Freddy Valdez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
Councilmember Clint Olivier, City of Fresno
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Mayor Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Councilmember Robert Beck, City of Reedley
Mayor Pro Tem Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno

Paul Albert, Caltrans
Arthur Wille, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

Absent:

Mayor Ron Ramsey, City of Coalinga
Mayor Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron
Mayor Pro Tem Raul Cantu, City of Sanger
Mayor Pro Tem Raul Villanueva, City of Parlier

QUORUM: 12 members were present representing 93.40% of the population and there was a quorum to conduct business.

Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin), Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

RECOGNITION: Clark Thompson, Senior Regional Planner Retirement - 22 Years

Recognition of Mr. Thompson on his retirement from the Council of Governments, a token of appreciation was presented to him for his years of service.

Fresno COG Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes September 29, 2016 [APPROVE]
- B. Circuit Planner and Circuit Engineer Report (Rob Terry) [INFORMATION]
- C. FFY 15/16 Obligational Authority Update (Chelsea Gonzales) [INFORMATION]

- D. Greenprint Update (Clark Thompson) [INFORMATION/DISCUSSION]
- E. Cycletracks (Clark Thompson) [INFORMATION]
- F. Transformative Climate Communities (Rob Terry) [INFORMATION]

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yep (Kerman) to approve the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion passed with one abstention from Mayor pro tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) on item A for not being present at the previous meeting.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Measure C Transit Oriented Infrastructure for In-Fill Development Program (TOD) 5-year Review (Kristine Cai)

Ms. Cai (FCOG) provided background information on the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program, which has awarded a total of \$6.1 million in the first five funding cycles from 2012 to 2016, entirely to projects located in the City of Fresno as defined in the current program guidelines. The Board had previously directed that the TOD program guidelines be reviewed after the fifth funding cycle, so that projects outside the program areas may apply.

As detailed in the annotated, the TOD TAC could not reach consensus and no recommendation was made regarding how to proceed with the TOD update. TTC and PAC recommended that the TOD program update move forward without an updated PTIS and that the scoring criteria be revised so that projects from small cities can compete.

Mayor Magsig (Clovis) asked for additional clarification as to the impact to the City of Fresno if a modification were made to open the program to the region.

Ms. Cai (FCOG) explained that under the existing guidelines, only the City of Fresno currently meets the minimum density threshold and is within a half mile of high capacity transit; therefore, the City of Fresno is the only eligible recipient for the funds.

Mayors Robertson (Selma), Mayor Silva (Mendota) and Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) expressed their support for the TTC and PAC's recommendation to modify the program guidelines, and open the funding to all cities to participate and completely fairly.

Councilmember Olivier (Fresno City) stated that the population and density needed for transit oriented development is in the urban core, and that the program guidelines should not change.

Mayor Cardenas (Fowler), Mayor Pro Tem Yep (Kerman), Supervisor Perea (Fresno County) also expressed support to open up the program.

Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) asked if there are other criteria's for TOD that could help smaller cities compete for these funds. Ms. Cai (FCOG) stated that there are several examples of programs that have different funding categories based on place types, and/or consider rural fixed routes as eligible transit development opportunities that could be used as a model.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Yep (Kerman) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to update the Transit Oriented Infrastructure (TOD) guidelines without PTIS Update and revise the criteria in the existing program guidelines. A vote was called for and the motion passed with Councilmember Olivier (Fresno City) voting no.

B. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Funding Recommendations (Rob Terry)

Mr. Terry (FCOG) presented via teleconference reporting that the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) accepted their staff's funding recommendations, including (1) City of Fresno - South Stadium Phase I TOD at \$5,738,730; and (2) Cesar Chavez Foundation - Kings Canyon Connectivity Project at \$15,579,426. Between the two projects, the funding total is \$21,318,156. Additional details regarding valley-wide success was also presented. Round 3 of the funding will be forthcoming.

This is an informational item, no further action was required.

C. CALENVIROSCREEN 3.0 (Kristine Cai) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has released a draft version of CalEnviroScreen (CES) 3.0, which is a mapping tool that helps identify California communities that are most affected by pollution, and where people are often especially vulnerable to pollution's effects. Ms. Cai (FCOG) provided a brief analysis of census tracts that had major changes. Some of the changes are due to the definition changes, new or more recent data, improvements in indicator calculations, and two new indicators were added. Several state funding programs use the 25% threshold under the existing CalEnviroScreen 2.0, which was set by the CES.

This item was informational only and required no further action.

D. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Update

1. RTP Roundtable kick-off meeting scheduled for October 20, 2016 (Rob Terry) [INFORMATION]

Mr. Terry (FCOG) reported on this item. Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2042 charts a long-term course into the future of the Fresno County Region's transportation systems. The plan addresses greenhouse gas emissions reductions, outlining needs, goals and systems that are planned sustainably, with purpose and direction.

The RTP Roundtable was formed to help advise and steer the update process. The RTP Roundtable held their first meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. COG staff provided a verbal report to the Policy Board regarding the Roundtable meeting discussions. The next meeting will be held on November 30th and going forward will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm starting in January.

This item was informational only and required no further action.

2. RTP Roundtable - Remaining Vacancies (Rob Terry) [INFORMATION]

Mr. Terry (FCOG) stated that the Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable is developed to support Fresno COG staff and COG standing committees in their development and preparation of the 2018 RTP and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). It is vital to the success of the process that the RTP Roundtable help to generate consensus about the plan based upon the input of an informed and active local constituency. She reminded the committee that there are still several vacancies on the RTP roundtable, specifically for Agriculture, Goods Movement, Banking, Finance or Real Estate, Tribal Governments and Affordable Housing. Staff is seeking any recommendations for potential roundtable members for the above listed categories.

This is an informational item, no further action was required.

3. 2016 California Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines Update (Kristine Cai) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that the State has launched a comprehensive process to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Guidelines. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is overseeing the update process and the Commission is scheduled to adopt the final 2016 RTP Guidelines in December 2016. Besides incorporating the recent legislative changes, the 2016 RTP Guideline update will also reflect the latest advances in the practice of long range transportation planning, including, but not limited to, improvement in the areas of modeling, public health, and other areas that may impact the regional transportation plan. The 2016 RTP Guidelines when adopted by CTC in December will be applicable to Fresno COG's 2018 RTP/SCS. Fresno COG staff is monitoring the update process closely.

This is an informational item, no further action was required.

E. Caltrans Report (Paul Albert)

Mr. Albert (Caltrans) gave a verbal report on the progress and closures of SR 99 realignment in preparation for High Speed Rail.

Fresno COG Sitting as the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board

REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Supervisor Henry Perea (County) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to approve Reaffirm all Actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

A. Monthly Legislative Update (Brenda Veenendaal) [INFORMATION]

A motion was made by Councilmember Beck (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yep (Kerman) to approve the Administrative Consent Items. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. "Fresno Works" Request for Reaffirmation of Fresno COG Policy Board's Support for High Speed Rail (Tony Boren) [APPROVE]

Mr. Boren (FCOG) stated that "Fresno Works" coalition is requesting the Fresno COG Policy Board reaffirm its support for the California High-Speed Rail Project. The request is based on the general consensus of those closely following the progress of the project, that the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) will likely be making a decision on the location of the Heavy Maintenance Facility (HMF) within approximately 4-6 months. With that in mind, the "Fresno Works" coalition believes that a resolution of support from the Fresno COG Policy Board would send a strong signal that the Fresno region is fully behind the project, which would strongly bolster our region's chances of being awarded the facility.

Councilmember Olivier (Fresno City) requested the board wait until the next meeting to vote on this item, he stated that although the City of Fresno has taken the position to support the High Speed Rail Project, he cannot personally support the project.

After a motion was made by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to adopt a Resolution of Support 2016-35 for the California High Speed Rail Project. A vote was called for and the motion

passed. Councilmember Olivier (Fresno) request that the minutes reflect that that his “he personally objects to the High Speed Rail project but his vote “Yes” for this resolution is on behalf of the City of Fresno”.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Mr. Boren (FCOG) announced that the next meeting would be November 17, 2016 and that the dinner was provided by Uncle Harry's Classic Meals, Reedley.

Mr. Boren (FCOG) also informed the Board of there is a cake in honor of the \$34.66 million STIP funding that was recently re-awarded to the SR 180 project.

B. Items from Members

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) informed the Board that he gave a tour of to several state official of location for Temperance Flat, and the JPA continues to strongly advocate for this project.

VII. 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. Note: Prior to action by the Board on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.

There were not public presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a faint, dotted rectangular box.

Tony Boren, Executive Director

Staff

Tony Boren
Stephanie Maxwell
Rob Terry
Kristine Cai
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