

Fresno COG Policy Board

Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 2017

5:30 PM

Members Attending:

Councilmember Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis
Mayor Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Mayor Brady Jenkins, City of Firebaugh
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
Mayor Rey León, City of Huron
Mayor Rhonda Armstrong, City of Kerman
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Blayney, City of Kingsburg
Councilmember 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 Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Michael Derr, City of Selma
Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno

David Padilla, Caltrans
Arthur Wille, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

Absent:

Mayor Lee Brand, City of Fresno
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 12 members representing 43.51% of the population, there was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma, Fresno County).

Meeting was called to order at 5:32PM by Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal, Chair.

SITTING AS THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

A. Action Summary Minutes of January 26, 2017 [APPROVE]

Approve action summary minutes of January 26, 2017.

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove), seconded by Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis) to approve the action summary minutes as presented. A vote was called for and the motion passed. Members Beck (Reedley), Blayney (Kingsburg) and Silva (Mendota) abstain.

B. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Appointment [APPROVE]

Appoint one (1) Member to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), term effective May 1, 2017, replacing Robert Silva, whose term will expire May 1, 2017. The new term to expire May 3, 2021.

Nominations were opened. A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) to appoint Councilmember Silva. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Transportation Authority Westside Appointment [APPROVE]

Appoint one (1) Westside Member to the Transportation Authority, term effective June 30, 2017, replacing Amarpreet Dhaliwal, whose term will expire June 30, 2017. The new term to expire June 30, 2019.

Nominations were opened. A motion was made by Councilmember Silva (Mendota), seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. Adopt Fresno County City Selection Committee Bylaws [APPROVE]

Adopt Fresno County City Selection Committee Bylaws.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis), seconded by Councilmember Blayney (Kingsburg) to adopt the Fresno County City Selection Committee Bylaws. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

E. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for person desiring to address the City Selection Committee on any matter the committee has jurisdiction over which is not on this agenda.

No public presentations were made.

F. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:36PM.

The City of Fowler and Kerman enter.

Quorum: There were 14 members representing 45.57% of the population, there was a quorum to conduct business.

FRESNO COG SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of March 17, 2017 [APPROVE]
- B. Transportation Development Act Claims for the City of Fresno (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. FY 2016-2017 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program DRAFT Guidelines (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]
- D. Release of Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Request for Proposal (RFP) (Suzanne Martinez) [INFORMATION]
- E. Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (Suzanne Martinez) [INFORMATION]

- F. Just Transit Grant Funding Awarded to 3 Fresno County Projects (Peggy Arnest) [INFORMATION]
- G. Obligational Authority (Jennifer Soliz) [INFORMATION/DIRECTION]
- H. Proposition 84 (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- I. Unmet Transit Need Update (Jeff Long) [INFORMATION]
- J. Innovative Mobility Service Demonstrations with Zero-Emission Vehicles Grant Program (Peggy Arnest) [INFORMATION]
- K. Low Carbon Transportation Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Investment Car Sharing and Mobility Options Pilot Project (Peggy Arnest)
- L. 2018 Sustainable Communities Strategy Draft Performance Indicators (Kai Han) [INFORMATION]
- M. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]
- N. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Financial Element - 1st Technical Work Group Meeting (Suzanne Martinez) [INFORMATION]
- O. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Policy Element Outline (Jennifer Soliz/Meg Prince) [INFORMATION/DIRECTION]

After an expressed opportunity for public comment a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove), seconded by Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis) to approve the consent calendar as presented. A vote was called and the motion passed. Members Blayney (Kingsburg) and Beck (Reedley) abstain from Item A

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Transportation Funding Update (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]

Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the Governor announced that a Transportation Funding Package has been agreed upon. The package combines the Governor's proposal of \$4.2 billion over the next 10 years and the Senate's proposal of \$6.4 billion over the next 10 years, meeting in the middle to provide \$5.2 billion a year; \$52.4 billion over ten years. A handout was provided outlining the Transportation Funding and Reform Package. Mr. Boren reported on the highlights of the package and amounts that would be allocated to cities if this legislation was approved.

Councilmember Silva (Mendota) asked how soon the cities will receive funding. Mr. Boren (FCOG) responded that the money will be distributed to the cities as the fees are collected. Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) asked about the project the City of Huron is doing to help farmworkers and if any of this money would be able to help the City of Huron with this project. Mr. Boren (FCOG) clarified that what Mayor Lopez was referring to the ride sharing program, Green Raiteros. Mayor Leon (Huron) responded that Green Raiteros is a rural ride sharing for social services and the project is currently in the planning stages. Mr. Boren (FCOG) stated that there is recognition, mainly in the larger urban areas, that they can't build their way out of congestion. An alternative to this is to provide public transit, but despite the investment into public transit, ridership is down. The public has learned to use shared mobility, Uber, Lyft and other ride sharing alternatives, to get to where they need to go faster than using public transit. Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) stated that the cities need to learn and understand this bill and get the best use of funds for our cities.

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

B. Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Update - Consultant Selection (Brenda Veenendaal) [APPROVE]

Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that the Fresno Council of Governments released a request for proposals, seeking an airport consulting firm to update the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for the Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission. Three firms submitted proposals by the February 28, 2017 deadline:

- Mead & Hunt
- Ricondo & Associates
- Coffman Associates

The ALUCP Update Scoring Committee, comprised of Commission members, urban and rural area airport managers and representatives, and Fresno COG staff, interviewed all three firms on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Although all three firms were clearly competent and experienced, the scoring committee unanimously recommended that the ALUCP Update be awarded to Coffman Associates. This recommendation is based upon Coffman's verbal and visual presentations, impressive public outreach experience and proposed development strategy, previous client recommendations and schedule of deliverables.

Following full approval of the award a contract will be executed. The approved timeline indicates that the contract should be signed and executed by May 1, 2017, then forwarded to Caltrans for contract award and full execution by June 15, 2017.

Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis) asked if any of the firms were local. Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) responded that they are not, because of the specialized type of work.

After an expressed opportunity for the public to comment a motion was made by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler), seconded by Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis) to approve the scoring committee's recommendation of Coffman Associates as the consultant for the ALUCP Update and authorize Fresno COG's Executive Director to enter into a contract with Coffman Associates in the amount not to exceed \$300,000, pursuant to Caltrans Aeronautics' contract award and execution by June 30, 2017. A vote was called and the motion passed.

C. Environmental Justice Subcommittee (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]

Ms. Arnest (FCOG) reported that the Environmental Justice (EJ) Subcommittee and its 10 positions were approved by the Policy Board February 25, 2016. This committee will serve as a subcommittee of Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and will meet when Fresno COG staff, the TTC, the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) or the Fresno COG Policy Board request recommendations on items involving EJ populations. They will also meet to assist Fresno COG staff in setting thresholds for EJ Populations for the EJ Report within each Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The subcommittee members would report all advisory actions to the TTC through an EJ Representative. The TTC's recommendations would be referred to the PAC and Fresno COG Policy Board as needed.

The subcommittee will have 10 positions to provide full, diverse and equitable representation from designed EJ populations:

- Local agency urban
- East side local agency rural
- West side local agency rural

- 3 Minority representatives for the following nationalities with the highest population in Fresno County:
 - Hispanic
 - African American
 - Hmong
- 2 Low Income
- Senior (65 or older)
- Persons with disabilities
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FCOG received the following additional applications since April’s TTC/PAC meeting:

Name	Agency	Representing	Email
Frankie Olivares	City of Selma	East-side City	folivares@cityofselma.com
Esther Postiglione	Cultiva La Salud	Hispanic	Esther@CultivaLaSalud.org
Jill Gormley	City of Fresno	Urban City	jill.gormley@fresno.gov
Michael Mendez	Resources for Independence in the Central Valley	Disabled/Senior	mmendez@ricv.org

The following applicants were approved by TTC and PAC at the April 14, 2017 meeting:

Name	Agency	Representing	Email
Amanda Monaco	Leadership Council	Minority & Low-Income	amonaco@leadershipcounsel.org
Mariah Thompson	California Rural Legal Assistance	Minority & Low-Income	mthompson@crla.org
Jennifer Lekumberry	City of Mendota	West-side City	jennifer@cityofmendota.com
LeRoy Candler	Public	African American/Senior	papacandler@yahoo.com

Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis) stated that a stakeholder from the County Public Health Department would bring good input to this subcommittee. Ms. Arnest (FCOG) responded that the County Public Health Department is represented on the Roundtable. Mayor Leon (Huron) asked if the applicant representing the west side city is familiar with farmworker issues. Ms. Arnest (FCOG) responded that the applicant representing the west side city is Jennifer Lekumberry from the City of Mendota. Councilmember Silva (Mendota) affirmed the applicant is a good representative.

After an expressed opportunity for the public to comment a motion was made by Councilmember Silva (Mendota), seconded by Mayor Armstrong (Kerman) to approve the above applicants as members of the EJ Subcommittee and allow FCOG to provide tentative appointments to the EJ Subcommittee, if they are deemed eligible, with the understanding that final confirmation must be approved by the Policy Board. A vote was called and the motion passed.

D. Regional Transportation Plan

1. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Growth Forecast (Seth Scott) [APPROVE]

Mr. Scott (FCOG) reported that Applied Development Economics (ADE), through a contract with Fresno COG, has developed a set of detailed demographic forecasts for the agencies within

Fresno County which extend out to 2050. The demographic forecasts were presented to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roundtable on February 22, 2017. These forecasts will be used to inform the planning assumptions used in the RTP Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and it is staff's hope that they will also be useful in the planning efforts of COG's member agencies. Throughout the development process ADE has worked closely with COG's member agencies for input and feedback. Fresno COG staff is confident that the final product is accurate in regards to both economic trends and local knowledge. Fresno COG 2050 Growth Forecast presentation prepared by ADE was presented to the committee.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Blayney (Kingsburg), seconded by Councilmember Silva (Mendota) to approve ADE's demographic forecast for use in the 2018 RTP/SCS. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

2. 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Community Workshop (Brenda Veenendaal) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG staff hosted a community workshop on April 25, 2017 at Hoover High School regarding the 2018 RTP/SCS development. The purpose of the workshop is to educate the public on the RTP/SCS planning update, and to obtain feedback on the Draft SCS Scenario concepts. FCOG will report to the Board in May the results of the workshop as well as any comments received. There were 87 participants, not including staff, in attendance. Continued outreach is being done online through MetroQuest, May 6-22, 2017.

Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) asked how many people attended the workshop. Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) responded that 87 participants attended. FCOG partnered with Univision and Channel 24/47, interviews and media outreach was done through this partnership. Channel 24/47 put together an advertisement for the workshop. Mayor Leon (Huron) asked if the 87 participants reflected diverse group. Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) responded that because the workshop was held in Central Fresno there was more of an urban representation, but there were some participants from the rural areas. Workshops will be held in the rural communities will be held in June.

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

E. Caltrans Update (CALTRANS) [INFORMATION]

Mr. Padilla (Caltrans) reported on the State Route 99 realignment, Clinton Avenue has been closed since the beginning of April. The contractor is on 6 day work week to maintain the schedule. The graded ramp landscape project continues, west of State Route 180/41 connection. Auberry road roundabout on State Route 168 stated last week. Details on progress will be reported next month. The Kings Canyon Express way was awarded at the beginning of this month. This is a 2-2 ½ year project. There is a delay due to nesting season construction will begin in September. Downtown Fresno aux lane between M Street undercrossing to Tulare Street overcrossing, this project will be ready to list in July, construction should start by end of the year and will include a sound wall.

Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis) asked if there was resolution to the issues raised by residents at Huntington Blvd./State Route 41. Mr. Boren (FCOG) responded that there was a scheduled Caltrans/Measure C project to do a street widening in that area and a sound wall was retrofitted as a part of that project. Councilmember Silva (Mendota) asked about the roundabout in Mendota.

Mr. Boren (FCOG) responded that in a conversation with Gail Miller, Caltrans, Caltrans stated they would like to hold a community meeting in Mendota to discuss and allow the community to ask questions. Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) commented on the roundabout in the City of San Joaquin, it took people some time to get used to, but it is now well perceived. He asked if Caltrans has any statistic studies on safety before and after the roundabout installation. Mayor Armstrong (Kerman) commented on the roundabout in the City of Kerman, initially a lot of complaints were received. Mr. Boren (FCOG) stated that the Kerman roundabout, Caltrans designed and constructed the roundabout. FCOG hired experts to look at the design and make improvements, after it was built. The offer has been extended to the City of Mendota to bring in the same experts, before it is designed and constructed. Mayor Vosburg (Coalinga) asked if Caltrans has general data that show the reduction of problems, serious death, crashes and public perception with regard to roundabouts in California with high traffic and high density. Mayor Derr (Selma) stated that in his experience roundabouts are wonderful for cyclists to be part of the flow of traffic.

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

Fresno COG Sitting as the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board

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

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Silva (Mendota), seconded by Mayor Armstrong (Kerman) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting at the Transportation Policy committee. A vote was called for, and the motion passed.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

A. Monthly Legislative Update [INFORMATION]

After an expressed opportunity for public comment a motion was made by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler), seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to approve the consent calendar as presented. A vote was called and the motion passed.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Conflict of Interest Code Amendment (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Mr. Beshears (FCOG) reported that Board members are required by the Political Reform Act to file annual Form 700 Conflict of Interest (COI) filings with the Fair Political Practices Commission. Fresno COG's existing Joint Powers Agreement provides no formal process for appointing alternates, so seating alternates has always been informal. However, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) recommends that anyone who takes part in the Board's deliberative process should have a Form 700 filing on record. County Counsel has prepared an amendment to our COI Code which will, among other things, add board alternates as a designated filing position. Rather than request every elected Councilmember and Supervisor in Fresno County, who are all potential alternates, file a Form 700, staff recommends each Mayor or Supervisor actively sitting on the Fresno COG, Fresno County Rural Transportation Agency and Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Boards designate an alternate that will sit in their place should they not be able to attend a meeting. If something extraordinary occurs where neither the active Board member nor Alternate

can attend, staff will advise the member who does attend that they should consider filing a Form 700 in case the FPPC happens to monitor our process.

Mayor Derr (Selma) asked if an alternate does not attend any meetings, will there still be need to file. Mr. Beshears (FCOG) responded that yes they would need to file. Filing prior to attending meetings is better than filing after the fact. Mr. Wille (County Counsel) pointed out that the attachment to the agenda did not include PAC members on the list of designated positions. A point of clarification was made that the resolution would include PAC members as designated positions under the amended COI Code. Mayor Pro Tem Blayney (Kingsburg) stated that it is better to disclose too much rather than too little. Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis) asked when filings would be due. Mr. Willie (County Counsel) responded that it will need to go the Board of Supervisors for approval and will take effective once approved. It will most likely go on the Board of Supervisors agenda in June.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis), seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to adopt FCOG Resolution 2017-06 amending the Fresno Council of Governments Conflict of Interest Code. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

**B. San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority Presentation (Mario Santoyo)
[INFORMATION]**

Presentation by San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJVWIA) Executive Director Mario Santoyo.

During the presentation by SJVWIA Executive Director Mario Santoyo on the dealings of the Authority, Mayor Victor Lopez requested Fresno COG Executive Director Tony Boren send correspondence to the member agencies requesting they help the City of Orange Cove defray the current year \$50,000 dues assessment. Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) emphasized this was not a Fresno COG jurisdictional issue and the individual Councils and Board of the respective member agencies would make the decision. Executive Director Mario Santoyo indicated he would meet with Mayor Lopez to compile a letter to be sent out to the agencies explaining the need for the request and this item would come back to the Board in May.

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

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

1. Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that FCOG staff and delegation will be going to Washington, DC for the 2017 One Voice Trip leaving April 29 and returning May 4, 2017.

B. Items from Members

1. Supervisor Quintero (Fresno County) reported that he met with Amtrak to discuss ways to increase ridership. It was suggested that Amtrak start a marketing program, with events happening in member communities and in the national parks. Mr. Quintero suggested to Amtrak connect with Fresno County Tourism to gather list of events.

VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

Adjourn to Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Agency Board at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Boren, Executive Director

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Mario Santoyo, San Joaquin Water Infrastructure Authority

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