

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Minutes****Friday, June 9, 2017****10:00 AM****Members Present**

Luke Serpa, City of Clovis
Jeannie Davis, City of Fowler
James Doughty II, City of Huron
John Kunkel, City of Kerman
Alexander Henderson, City of Kingsburg
Vince DiMaggio, City of Mendota
Ron Manfredi, City of Parlier
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
Bernard Jimenez, County of Fresno
David Padilla, Caltrans
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Mr. Dimaggio (Mendota), Chair.

REQUEST TO ADD URGENCY ITEM TO THE AGENDA (III-A-5.)**ITEM III-A- 5. Consultant Contracts Renewal/Extension – WSP USA**

To add this item a 2/3 vote is required finding that:

- (1) There is a need to take immediate actions; and
- (2) That need for action came to the attention of Fresno COG subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Serpa (Clovis), seconded by Mr. Jimenez (Fresno County) to add Item III-A-5 to the agenda. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

JOINT Transportation Technical Committee/Policy Advisory Committee

1. Caltrans Report (David Padilla) [INFORMATION]

The Auberry Road roundabout phase one has begun. It is mostly night work. It is due to be complete end of August. The Kings Canyon Expressway Segment 3 construction was scheduled to begin in late June, it is now anticipated that construction will not start until August, due to birds in the area.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of May 12, 2017 [APPROVE]
- B. Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (Jeff Long) [APPROVE]
- C. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Transportation Development Act Claim, Resolution 2017-12 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- D. Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) as the Urban Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA), Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Transportation Development Act Claim, Resolution 2017-13 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- E. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) and the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC) as the Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA), Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Transportation Development Act Claim, Resolution 2017-14 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- F. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Goal 2015-16 through 2017-18, Resolution 2017-11, PUBLIC HEARING June 29, 2017 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

- G. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) 2017-18 Annual Budget PUBLIC HEARING June 29, 2017 (Moses Stites) [APPROVE]
- H. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operations Program & Budget, Resolution 2017-17, PUBLIC HEARING June 29, 2017 (Amy Hance) [APPROVE]
- I. Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18, Resolution 2017-18, PUBLIC HEARING June 29, 2017 (Monty Cox) [APPROVE]
- J. Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Short-Range Transit Plan Fiscal Year 2018-2022 - Resolution 2017-20 PUBLIC HEARING June 29, 2017 (Jeff Long) [APPROVE]
- K. Rural Short-Range Transit Plan for Rural Fresno County Fiscal Year 2018-2022 PUBLIC HEARING June 29, 2017 (Moses Stites) [APPROVE]
- L. Unmet Transit Needs Update Resolution 2017-19, PUBLIC HEARING June 29, 2017 (Jeff Long) [APPROVE]
- M. Fresno County Regional Long-Range Transit Plan (Kristine Cai) [INFORMATION]
- N. 2016-2017 Obligational Authority Update (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
- O. California Freight Investment Program (CFIP) Update (Muyi Zhou) [INFORMATION]
- P. Senate Bill 1 Implementation Update (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]
- Q. 2017-18 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) -formerly RSTP Call-for-Projects (Lauren Dawson) [INFORMATION]

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Jimenez (Fresno County), seconded by Mr. Serpa (Clovis) to approve the consent agenda as presented. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Regional Transportation Plan Update (Kristine Cai)

1. Sustainable Communities Strategy Scenario Concept Approval (Seth Scott) [APPROVE]

Mr. Scott (FCOG) reported on the four scenario concepts chosen by the RTP Roundtable for inclusion into the 2018 RTP/SCS. Four scenario concepts were developed by a scenario development subcommittee of the RTP Roundtable, formed after April's meeting by members who expressed interest in being included in the effort. After reviewing the concepts during their May meeting, the Roundtable made modifications to the subcommittee's proposed scenarios and will then recommended them for approval by the Fresno COG Policy Board.

Once approved by TTC/PAC and the Policy Board, COG staff will develop and model the designated scenario concepts. Staff expects to present the modeling results and performance indicators to the Roundtable in October 2017, at which point staff will be asking the Roundtable, TTC and PAC for their respective recommendations in selecting a preferred scenario.

The four scenario concepts are Scenario A representing a baseline scenario. Scenarios B, C and D represent modifications of Scenario A emphasizing particular areas. Scenario B has an emphasis investment on active transportation, Scenario C emphasizes investment in existing small rural communities and Scenario D emphasizes investment maintenance, repair and enhancement of existing streets and roads. It is the goal that each scenario is aligned with the member agencies general plans and will also meet GHG targets.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Manfredi (Parlier), seconded by Mr. Jimenez (Fresno County) to approve the four scenario concepts for official inclusion in the 2018 RTP/SCS modeling process. . A vote was called for and the motion passed.

2. June 2017 Mini Grant Workshop Schedule (Brenda Veenendaal) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG and the seven mini grants recipients will be organizing 15 workshops to be held during the month of June throughout the County. Fresno COG staff is also hosting two workshops during the month to ensure the region is adequately covered. Attached is the finalized workshop schedule with dates, times and locations, as well as the flyer Fresno COG staff is using to help boost attendance for each workshop. We are currently working to update it with RSVP phone numbers and interpretation languages available for each event. The mini grant recipients are responsible to perform their own outreach for the

workshops, but Fresno COG is sending out our flyer to all of our contacts and requesting that each of our member agencies share the workshop information with their boards and councils, as well as their constituents and contacts.

The purpose of this round of workshops is to collect feedback from residents on what projects they would like to see funded and built in and around their communities and to facilitate communication between residents and our member agencies regarding RTP project submittal lists.

Fresno COG hopes each city and the County of Fresno will have staff attend the workshops in their communities to discuss their General and related Specific Plans and projects, and to address any questions that may come up. The format for each workshop is identical. Fresno COG staff's vision for these workshops is as follows:

- Fresno COG staff will give a general overview of Fresno COG's structure, the RTP and SCS, then request demographic information from the attendees using clicker software
- City or County staff will provide a brief presentation on their general plan's vision for their community, etc. and their circulation element
- Fresno COG staff will bring maps of the City's proposed projects from the 2014 RTP for the residents to look at and provide feedback
- Fresno COG is currently developing an online survey using MetroQuest that has a mapping tool for residents to add and comment on projects they would like to see in their communities

Fresno COG staff will compile the feedback collected during these workshops and provide it to each jurisdiction for their consideration.

This item was information only, no further action was required.

3. New Federal Requirement - Safety Performance Target Setting (Lang Yu) [INFORMATION]

Mr. Yu (FCOG) reported that federal transportation bills MAP-21 and FAST Act require MPOs to conduct performance based planning. Performance measures are reflected in different areas, such as safety, bridge and pavement conditions, congestion/system performance and transit state of good repairs. Among them, safety performance is one of the first performance measure areas that need to be included in the Fresno COG 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Future year targets need to be set for each of the five following performance measures:

- Number of fatalities
- Rate of fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel
- Number of serious injuries
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Fresno COG will have the option of following the State of California overall target, which will be announced in late June, or setting our own targets. To support this target setting process, staff has gathered historical collision data in Fresno County from various sources and conducted trend analysis for each of the performance measures.

Fresno COG has organized a safety target subcommittee of the RTP Roundtable. The subcommittee will have an in-depth discussion about the safety performance targets, safety data analysis, target setting options and decide on a recommended target. The recommended targets from the subcommittee will be brought to the RTP Roundtable and then TTC/PAC for approval.

Mr. Boren (FCOG) asked if there was a difference between the west side vs east side with regard to serious injury and fatalities. Mr. Yu (FCOG) responded that a map was created of all the serious injuries and fatalities over the last 5 years, based on location. The trend generally follows population, the metropolitan area is concentrated, the south east cities have a high number and the west side has fewer, but the majority occurred along the Interstate 5 corridor.

This item was information only, no further action was required.

B. MJM Software Solutions Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Measure C Senior Taxi Scrip Program (Brenda Veenendaal) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that following Fresno COG Policy Board approval in November 2015, Fresno COG entered into a contract with MJM Software Solutions to migrate the Measure C Senior Taxi Scrip Program from paper scrip to digital format. The project scope of work included the use of reloadable swipe cards and electronic readers as well as mobile tablets needed by participating taxi cab companies for processing trip payments by senior scrip users. In compliance with the contract requirement, Fresno COG paid MJM \$24,995 to begin implementation and setup of the software required (\$20,000) and for formulation of the online portal system (\$4,995) allowing management of the system by end users.

Shortly thereafter, due to significant changes and legal discussions developing in the taxi industry, Fresno COG requested MJM put a hold on all contracted work. By the end of 2016, the taxi industry's legal discussions had been resolved and discussions with MJM continued. At the request of Fresno COG, MJM submitted a proposal for the development of a smartphone application that would allow taxi cabs to accept taxi scrip debit cards without having to purchase a special reader. This proposal was presented to the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) on March 17, 2017, as an amendment to MJM Software Solutions' previously approved MOU/Contract. The amendment included scope and funding for the development of an Android application, fully compatible with the Android-based system, at a cost of \$55,000 and an iOS application for an additional \$30,000. The TTC recommended approval of the \$85,000 request to develop both applications. The PAC discussed the proposed costs, expressing concern that the applications may not be used by a majority of seniors. Also discussed was the need to consider incorporating Uber and Lyft in our Senior Taxi Scrip program. Fresno COG Executive Director clarified that there is consensus that the program should add Lyft or Uber to the list of available senior scrip options. City of Fresno City Manager Bruce Rudd then stated that the City of Fresno would be willing to participate by providing financial support for a dispatch center to facilitate booking trips with Uber and Lyft for seniors who do not use smartphones. The PAC tabled this item for two months allowing Fresno COG staff time to find solutions that would include working with Uber and Lyft.

For over two years staff has been working to contact both Uber and Lyft to discuss involvement in the program. Lyft has been receptive to working with Fresno COG's Senior Scrip Program, as they do other agencies with similar programs. In a recent comparison of trip prices (attached) staff found that Lyft's prices are 1/2 to 1/3 of the cost of current taxicab fares in our area, which provides an additional incentive to coordinate services for Taxi Scrip participants. Therefore, Fresno COG staff spoke to MJM to convey the direction given by the PAC. After much discussion, Fresno COG staff and MJM realized that the scope of work from the original \$25,000 contract would provide all of the services currently needed as well as additional optional items. During staff's discussions with MJM, MJM also reported that they too had approached Uber and Lyft to discuss coordinating services for their users. Uber showed little to no interest in working with their programs. In contrast, MJM found Lyft to be open to a partnership, and communication continues regarding linking the Senior Scrip Program with Lyft drivers.

As a result, the program currently being discussed would allow seniors to use their taxi scrip for taxicab or Lyft transportation. However, each taxi provider would need to purchase their own card reader/processor to charge the MJM Taxi Scrip debit cards.

Next steps in negotiations between Fresno COG, MJM and Lyft:

1. MJM is developing a work flow chart to depict the process proposed for ordering, paying and tracking expenses incurred using MJM debit accounts for ordering a Lyft ride. Staff will provide a handout of the chart at the meeting for review and comment.
2. Fresno COG staff requested an estimate from MJM to use their call center resource (seniors booking a Lyft ride) for comparative purposes.
3. The contract's Attachment A - Scope of Services will then need to be updated once an agreement is reached on how best to move forward.

Mr. DiMaggio (Mendota) asked if a Lyft driver would need to purchase a card reader. Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) responded that there would be no exchange of a card or money, when using Lyft. The card would be for reference and the dispatch center would take care of the booking and charging the senior's account for the ride. Mr. Henderson

(Kingsburg) asked if this is a move away from cards. Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) responded that it would be a move the program into using a card system. When booking a taxi the card would be swiped on a reader the taxi driver would have and if booking a Lyft ride the account number on their card would be given to dispatch and the account will be charged.

This item was information only, no further action was required.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consultant Contracts Renewal/Extension (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
 - 1. Yosemite Area Regional Transit (YARTS)
 - 2. Sigala Inc. San Joaquin Valley COG Liaison
 - 3. Willdan – Engineering Technical Assistance
 - 4. EchoInteractive – Fresno Track
 - 5. WSP USA
- B. Monthly Legislative Update (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Kunkel (Kerman), seconded by Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) to approve the consent agenda as presented. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. One Voice Project Update (Tony Boren) [Information]

Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the three major transportation projects that were brought forward were Veterans Boulevard, State Route 269 Bridge and the Sustainable Aviation Project. With regard to Veterans Blvd Fresno COG continues to seek funding opportunities through FAST program, TIGER grant program and the Trump Infrastructure Bill. The City of Fresno is the lead on this project. The Sustainable Aviation Project needs a change in the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR). The current CFR code section reads “a single reciprocating engine with power”; the change should read “a single non turbine engine with power”. Joseph Oldham is working with legislators on this process to get this changed. On the State Route 269 bridge project, the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) interjected into the environmental review process. After the DC trip, the One Voice delegation had a conversation with ACOE and Caltrans staff, to try to reach a resolution. Efforts continue and a conference call is scheduled to discuss further this afternoon.

Ms. Zieba (Reedley) asked why the ACOE is getting involved. Mr. Boren (FCOG) responded that ACOE is a federal entity; Caltrans has been granted NEPA delegated; CEQA is more restrictive than NEPA. Caltrans does the environmental review and the Federal Government signs off. In this case, the ACOE is getting involved because of the EPA. It stems back to the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, 30 years ago the EPA found asbestos in the water supply in Southern California, which is fed by the California aqueduct. It was found that the aqueduct had been breached with asbestos. Because of this issue the EPA has asked the ACOE to mediate the environmental review. The construction of bridge has nothing to do with the asbestos issue and that is what the One Voice delegation and Caltrans are trying to convey to the stakeholders.

This item was information only, no further action was required.

V. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Current: Vince DiMaggio, Chair and Alexander Henderson, Vice Chair.

Mr. Kunkel (Kerman) proposed to keep the current Chair, Mr. DiMaggio (Mendota). Mr. DiMaggio declined the nomination. Mr. DiMaggio nominated Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg), as Chair. Ms. Zieba (Reedley) nominated Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) as Chair and Mr. Chapa (Sanger) as Vice Chair.

After an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Ms. Zieba (Reedley), seconded by Mr. DiMaggio (Mendota) to approve the election of Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) as Chair and Mr. Chapa (Sanger) as Vice Chair to serve July 2017-June 2018. A vote was called and the motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

There were no items from staff.

B. Items from Members

- Mr. Dimaggio (Mendota) reported that the ICMA issued awards and Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) was awarded the Early Career Professional award, he will receive that award at the meeting in San Antonio in October. Mendota was awarded the Strategic Leadership in Governance for cities under 50,000.

VII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

None

Staff

Les Beshears

Kristine Cai

Meg Prince

Seth Scott

Lang Yu

Brenda Veenendaal

Donna Blocker

Kai Han

Jeff Long

Todd Sobrado

Lauren Dawson

Jeaneen Cervantes