

Fresno COG Policy Board
MINUTES
Thursday, January 25, 2018
5:30 PM

Members Attending:

Mayor Pro Tem Drew Bessinger, City of Clovis
Mayor Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Mayor Felipe Perez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Parra, City of Fowler
Mayor Rey León, City of Huron
Mayor Rhonda Armstrong, City of Kerman
Councilmember Belayney, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Rolando Castro, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Anita Betancourt, City of Reedley
Mayor Pro Tem Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno

Gail Miller, 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 14 members representing 45.57% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County).

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin), Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Medical Countermeasures and Emergency Preparedness (County of Fresno Department of Public Health) [INFORMATION]

Presentation to the Policy Board by Dave Pomaville, County of Fresno Department of Public Health

B. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations

II. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of November 16, 2017
- B. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Contract Extension (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]
- D. Circuit Planner and Circuit Engineer Report (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- E. Obligational Authority Delivery (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]

- F. California Transportation Commission 2017 Annual Report (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- G. 2019 Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 Update (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- H. Draft Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Release (Brenda Veenendaal) [INFORMATION]
- I. Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Notice of Funding Availability (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- J. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Notice of Interest (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- K. Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Program Fiscal Year 2018 Request for Proposals (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]

Item I-C pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Parra (Fowler).

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) motioned and Supervisor Quintero (Fresno County) seconded to approve the balance of the consent agenda. The motion passed

C. Purchase of Replacement FTA Section 5310 Van (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) motioned and Mayor Armstrong (Kerman) seconded to approving Fresno COG to order a new van and having it delivered to FEOC at no cost to Fresno COG.. The motion passed. Member Parra abstain.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair Program (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Mr. Beshears (FOCG) reported that the State Controller has released estimates for the SB 1 State of Good Repair program and Caltrans has issued guidelines. The program will work similarly to the State Transit Assistance program that Fresno COG already administers; however, it will be restricted to transit capital projects only and there are additional reporting requirements.

Funding to the Fresno County region for the first year is estimated to be \$1,517,695. Transit operators are required to submit an authorization resolution, certifications and assurances of compliance and a list of eligible projects to Caltrans by January 31, 2018. In subsequent years all administration will be through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (Fresno COG) but in this first year, transit operators are allowed to submit directly to Caltrans. Failure to meet the January 31 deadline could result in a loss of funds.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Castro (Mendota) motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Parra (Fowler) seconded to authorize Resolution 2018-01 designating the Fresno COG Executive Director as grant administrator for the SB1 State of Good Repair program.

B. Federal Demonstration Fund Repurposing Memorandum of Understanding with Caltrans (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Mr. Beshears (FCOG) reported that in 2016, Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) identified old, inactive earmark grants and allowed agencies to “repurpose” unencumbered balances. Caltrans identified \$1.891 million in unobligated federal demonstration funds available for repurposing that was originally dedicated to State Route (SR) 180.

Consistent with the earmark’s original intent, the Policy Board adopted resolution 2016-21 requesting that Caltrans and FHWA program the funding on the segment of SR 180 now under construction. Caltrans and FHWA subsequently approved this choice; however, when Caltrans listed the project, bids came in higher than anticipated. Rather than rebid the contract in a potentially inflationary environment, staff proposed that Caltrans use a combination of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) G12 and contingency reserved in the Measure C cooperative agreements to accept the bid and begin construction.

When staff produced the recently adopted Measure C Regional Transportation Plan, this strategy was calibrated into the plan assumptions to restore the Measure’s contingency, resulting in minimal local Measure funds. Caltrans now

requests that Fresno COG authorize drawing down the federal funds through a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Belayney (Kingsburg) motioned and Mayor Leon (Huron) seconded to authorize the Executive Director to execute a MOU with Caltrans providing \$1.891 million in federal demonstration funds to SR 180 – Trimmer to Frankwood.

C. Measure C Transit Oriented Infrastructure for In-fill Program (TOD) Program Cycle VI Call for Project (Kristine Cai) (INFORMATION)

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that Measure C's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program was established to boost transit ridership and encourage transit-supportive land use, such as higher-density development and mixed uses. TOD program projects serve as models that reduce vehicle trips, improve air quality and provide access to physical activity opportunities through integrated land use and transportation.

The TOD program is estimated to receive \$16.9 million over its 20-year lifespan, with approximately \$864,880 is accrued annually. More than \$6 million has been granted to projects for the last five funding cycles since 2012. In summer 2017, both the Fresno COG Policy Board and the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board approved the revised TOD program guidelines that allow the jurisdictions from the entire county to compete for the funding. The revised TOD Program Policies and Guidelines were provided.

The TOD program Cycle VI call for projects opens on January 12, 2018, and applications are due on **February 28, 2018**. There is \$1,500,000 available for Cycle VI. The application package was provided.

Mayor Leon (Huron) asked how long funds will be available. Mr. Boren (FCOG) responded that there are nine years remaining. Ms. Cai responded that there is \$1.5 million in available funding for Cycle VI.

Ms. Cai stated that there are three sub-programs under the TOD program. Capital improvement program, eligible projects would include improvement to transit facilities, bike and ped facilities, public plazas, streetscape enhancement, parking structure infrastructure update to support TOD. The second sub-program is planning program, funding can be used for transit station area plan. The third sub-program is housing infill incentive program, will reward local government to encouraging developers to build higher density housing with TOD characteristics. The local government can use funding to supplement development fees or on capital infrastructure project.

This item was informational only; no further action was required.

D. Caltrans Update (CALTRANS) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Miller (Caltrans) reported:

- State Route (SR) 99 realignment to accommodate High Speed Rail between Clinton and Ashlan Avenue. Clinton Avenue is now open and was reopened on schedule. Northbound SR 99 off-ramp for Clinton is also open. Contractors continue to work towards opening the other on and off ramps to Clinton Avenues. The temporary Shields Avenue on and off ramps to and from southbound SR 99 and northbound Golden State Boulevard on ramp remain open while the contractor works on constructing the new southbound SR 99 on and off ramps and the northbound on ramp to and from Clinton Avenue. Coordination efforts continue with the City of Fresno, local businesses and residents to work through specific issues and concerns that arise from the construction activities. Considering all of the components of the project, it has been successful and is continuing to progress.
- Kings Canyon Expressway 3; the contractor is working on clearing the embankment and finishing the bridges.
- The Mendota passing lane on State Route 180 is in winter suspension.
- State Route 41 auxiliary lanes from M Street to the Tulare overcrossing. The project was awarded January 11. Contract approval is expected in the next few weeks.
- Metering is being installed at SR 99 ramp at southbound Shaw and Ashlan Avenues.
- Auxiliary lane from Olive to Belmont Avenue; this project was awarded in April, but is currently in winter suspension.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

- A. 2018 Legislative Platform (Robert Phipps) [APPROVE]
- B. Monthly Legislative Report (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Castro (Mendota) motioned and Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no administrative action/discussion items.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

- Ms. Arnest (FCOG) reported that the public hearing for the Regional Active Transportation Plan will be reschedule to the next Policy Board meeting on February 22, due to comment letters that were received and need to be responded to.

B. Items from Members

- Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) reported that the City of Orange Cove was able to help a resident get her home rebuilt as part of the Self-Help Enterprises Housing Rehabilitation Program.
- Mayor Castro (Mendota) reported that the City of Mendota had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Robert Silva Plaza in honor of long serving Councilmember Robert Silva. Mayor Castro also welcomed Felipe Perez as the new Mayor of Firebaugh.

Adjourn to FCRTA at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

No public Present

Staff

- Robert Phipps
- Les Beshears
- Kristine Cai
- Brenda Veenendaal
- Peggy Arnest
- Moses Stites
- Jeaneen Cervantes