

Policy Advisory Committee

Date: Friday, April 13, 2018
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

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POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Policy Advisory Committee will consider all items on the agenda. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

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Exhibits:

 Agenda  Annotated Agenda

JOINT Transportation Technical/Policy Advisory Committee

A. PRESENTATIONS

1. Center for Climate Protection (Woody Hasting) [INFORMATION]

Exhibits:

 Information Sheet

<https://cleanpowerexchange.org/resources/central-valley>

2. Caltrans Report (CALTRANS) [INFORMATION]

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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A. **Executive Minutes of March 9, 2018 [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

 March Minutes

B. **City of Kingsburg Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

 Kingsburg TDA Claim  Resolution 2018-07

Action: Approve Resolution 2018-07 adopting the City of Kingsburg's fiscal year 2017-18 Transportation Development Act claims for \$477,859.

C. **City of Mendota Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**



Exhibits:

 Mendota TDA Claim  Resolution 2018-08

Action: Approve Resolution 2018-08 adopting the City of Mendota's fiscal year 2017-18 Transportation Development Act claims for \$500,087.

D. **City of Firebaugh Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

 Firebaugh TDA Claim  Resolution 2018-09

Action: Approve Resolution 2018-09 adopting the City of Firebaugh's fiscal year 2017-18 Transportation Development Act claims for \$317,859.

E. **Planning and Programming Memorandum of Understanding (Kristine Cai) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

 Planning and Programming MOU

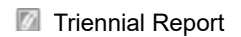
Summary: In accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450.314 (h), a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) must meet the performance-based planning and programming requirements established in Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The MPO, State and public transportation providers shall jointly agree upon and produce specific written provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing transportation performance data information for performance targets selection and reporting in tracking progress toward critical outcomes attainment for the MPO's region, as well as data collection for the State asset management plans for the National Highway System (NHS).

The attached addendum to an earlier Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the State's and MPO's roles and responsibilities to meet Transportation Performance Management requirements. Specific performance measures related to Performance Management Measure 1 (PM 1) on safety, Performance Management Measure 2 (PM 2) on pavement and bridges and Performance Management Measure 3 (PM 3) regarding the interstate and non-interstate NHS, freight movement and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program are further described in the addendum.

Action: Staff requests that TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the addendum to the Planning and Programming MOU between Fresno COG and Caltrans.

F. Unmet Transit Needs Update (Jeff Long) [INFORMATION]

Exhibits:



Summary: Fresno COG's Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in fiscal year 2018-19 prior to approving Local Transportation Fund claims for streets and roads. Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs. Each year the SSTAC begins 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.

Based on feedback from the unmet needs process last year, the SSTAC increased the number of public outreach meetings from three to eight. Four of these meetings were in the urban area and four in the rural area. Two of the rural meetings are being held on the west side of Fresno County and two on the east side.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m., Mendota City Hall, 643 Quince Street Mendota, CA 93640

Monday, March 19, 5:30 p.m., Selma City Hall, 1710 Tucker Street, Selma, CA 93662

Tuesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m., Clovis Senior Center, 850 Fourth Street, Clovis, CA 93612

Wednesday, March 21, 5:30 p.m., Kerman City Hall, 850 S. Madera Avenue, Kerman, CA 93630

Wednesday, March 28, 5:30 p.m., Central Valley Regional Center, 4615 N Marty, Fresno, CA 93722

Wednesday, April 4, 5:30pm, Fresno Metropolitan Area, Ted C. Wills Senior Center, 770 N. San Pablo, Fresno, CA 93728

Thursday, April 5, 5:30 p.m., Mosqueda Center (Room 8), 4670 E. Butler Ave., Fresno, CA 93702

Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m., Parlier City Hall, 1100 E. Parlier Ave., Parlier, CA 93648

In addition to the eight published meetings, SSTAC will hold a ninth meeting with the Jakara Movement on April 4.

Public outreach for the unmet needs process began in early February. To date, the meeting schedule has been publicized in two of Fresno COG's "Coming Up at Fresno COG" e-newsletters; via public notices published in the Fresno Bee and Vida En El Valle newspapers; through Fresno Metro Ministries' e-news to 2,000 public and community agencies and; with request-for-comments letters, in English and Spanish, mailed out to 380 agencies.

The Unmet Needs Public Hearing will be on April 26 at the regularly scheduled Fresno COG Board meeting. The public hearing has been moved up this year for staff and the transit agencies the adequately address any issues prior to the COG Board taking action on the unmet needs findings in June.

SSTAC has received one written comment. To submit comments on public transit needs in Fresno County, please attend one of the scheduled public meetings, the public hearing or submit written comments to SSTAC Chairman Bill Hyatt at:

Email: comments@fresnocog.org

Regular Mail: Central Valley Regional Center, Inc, 4615 North Marty, Fresno, CA 93722

All comments will be discussed and evaluated by the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council.

Action: Information only. The Committee may provide additional direction its discretion.

Senate Bill 1 Local Streets and Roads Project List for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (Jennifer Soliz) **[INFORMATION]**

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Summary: The Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act of 2017 (SB 1) has created new permanent funding sources for road maintenance and rehabilitation projects for cities and counties. Each year,

cities and counties must adopt, via resolution, a project list of how they plan to spend SB 1 funds.

These project lists must be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) by **May 1, 2018** to be eligible for SB 1 funding for that fiscal year. The CTC has created a new online tool for cities and counties to upload their project lists. Guidelines, online tools for project submissions and reporting, and additional information are available on the CTC website: <http://catc.ca.gov/programs/sb1/lsrcp/>

Action: Information only. The Committee may provide additional direction at its discretion.

H. **County of Fresno Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

☒ County TDA Claim ☒ Resolution 2018-10

Action: Approve Resolution 2018-10 adopting the fiscal year 2017-18 Transportation Development Act Claims for the County of Fresno in the amount of \$6,878,235.

II. **TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Scoring Committee Project Recommendations (Suzanne Martinez) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

☒ Funding Recommendations ☒ Lifeline Amounts per Agency ☒ Agency Funding Breakdown

Summary: On September 28, 2017, the Fresno COG Policy Board issued a formal call-for-projects for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) regional bid and lifeline process. The available funding for this round of CMAQ regional bid projects is \$20,817,281. Staff received 44 applications requesting approximately \$52 million in funding. On March 28, 2018, the CMAQ Scoring Committee (as appointed by the Programming sub-committee) convened, reviewed the applications and made its recommendations. The scoring committee's recommendations are included as an enclosure in the meeting packet. Also included is a listing of the lifeline amounts per agency, funding amounts per agency and urban/rural splits.

Action: Staff requests that TTC/PAC approve the scoring committee's recommendations for the 2017-18 CMAQ call for projects and forward that recommendation to the Policy Board. Approved projects will be programmed for funding in the 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

B. **Measure C Transit Oriented Infrastructure for In-Fill Development Program Cycle VI Funding Recommendation (Kristine Cai) [APPROVE]**

Summary: The Measure C Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program was created to boost transit ridership and encourage transit-supportive land uses such as high-density compact and mixed-use developments. The TOD Program Policies and Guidelines were revised in 2017 to allow all 16 jurisdictions to compete for funding. Different criteria was developed in the revised TOD Guidelines for the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area and the rest of the county in recognition of their different ability to absorb densities. In addition, in order to advance quality TOD projects, the revised guidelines require a minimum of 70 points for a project to be funded.

There is about \$1.5 million available in Cycle VI. Fresno COG received eight applications from five jurisdictions totaling more than \$1.9 million. The scoring committee, comprising 13 members from local governments, transit agencies, Fresno COG, Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA), and the general public, met and scored the applications on March 29 and recommended funding the following three projects:

City of Fresno, Blackstone and McKinley Transit Oriented Development, for \$478,000.

This project is to fund off-site improvements that support the Blackstone and McKinley transit-oriented, affordable housing development to be located near Fresno City College. The Blackstone & McKinley TOD will be a mixed-use facility constructed at 1501 N. Blackstone Avenue with 88 units of affordable

housing at 30 units/acre. It is located within a quarter mile of the City of Fresno Bus Rapid Transit "Q" line.

City of Clovis, Clovis Landmark Commons, for \$250,000.

Landmark Commons will build a new Clovis senior center, a new Fresno County Library Branch and Clovis Transit Hub in Old Town Clovis. The project will improve the adjacent bike and pedestrian trail, provide on-site improvements and infrastructure for the Transit Hub and a public plaza adjacent to both the trail and the Transit Hub.

City of Kingsburg, Downtown Kingsburg Strategic Plan, for \$157,000

The City of Kingsburg will produce a strategic plan to identify development strategies that promote multi-modal transportation, including: walking, biking, transit and sustainable parking opportunities within the downtown area.

The above three projects received the minimum required 70 points or above. Given that some of the applications lacked information and did not provide strong nexus to transit-oriented development, the Scoring Committee recommended that City of Fresno and Clovis' applications be shared with potential future applicants as exemplary TOD applications. The two applications can be found at <https://www.fresnocog.org/measure-c-transit-oriented-development>.

The TOD scoring committee recommended funding approval for the City of Fresno for \$478,000, the City of Clovis for \$250,000 and the City of Kingsburg for \$157,000.

Action: Staff recommends TTC/PAC approve of the funding applications as recommended by the TOD scoring committee.

C. Regional Transportation Plan Draft Documents Release (Kristine Cai) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Fresno COG released its draft 2018 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy (2018 RTP/SCS), the draft 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (2019 FTIP), the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the corresponding draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2019 FTIP on April 5, 2018, for a 55-day public review and comment period.

- The 2018 RTP/SCS is a long-term, coordinated, transportation/land use strategy to meet Fresno County transportation needs to 2042.
- The 2019 FTIP is a near-term listing of capital improvement and operational expenditures using federal and state funds for transportation projects in Fresno County during the next four years.
- The draft EIR document provides an analysis of potential environmental impacts related to the RTP/SCS, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.
- The corresponding Air Quality Conformity analysis contains the documentation to support a finding that the 2019 FTIP and 2018 RTP/SCS meet the air quality conformity requirements for ozone and particulate matter.

The draft documents are available for review at www.fresnocog.org. Public hearings will be conducted to receive comments on these documents. Please refer to the Notice of Public Hearing on Fresno COG's website for specific information on the hearings.

Action: Information only. The Committee may provide additional direction at its discretion.

D. Obligational Authority (Jennifer Soliz) [INFORMATION]

Exhibits:

 Obligation Authority

Summary: On April 2, 2018, Fresno COG submitted the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017-18 Obligation Plan to Caltrans Local Assistance documenting Fresno COG's estimated schedule for project and fund delivery (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018). The overall total Obligational Authority (OA) for all federal funding sources in FFY 2017-18 would have been \$23,957,358; however, last year's OA

was over delivered by \$3,060,500. That amount was deducted from this year's OA target. In addition, an estimated FFY 2018 oversight adjustment of \$514,715 has been calculated based on the FFY 2018 advance apportionments and is subtracted from this year's OA leaving **\$20,422,143** as the projected FFY 2017-18 Obligation Authority target.

As of February 28, 2018, \$90,830 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding has been obligated, which decreases the FFY 2017-18 OA target balance to **\$20,331,313**. The region should deliver \$20,422,143 of OA to comply with the "Use It or Lose It" provisions of Assembly Bill 1012 enacted in October 1999, plus any funds that are deobligated during the fiscal year. The obligation plan submitted by the local agencies outlines delivery of **\$16,341,785** in combined CMAQ and STBG projects, which is **\$4,080,358** below our target OA.

It is imperative that projects programmed within FFY 2017-18 get obligated within the programmed year to avoid losing those funds. Also, agencies with projects scheduled in later years can take advantage of expedited project selection procedures (EPSP) to deliver their projects early. If the region is successful at delivering more than its OA target, there is an opportunity to capture available funds during the statewide open obligation period. Keep in mind that toll credits may be applicable for project phases that have not been obligated at 100% federal reimbursement if residual federal funds are available.

Furthermore, if funds need to be reprogrammed and financial capacity is not available, it is possible that projects can become substantially delayed if moved to the outer years of the FTIP.

Please contact Jennifer Soliz with questions or EPSP requests at jsoliz@fresnocog.org or 559-233-4148 ext. 223.

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E. **San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]**

Summary: Stanislaus Council of Governments will host the annual San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference May 9-11, 2018 at the Doubletree Courtyard Hotel in downtown Modesto and include such speakers as California Transportation Commissioner Paul Van Konynenburg and California High-Speed Rail CEO Brian Kelly. City and County elected officials and staff are invited and encouraged to attend.

Topics include: "Speaking with One Voice-Bringing the Valley Together," "What Retail Changes Mean for Land Use," and "Meeting Valley Water Supply Needs," among others.

The \$230 registration fee includes a Wednesday night reception featuring classic hot rods from the Modesto-based film "American Graffiti" alongside new, autonomous vehicles. Breakfast on Thursday and Friday mornings, as well as a Thursday night dinner.

Participants may register online at <http://sjvcogs.org/events> and make hotel reservations by calling 209-526-6000 or at the Doubletree website, <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/california/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-modesto-DSTO-DT/index.html>.

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A. **Monthly Legislative Report (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]**

Exhibits:

To locate current and past year state bill information go to the Official California Legislative Information webpage at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>

To locate current and past year federal bill information go to THOMAS, The Library of Congress's bill information website (in the spirit of Thomas Jefferson) at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Please contact staff person, [Trai Her-Cole](#), if you have any questions or comments.

IV. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

V. **OTHER ITEMS**

A. **Items from Staff**

B. **Items from Members**

VI. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

A. **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 Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**