

**Policy Advisory Committee**

**MINUTES**

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

**Members Present**

Renee Mathis, City of Clovis  
Jeannie Davis, City of Fowler  
Wilma Quan-Schechter, City of Fresno  
James Doughty II, City of Huron  
John Kunkel, City of Kerman  
Alexander Henderson, City of Kingsburg  
Vince DiMaggio, City of Mendota  
Elizabeth Nunez, City of San Joaquin  
Henry Perea, City of Selma  
Michael Navarro, Caltrans  
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg), Chair.  
With nine members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

**I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Executive Minutes of March 9, 2018 [APPROVE]
- B. City of Kingsburg Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. City of Mendota Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- D. City of Firebaugh Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- E. Planning and Programming Memorandum of Understanding (Kristine Cai) [APPROVE]
- F. Unmet Transit Needs Update (Jeff Long) [INFORMATION]
- G. Senate Bill 1 Local Streets and Roads Project List for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (Jennifer Soliz) [INFORMATION]
- H. County of Fresno Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Mathis (Clovis) motioned and Mr. Kunkel (Kerman) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

**II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that 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.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Quan-Schechter (Fresno City) motioned and Ms. Nunez (San Joaquin) seconded to 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]**

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that 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.

Mr. Perea (Selma) requested the opportunity to meet with staff to go over their application and discuss how improve the application for next round.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Nunez (San Joaquin) motioned and Ms. Davis (Fowler) seconded to approve of the funding applications as recommended by the TOD scoring committee.

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

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that 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](http://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.

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

#### **D. Obligational Authority (Jennifer Soliz) [INFORMATION]**

Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported that 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 Obligational 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.

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

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

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) 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 morning and dinner Thursday night.

Participants may register online at <http://sjvcogs.org/events> and make hotel reservations by calling 209-526-6000 or at the Doubletree website.

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

### III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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

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

### IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no Administrative Action/Discussion items.

### V. OTHER ITEMS

#### A. Items from Staff

- Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the High Speed Rail Authority presented to the SJV COG Directors. Mr. Boren would like to invite them to present to the Committee.
- Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that efforts to challenge Senate Bill 1 (SB1) are moving forward to get on the ballot. Next month staff will give a presentation on SB1.
- Ms. Cai (FCOG) Multi Jurisdiction Pavement Management System request for proposals was released yesterday, proposals are due in mid-May, consultant recommendation will go to the Policy Board in June and project kick off in July. Fresno COG will need volunteers to sit on the consultant selection committee.
- Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that Air Resources Board approved greenhouse gas emission targets.

#### B. Items from Members

- Mr. DiMaggio (Mendota) reported that the electric airplane press event will take place at Chandler Airport April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) reminded members that Senate Bill 1 projects need to be submitted to the State by May 1.

### VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

#### Public

Woody Hasting, Center for Climate Protection

Latisha Harris, Center for Climate Protection

Isaac Moreno, City of Selma

Mike Dozier, CCD

Eric Payne, Toure Environmental

#### Staff

Les Beshears, Robert Phipps, Kristine Cai, Peggy Arnest, Trai Her-Cole, Jennifer Soliz, Kai Han, Jeff Long, Jeaneen Cervantes