

**Policy Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Friday, June 8, 2018
10:00 AM**

Members Present

Luke Serpa, 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
Anthony Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
Tim Chapa, City of Sanger
Elizabeth Nunez, City of San Joaquin
Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg), Chair. With twelve members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of May 11, 2018 [APPROVE]
- B. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Goal 2017-18 through 2020-21, Resolution 2018-13, PUBLIC HEARING June 28, 2018 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) 2018-19 Annual Budget June 28, 2018 (Moses Stites) [APPROVE]
- D. Urban & Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, Fiscal Year 2018-19 (Monte Cox) [APPROVE]
- E. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operations Program & Budget (Amy Hance) [APPROVE]
- F. 2018 Unmet Transit Needs Report (Todd Sobrado) [APPROVE]
- G. Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) (Todd Sobrado) [APPROVE]
- H. Notice of Funding - Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2018 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants Program (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- I. Federal Transit Administration Fiscal Year 2018 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Notice of Funding (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- K. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Ms. Quan-Schechter (Fresno City) requested to pull item I-J for discussion.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Jimenez (Fresno County) motioned and Mr. Serpa (Clovis) seconded to approve the balance of the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

- J. Authorizing Resolution 2018-19 for YARTS FTA Section 5311 (f) funding with Caltrans (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]

Ms. Quan-Schechter (Fresno City) asked what the additional is for and if this funding will extend service for additional years. Ms. Arnest (FCOG) responded that the funding is for service for next summer and nothing additional is being added to the service.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Mr. Jimenez (Fresno County) seconded to adopt Resolution 2018-19 authorizing Fresno COG staff to submit and approve all necessary documents for FTA Section 5311 (f) funding with Caltrans.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2019 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 Guidelines, Resolution 2016-09 (Jennifer Soliz) [APPROVE]

Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported that the Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds are separated into three main categories: the statewide competitive program, the small-urban and rural area competitive program (State-managed) and the large-urbanized area competitive program, managed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and also known as the Regional Competitive ATP. Large MPOs such as Fresno COG may develop their own policies, procedures and project selection criteria that differ from those the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopts, provided they are CTC-approved.

The Cycle 4 Fresno COG Regional Competitive ATP will cover four years of funding -- FY 19-20 through FY 22-23. The CTC adopted the ATP Cycle 4 fund estimate at its May 2018 meeting, which provides about \$4.77 million over four years to the region. This is nearly double what was available in past ATP cycles due to new funding from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1). Following ATP legislation, at least 25 percent of the program funds must benefit projects in disadvantaged communities.

Per state ATP guidelines, ALL applications must be submitted to the statewide competition to be eligible for the regional competitive program. **The Call for Projects was initiated on May 16 and will close on July 31.** Supplemental documents will need to be submitted to the region as listed on the timeline in the regional guidelines. The Multidisciplinary Advisory Group (MAG) will convene on February 8, 2019 to score and deliberate on the recommended program of projects.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted final 2019 ATP Guidelines on May 16, 2018. There were many changes at the statewide level from ATP Cycle 3 to the current ATP Cycle 4, including new and revised language in categories such as project/program amendments, project reporting, baseline agreements and project signage. Major program changes include:

- Extended programming cycle: The ATP will cover four fiscal years. New programming capacity for the 2019 ATP will include state fiscal years 2019/20–2022/23.
- Updated project application types: There will be five different applications to complete, depending on the project type and size.
- No points for leveraging funding for plans, small infrastructure, and non-infrastructure projects.

The MAG agreed that the regional guidelines and criteria should match the adopted statewide guidelines as closely as possible. Only a few minor differences remain between the statewide guidelines and Fresno COG's regional guidelines. As in previous cycles, the MAG agreed to continue with no minimum funding floor and to encourage a maximum funding ceiling less than \$1.5 million. Both of these issues differ from the statewide guidelines. The MAG also added some clarifying language but otherwise, they are consistent with the statewide guidelines.

These documents are all included for review and approval and will be posted to the Fresno COG website. The MAG and staff recommend several changes that have been identified in the guidelines, shown in red. These changes are consistent with the statewide guidelines. Enclosures for this item include: Resolution 2018-14, table outlining, specific changes between Cycle 3 and Cycle 4, final draft Regional ATP Guidelines with proposed, MAG-approved changes, fund estimate and MAG membership list.

The electronic ATP Cycle 4 statewide application and other guidance documents can be found at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/atp/cycle-4.html>. For further information Fresno COG staff contact is Jennifer Soliz.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Chapa (Sanger) motioned and Mr. Serpa (Clovis) seconded to approve Resolution 2018-14 for the Fresno COG Regional Competitive Active Transportation Program Guidelines and accept of the Multidisciplinary Advisory Group membership list.

B. Fresno County Multi-jurisdictional Pavement Management Systems Consultant Selection (Kristine Cai) [APPROVE]

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG issued a request for proposals in April 2018 for consultant services to develop the Fresno County Multi-jurisdictional Pavement Management Systems (PMS). The multi-jurisdictional PMS will build a pavement management system for each of the nine participating cities: Coalinga, Fowler, Firebaugh, Huron, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, San Joaquin and Selma.

Four proposals were submitted. All four consultant teams are from outside the region. The consultant selection committee, comprising Fresno COG staff and representatives from participating local governments and a local agency with an existing PMS, reviewed the proposals and interviewed the consultants on May 24.

The committee unanimously recommended that NCE be selected to develop the multi-jurisdictional PMS. NCE is a nationally recognized firm with extensive experience in working with regional transportation planning agencies as well as small cities in implementing and updating pavement management systems. It has completed similar projects for more than 200 public agencies throughout California.

Ms. Cai clarified that in the previous version of the agenda the amount was \$271,000. In the proposal from NCE there is an optional task to implement a regional license for an additional cost. The regional license will allow the ability to calculate PCI for the region, budget analysis for the region or sub-regional level and regional GIS integration.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. DiMaggio (Mendota) motioned and Mr. Davis (Fowler) seconded to approve NCE undertake the multi-jurisdictional Pavement Management Systems and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with NCE for the amount not to exceed \$322,228.

C. Infrastructure for Prosperity in the Central Valley's Industrial Triangle Planning Study (Kristine Cai) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG, in partnership with City of Fresno and Fresno County, applied to Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program for funding to conduct a study and develop a plan for the Industrial Triangle (commonly known as the Reverse Triangle) area bounded by State Route (SR) 41 to the west, SR 99 to the east, Church Avenue at the north and American Avenue to the south. This area is the future home to an Amazon e-commerce distribution center and an Ulta Beauty distribution center. It is also the potential location for the California High-Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility.

After the application was submitted and the grant was awarded, Fresno COG is working with the City of Fresno and County of Fresno and Caltrans to expand the scope to include the area to Adams Avenue.

The grant's primary objective is to develop a plan that will address potential impacts from the new development and respond to the areas multi-modal transportation needs. The study will identify strategies to mitigate the impacts from the growing industrial centers, move people and goods efficiently along SR 99 and SR 41 and local and regional roadways in that area, engage stakeholders and develop implementation plans.

Caltrans has awarded Fresno COG \$298,800 from the 2018-19 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program for the project, which is expected to kick-off this summer or early fall after Caltrans' clearance on some standard conditions. All interested local governments, transit agencies, the High-Speed Rail Authority and other transportation entities will be invited to participate. Key stakeholders and representatives from the impacted communities will be included in the planning process and extensive outreach efforts will be undertaken to solicit input from these communities. For further information Fresno COG staff contact is Kristine Cai.

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

D. Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network Plan (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) - The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 - allocated \$17 million for the 2018-19 Sustainable Communities Competitive Grants program. This program funds local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects that further the region's RTP/SCS goals (where applicable), contribute to the State's greenhouse gas reduction targets and also help achieve Caltrans' Mission and Grant Program Overarching Objectives.

Fresno COG has been awarded a \$179,929 Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to develop a Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network Plan (The Plan). Fresno COG and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency assess the region's public and transit electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The Plan requires robust public engagement to develop the coordinated plan connecting the region to the statewide network, map current and planned chargers, provide prioritized site locations and identify funding for future charger deployment in Fresno County. Strategic regional planning will help to avoid conflicts with a duplicate or lack of charging sites and ensure that disadvantaged communities receive an equitable benefit in accessing charging infrastructure.

The project will begin in late 2018, pending contract execution with Caltrans, and will conclude in early 2020. Fresno COG will reach out to local agencies and stakeholders to participate in the EV Charging Network. For further information Fresno COG staff contact is Trai Her-Cole.

Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) stated that the City of Kingsburg has been aggressive to try to obtain additional EV charging stations. The challenge lies with coordination with PG&E. Tesla will donate infrastructure, but PG&E charges a \$3000 deposit per station, which makes it difficult for the smaller cities to afford.

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

E. Fresno County Regional Transportation Network Vulnerability Assessment (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Prince (FCOG) reported that Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) - The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 - allocated \$7 million for the 2018-19 Caltrans Adaptation Planning Grant cycle to advance climate adaptation planning on California's transportation infrastructure, including but not limited to roads, railways, bikeways, trails, bridges, ports and airports.

Adaptation planning aims to anticipate and prepare for impacts to reduce damage from climate change and extreme weather events. Adaptation is distinct from, but complements, climate change mitigation, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Fresno COG has been awarded a \$216,456 Caltrans Adaptation Planning Grant to develop a Fresno County Regional Transportation Network Vulnerability Assessment. The assessment will identify regional areas where the multimodal transportation network is vulnerable to impacts such as: increased precipitation, extreme heat and wildfire, and to identify strategies to remedy those impacts.

Senate Bill 379 and the State's General Plan Guidelines direct cities and counties to address climate adaptation and resiliency in their general plans' safety elements. The Vulnerability Assessment will provide valuable information that jurisdictions may incorporate into their safety elements with regard to the transportation network, as well as a regional summary of climate projections that jurisdictions can use to evaluate potential impacts on other functions and assets.

The project will begin in August 2018 and conclude in early 2020. Fresno COG will reach out to local agencies in fall 2018 to participate in the Vulnerability Assessment Working Group. For further information Fresno COG staff contact is Meg Prince.

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

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consultant Contract Renewals/Extensions [APPROVE]
 - 1. Extension of Contract with RSG with Additional Scope (Kristine Cai) [APPROVE]
 - 2. Circuit Planner and Circuit Engineer Contract Extensions (Meg Prince) [ACTION]
- B. Regional Clearinghouse (Jennifer Soliz) [APPROVE]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Jimenez (Fresno County) motioned and Mr. Chapa (Sanger) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Overall Work Program Amendment No. 1 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Mr. Beshears (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG staff is requesting amending the 2018-19 Overall Work Program adopted in May to include three, recently awarded, Caltrans planning grants. The awards add \$723,229 to the budget, with \$614,787 provided by grant funds and \$108,442 in local match; however, a project for \$307,999 funded in the adopted budget with Senate Bill (SB 1) planning grants reduces this amendment to \$415,230. A discussion regarding each project was previously presented by staff.

Work Element 143 - Infrastructure – Industrial Triangle. This \$298,800 project was initially funded by SB 1 as the Reverse Triangle. Grant funds total \$239,040 with a local match of \$59,760.

Work Element 144 – Electric Vehicle Charging. This \$179,929 project has grant funds of \$159,291 and local match of \$20,638.

Work Element 145 – Adaption Planning. This \$244,500 project has grant funds of \$216,456 and \$28,044 local match.

Mr. Beshears clarified that the increased amount is \$20,000 higher than what was presented in the original agenda. Subsequent to the agenda being written Fresno County requested to expand the scope for the Industrial Triangle as staff previously presented.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Jimenez (Fresno County) motioned and Mr. Serpa (Clovis) seconded to adopt fiscal year 2018-19 OWP Amendment No. 1 for \$435,230.

V. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

PAC Current: Alexander Henderson, Chair and Tim Chapa, Vice Chair. Nominations were opened.

Ms. Zieba (Reedley) motioned and Mr. DiMaggio seconded to nominate Tim Chapa (Sanger) for Chair. The motion passed.

Ms. Quan-Schecter (Fresno City) motioned and Ms. Zieba (Reedley) seconded to nominate Jean Rousseau (Fresno County) for Vice Chair. The motion passed.

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Mr. Boren (FCOG) introduced Santosh Bhattarai, new employee with Fresno COG.
- Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported Senate Bill 1. It is not currently polling well. 51 percent support the repeal and 48 percent in favor of. The California Transportation Commission has encouraged putting signage on current projects so the public can see where the money is going.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members

VII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Tony Boren

Public

Sal Cuevas, Renova

Roberto Cuevas, Renova

Ramiro Sandoval, Renova

Jean Rousseau, Fresno County

Manuel Vaca, El Sol Azteca Newspaper

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Robert Phipps

Les Beshears

Kristine Cai

Peggy Arnest

Suzanne Martinez

Jennifer Soliz

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