

**Policy Advisory Committee  
MINUTES  
Friday, September 14, 2018  
10:00 AM**

**Members Present**

Andy Haussler, City of Clovis  
Jeannie Davis, City of Fowler  
Wilma Quan-Schechter, City of Fresno  
James Doughty II, City of Huron  
Jennifer Lekumberry, City of Mendota  
Rob Terry, City of Reedley  
John Mulligan, City of Sanger  
Isaac Moreno, City of Selma  
Jean Rousseau, Fresno County  
David Padilla, Caltrans  
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Mr. Rousseau (Fresno County), Vice Chair. With eight members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

**I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Executive Minutes of July 13, 2018 [APPROVE]
- B. Fourth Quarterly Work Element and Financial Report (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. State of Good Repair 2018-19 Estimates - Resolution 2018-24 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- D. City of Firebaugh Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- E. City of Mendota Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- F. City of San Joaquin Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- G. City of Fowler Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- H. City of Huron Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- I. City of Kerman Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- J. City of Selma Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- K. City of Orange Cove Transportation Development Act Claims (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- L. City of Kingsburg Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- M. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Round 4 Draft Guidelines (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- N. Land Use Planning Assistance to Reduce Community Wildfire Risks (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- O. Circuit Planner and Circuit Engineer Report (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Quan-Schechter (Fresno City) motioned and Mr. Mulligan (Sanger) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

**II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Measure C New Technology Recommendations for Funding (Peggy Arnest) [ACTION]**

Ms. Arnest (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG released the Measure C 2018 Application for New Technology Funding on April 16, 2018. Six applications were received asking for a total of \$7,291,415 with \$6.4 million in funding available. On August 22, the scoring committee met to interview the applicants and discuss the applications. The six applicants are Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, Clovis Transit, City of Fresno-Public Works, Fresno City College, Fresno City Transit and Reedley Rides. Five of the six applications were recommended for full funding, with a remaining amount of \$935,269 that will roll over into the 2020 cycle.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Quan-Schechter (Fresno City) motioned and Mr. Moreno (Selma) seconded to approve the New Technology scoring committee recommendations for funding and authorize the Fresno COG Executive Director to enter into contracts with the applicants in the amounts recommended. The motion passed.

City of Clovis entered. Quorum: There were nine members present.

**B. Caltrans FY19/20 Transportation Planning Grant Program DRAFT Guidelines for Public Review (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]**

Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that the final draft guidelines for FY 19/20 Caltrans' Transportation Planning Grant Program, which funds the Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning grants, are available for public comment. The State estimates approximate \$17.38 million will be available for the Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant, \$1.5 million for Strategic Partnerships and \$3 million for Transit – Strategic Partnership. Final Grant Application Guides are anticipated for release in early October, and applications will be due in November 2018.

Two final draft documents for the Sustainable Communities and Adaptation Planning grants were provided. Additional information can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>. The final grant application guidelines are anticipated in early October, with applications due in late November 2018 and a project start date of October 2019.

A couple of key updates being proposed include:

- Beginning with FY 2019-20, city and county primary/sub-grant applicants are required to have a compliant housing element and submit APRs in order to be eligible for Sustainable Communities grant awards.
- Up to \$2 million in Sustainable Communities grants will be set-aside for technical projects such as data acquisition or travel model updates.

Grant applicants are encouraged to begin considering possible applications based on the final drafts below.

- [Sustainable Communities Final Draft Grant Application Guide](#) (Includes *Lessons Learned Summary to Inform FY 2019-20*)
- [Adaptation Planning Final Draft Grant Application Guide](#)

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

**C. 2019 Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 Update (Suzanne Martinez) [INFORMATION]**

Ms. Martinez (FCOG) reported the Statewide Call for Projects was open from May 16, 2018, through July 31, 2018. Our regions submitted 18 applications at a total project cost of over \$13 million. Applications submitted through the Statewide Call for Projects are currently being reviewed, evaluated and scored. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) anticipates project recommendations by the end of December 2018 with the adoption of the projects at the January 2019 CTC meeting. Projects not selected for programming in the statewide competition will be considered in the Regional Competitive ATP. The CTC Commissioners unanimously approved Fresno COG's proposed regional ATP guidelines at the August 15, 2018, CTC meeting. Per the approved regional competitive ATP guidelines, additional hard copies (for the MAG scoring committee) and a resolution for the submitted projects will be due **October 31, 2018**. Fresno COG's share of the ATP provides about \$4.77 million over four years (fiscal year 2019/20 through fiscal year 2022/23) to our region. Per the ATP legislation, at least 25% of the program funds must benefit disadvantaged communities.

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

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Regional Clearinghouse (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]
- B. Monthly Legislative Report (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Terry (Reedley) motioned and Mr. Mulligan (Sanger) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

#### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DICUSSION ITEMS**

There were no Administrative Action/Discussion items.

#### **V. OTHER ITEMS**

##### **A. Items from Staff**

There were no items from staff.

##### **B. Items from Members**

There were no items from members.

#### **VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Public Presentations**

- Mr. Stites (FCRTA) reported that MV Transportation started service on September 4, 2018.

Mr. Rousseau (Fresno County) asked how many jobs MV Transportation will be adding. Mr. Stites responded that it will be 15-30 positions full and part time with benefits.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

##### Public

Denise DiBenedetto, FCTA

Becky Barabe, Fresno City College

##### Staff

Les Beshears

Peggy Arnest

Suzanne Martinez

Meg Prince

Trai Her-Cole

Jeaneen Cervantes