

**Policy Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Friday, May 10, 2019
10:00 AM**

Members Present

Luke Serpa, City of Clovis
Wilma Quan-Schechter, City of Fresno
John Kunkel, City of Kerman
Alexander Henderson, City of Kingsburg
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
Elizabeth Nunez, San Joaquin
Isaac Moreno, City of Fowler
Jean Rousseau, County of Fresno
David Padilla, Caltrans
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 April 12, 2019 [APPROVE]
- B. Third Quarterly Work Element and Financial Report (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. Transportation Development Act 2019-20 Final Apportionment Resolution 2019-10 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- D. State Transit Assistance 2019-20 Final Apportionment Resolution 2019-11 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- E. State of Good Repair 2019-20 Apportionment Estimates Resolution 2019-12 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- F. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) 2019-20 Annual Budget (Moses Stites) [INITIATION]
- G. Short-Range Transit Plan for Rural Fresno County 2020-2024 (Moses Stites) [INITIATION]
- H. Authorizing Resolution 2019-20 for YARTS FTA Section 5311(f) Funding with Caltrans (Peggy Arnest) APPROVE]
- I. 2019 Unmet Transit Needs: Public Hearing Announcement (Jeff Long) [INFORMATION]
- J. Regional Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Cycle 3 (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]
- K. Call for Application - Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Program (Trai Her-Cole) INFORMATION]
- L. Notice of Funding Availability - Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- M. Notice of Funding Opportunity- Transit Security Grant Program (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- N. Notice of Funding Opportunity-Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants Program. (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- O. 2019 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Solicitation (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]

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

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Overall Work Program and Budget Resolution 2019-07 (Robert Phipps) [ADOPTION]

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported the FY 2019-20 Overall Work Program (OWP), totaling \$19,366,092. The proposed FY 2019-20 budget total reflects a decrease of 3 percent from the approved FY 2018-19 budget.

Federal revenues decreased 12 percent (\$727,000). FTA 5304 decreased \$347,000, reflecting completion of the Long-Range Sustainable Transit Plan and the Business Commute Options projects. The overall cost of YARTS service to Yosemite National Park decreased by \$166,000. FTA Section 5316 & FTA Section 5317 reduced by \$353,000 as a

number of the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom projects ended. Federal Aviation Administration funds decreased \$72,000 after the Airport Land Use Plan update completed. State revenues decreased 1 percent (\$13,000). State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) planning funds increased \$66,000, as Fresno COG staff programmed the SB 743 Transportation Analysis and the next round of Sustainable Communities Planning grants. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) planning funds decreased \$74,000, which is associated with the deficit from the 2016 STIP. Other state funds decreased, reflecting progress on the regional pavement management system, environmental adaptation planning and studies on electric vehicles. Local revenues increased 1 percent (\$97,000), a significant part of which is attributable to cost increases associated with railroad requirements for the Golden State corridor project's design phase, funded by Local Measure C revenues.

There are no new Fresno COG planning positions included in this year's proposed budget. FCRTA saved by promoting internally to fill a vacant Accounting Manager position. The overall consulting budget is \$4.8 million, an increase of \$859,000 and is reflected within the Work Elements.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Ms. Nunez (San Joaquin) seconded to approve resolution 2019-07 adopting the final Fresno Council of Governments fiscal year 2019-20 Overall Work Program and budget.

B. Fresno COG Title VI Program Update (Trai Her-Cole) [APPROVE]

Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that the title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Specifically, Title VI provides that "no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d).

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that all direct recipients document compliance of Title VI requirements and guidelines by submitting a Title VI Program to their FTA regional civil rights officer once every three years.

Fresno COG's latest update is due June 1, 2019. The draft 2019 Title VI Program has been updated pursuant to FTA's 2012 Circular 4702.1B.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) motioned and Mr. Moreno (Fowler) seconded to approve Resolution 2019-09 to adopt the 2019 Fresno COG Title VI Program.

C. Measure C Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program Cycle VII Funding Recommendation (Kristine Cai/Trai Her-Cole) [APPROVE]

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that Measure C's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) program was created to boost transit ridership and encourage transit supportive land use, such as higher density residential and mixed-use development. The program provides funding for three types of projects: infrastructure, planning, and housing infill incentives. TOD-funded projects are intended to improve access to transit facilities, reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and contribute to the sense of place in transit-oriented communities. TOD projects will further our region's sustainability goals, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air quality improvement.

All seven applications received the minimum average score of 70 or above, and the TOD Scoring Committee unanimously recommended funding all the seven applications.

TOD program Cycle VII has \$2,030,000 available, and received seven applications from four jurisdictions totaling \$1,993,079

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Quan (Fresno City) motioned and Mr. Kunkel (Kerman) seconded to approve funding for all seven applications to the Measure C TOD Program Cycle VII, for a total of \$1,993,079.

D. Fresno County Trails Master Plan Update Consultant Selection (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]

Ms. Arnest (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG issued a request for proposals in February 2019 for the Fresno County Trails Master Plan Update and received only one proposal, from Toole Design. The Toole Design team has significant experience in planning and designing shared-use paths, multi-use trails, wayfinding systems, and parks. This same team is working with the City of Fresno on its Trail Network Expansion Feasibility Plan. Furthermore, Toole's local sub-consultants are firms with which Fresno COG often works and has good relationships.

A scoring committee, which included representatives from Fresno COG, Fresno County, Fresno Cycling Club and the off-road bicycling community, reviewed the proposal and unanimously recommends Toole Design be selected as the consultant to conduct the Fresno County Trails Master Plan Update.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) seconded to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Toole Design for an amount not to exceed \$149,981 for the Fresno County Trail Master Plan Update.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Henderson (Kingsburg) motioned and Ms. Nunez (San Joaquin) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no Administrative Action/Discussion Items

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Mr. Phipps (FCOG) provided an update on a trailer bill for the 2019-20 State budget, which would include \$750 million in housing incentives.
- Mr. Phipps (FCOG) provided an update One Voice Washington, D.C. trip, May 4-9, 2019, that they just returned from.

B. Items from Members

- Mr. Rousseau (Fresno County) reported that his office is reaching out to the jurisdictions doing homelessness outreach, providing information of services offered by the County.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

Dave Fey

Staff:

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