

Fresno COG Policy Board

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

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AGENDA AND ANNOTATED AGENDA IN PDF FORMATING FOR PRINTING

Exhibits:

Agenda Annotated Agenda

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Meeting Package - Meeting will follow Policy Board meeting

Exhibits:

FCRTA Packet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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A. Executive Minutes of May 30, 2019 [APPROVE]

Exhibits:

May Minutes

B. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Transportation Development Act Claims (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Exhibits:

FCRTA TDA Claim Resolution 2019-19

Summary: Fresno County Rural Transit Agency is claiming \$9,257,405 in Transportation Development

Act funding in support of its \$9,161,553 2019-20 operating budget and \$19,882,607 capital budget.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board adopt Resolution 2019-19 approving FCRTA's 2019-20 Transportation Development Act claim.

C. **Surplus Property (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

Surplus Inventory

Summary: Fresno COG has upgraded communications and computer equipment over a period of several years, resulting in stacks of obsolete gear accumulating in the server room and storage closet. Staff has compiled an inventory of equipment that is still functional, although no longer state-of-the-art. Traditionally, staff has offered surplus equipment to member agencies prior to disposing of it. This list includes: 13 Dell computers, three overhead projectors, microphones, cables and signal processing equipment from the previous board room sound system, and a Toshiba digital office phone system. The list has a proposed minimum bid, but anyone interested in this equipment should contact [Kai Han](#) or [Les Beshears](#) at (559) 233-4148 or visit the office. Any gear remaining by the end of July will be recycled.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the list of equipment subject to disposal.

D. **Fresno County Rural Transit Agency 2019-20 Annual Budget (Moses Stites) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

FCRTA Resolution 2019-06

Summary: Fresno County Rural Transit Agency's budget has been prepared to reflect Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the rural Fresno County Area 2020-2024.

The document recommends programmed service improvements and continuing existing services. This year's budget has been developed to include continued review, comment and action during its 45-day review period that will culminate on June 27, 2019, with the scheduled FCRTA Board meeting. The numbers in the draft budget are subject to refinement following service contract negotiations, an opportunity for public presentations and a public presentation before the Board of Directors. The budget, which may require periodic amendments during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, is available on the Fresno COG's website www.fresnocog.org and FCRTA's website www.ruraltransit.org.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC request that the Policy Board recommend the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Board adopt Resolution No. 2019-06, approving the fiscal year 2019-20 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency budget.

E. **Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) (Todd Sobrado) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

SSTAC Members

Summary: Fresno COG's Policy Board formed the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) in May 1988 to: respond to State legislation and to coordinate social service transportation, assist the Board in identifying transit needs throughout Fresno County, review and recommend action for Fresno COG to address at its unmet transit needs hearing, and advise Fresno COG on any other major transit issues. The Board appoints SSTAC members for three-year terms.

SSTAC new member appointments to the Council are: Sarin Wakimian, resident, Fresno County

Article III, Section 99238 of the Transportation Development Act requires a minimum number of SSTAC members in specific categories. There is no maximum number of members specified in the TDA and in the interest of diversity, staff is seeking additional nominations. Specifically, staff is seeking members who represent minority groups, social service providers for seniors and potential transit users. A complete list of SSTAC members is included in the agenda package.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC request that the Policy Board approve appointing one new member to SSTAC.

F. **Fresno COG Activity-Based Model (ABM) On-call Contract (Kristine Cai) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

Scope of Work

Summary: Fresno COG completed its activity-based model (ABM) in 2018 with assistance from RSG, a reputable consulting firm specialized in ABM development. While the base year was calibrated and validated, Fresno COG staff has been working with RSG on fine-tuning the ABM on various applications such as environmental justice, air quality conformity, etc. Attached is the scope of ABM support work proposed for fiscal year 2019-20. The ABM is expected to be used extensively to develop the 2022 RTP/SCS.

Since RSG developed Fresno COG's ABM, it is the most reasonable firm to continue to provide support for model troubleshooting, staff training, and other maintenance related modeling activities.

Action: Staff, TTC and PAC request that the Policy Board approve the on-call contract with RSG and authorize the executive director to enter into a contract with RSG for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

G. **Triennial Performance Audit (Jennifer Soliz) [ACCEPT]**

Summary: The Transportation Development Act's (TDA) Article 4 requires Fresno COG to conduct a triennial performance audit of its own administration and the three transit operators to which Fresno COG allocates funds: Fresno Area Express (FAX), City of Clovis Public Transit, and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA). Fresno COG also requires a triennial performance audit for the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies (CTSA) within Fresno County to determine if AB 120's action plan goals are being met. The Fresno County Economic Commission (Fresno EOC) is co-designated with FAX and FCRTA as the CTSA, functioning as a fourth operator. The City of Clovis is the designated CTSA for that community.

The audits are intended to provide an independent, comprehensive review of the recipient's TDA funds, their management and use. It also provides an opportunity to review service efficiency and effectiveness, and to assure compliance with State requirements using TDA performance indicators.

All final audit reports can be found at the following links:

RTPA <https://db.tt/uUfqsbbiao>

FEOC <https://db.tt/FZEPvUzH5>

FCRTA <https://db.tt/9ynWU9JNSv>

FCOG <https://db.tt/RX8mC9foqn>

Clovis <https://db.tt/KEYkwavMmH>

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Board accept the triennial performance audits for Fresno COG, FAX, City of Clovis Public Transit and Fresno EOC for the three-year period ending June 30, 2018.

H. **Fiscal Year 2019-20 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Programming Sub-Committee Kick-Off Meeting (Jennifer Soliz) [INFORMATION]**

Summary: Fresno COG is beginning the fiscal year 2019-20 process for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) calls for projects. The programming subcommittee will comprise eligible applicants, including local agencies and school districts (for CMAQ) to develop program guidance, criteria and application packets. The programming subcommittee kick-off meeting will be held mid-July at Fresno COG. More information will be distributed once it becomes available.

If you have any questions regarding the CMAQ Program please contact Braden Duran at 559-233-4148

ext. 217 or bduran@fresnocog.org. For questions on the STBG program, please contact Jennifer Soliz at 559-233-4148 ext. 223 or jsoliz@fresnocog.org.

Action: Information. The Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

I. **Notice of Funding Availability - California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]**

Summary: The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has announced that approximately \$29 million is available in the second round of the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) program funding through this notice of funding opportunity. CESH program funding provides grants to administrative entities, designated by a continuum of care to assist persons who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness.

The full NOFA is available at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/cesh/docs/2019-CESH-NOFA-Amended.pdf>.

Applications for CESH program funding are due **at 5 p.m. June 28, 2019.**

Please submit questions to CESHNOFA@hcd.ca.gov.

Action: Information. The Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

J. **Call for Applications - Natural and Working Land Planning Grant, Agricultural Land Mitigation Program (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]**

Summary: The Department of Conservation (DOC) has released \$950,000 for local and regional planning grants to support natural and working lands integration, specifically agricultural lands, into local and regional planning documents.

Grant applications are due **Wednesday, July 31, 2019.**

As much as \$17 million is also available through DOC's **Agricultural Land Mitigation Program (ALMP)** for agricultural conservation easements on important farmland within Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties. ALMP has no match requirement and includes funding for direct acquisition costs, associated costs, and stewardship funds. Eligible applicants include counties, cities, nonprofit organizations, resource conservation districts, and regional park or open space districts. The draft ALMP guidelines are available for public comment on the department's website.

Action: Information. The Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

K. **Call for Applications - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]**

Summary: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications for the FY 2019 Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems (SAS). Applications must focus on approaches that promote transformational changes in the U.S. food and agriculture system within the next 25 years.

The department seeks creative and visionary applications that take a systems approach and that will significantly improve affordable, safe, nutritious, and accessible food while providing sustainable opportunities for expansion of the bioeconomy through animal, crop, and forest products and supporting technologies. These approaches must demonstrate current and future social, behavioral, economic, health, and environmental impacts. Additionally, the outcomes being proposed must result in societal benefits, including promoting rural prosperity and quality of life for those involved in food and agricultural value chains from production to consumption. The Department will accept only integrated (must include research, education, and extension) project applications.

Applications are due **Thursday, September 26.** Additional information may be found at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=314379>.

Action: Information. The Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

L. **Call for Letters of Interest - Groundwork USA (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]**

Summary: Groundwork USA, in partnership with the National Park Service and US Environmental Protection Agency, is now accepting letters of interest from communities seeking to apply for Groundwork USA program funding and technical assistance and to join the Groundwork Network. Letters must be received by Groundwork USA by **Wednesday, July 31**.

Complete details on the application and selection process, including eligibility requirements, submission details, and evaluation criteria are available at https://groundworkusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-GWUSA-New-Community-Selection-RFP_final.pdf.

Action: Information. The Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

M. **Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Short-Range Transit Plan Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Resolution 2019-17 (Jeff Long) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

2020-2024 FCMA SRTP Resolution 2019-17

Summary: The Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the Fresno-Clovis Urban Area is the biennial update to the operating plan and capital programs for Fresno Area Express (FAX) and Clovis Transit. The SRTP promotes a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous planning process for transit service in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA). It represents a short-range evaluation of transit needs and proposes specific recommendations for long-range objectives of Fresno County's Regional Transportation Plan. The Plan will guide transit service provision in the metropolitan area over the next five years.

Action: Staff, SSTAC and TTC/PAC recommend that the Policy Board adopt Resolution 2019-17, approving the Fresno Clovis Metropolitan Area Short-Range Transit Plan.

N. **Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area 2020-2024 (Moses Stites) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

FCRTA Resolution 2019-05

Summary: Fresno COG developed, and FCRTA has updated, the Short-Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area (SRTP) in cooperation with the cities of Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma and the County of Fresno. The SRTP for rural Fresno County area provides a five-year, action-oriented program to implement the Regional Transportation Plan's (2018) public transportation element. The SRTP is also consistent with the recently adopted Fresno County Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP) 2019-2050. The document is available on the Fresno COG website www.fresnocog.org and the FCRTA website www.ruraltransit.org.

Action: Staff, TTC/PAC and SSTAC request that the Policy Board recommend the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Board adopt Resolution No. 2019-05, approving the Rural Short-Range Transit Plan.

O. **Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, Fiscal Year 2019-20 (Amy Hance) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

Clovis OPB Resolution 2019-15

Summary: The Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's (CTSA) Operations Program and Budget (OPB) FY 2019-20 for the Clovis Urban Area is available on the Fresno COG website at fresnocog.org. It provides an overview of how and in what manner the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency will provide service over the next fiscal year. The OPB 45-day review process began on May 7, 2019, and was approved by the Social Service Transportation Advisory

Action: Staff, SSTAC, and TTC/PAC recommend that the Fresno COG Board adopt Resolution 2019-15, approving the Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's 2019-20 Operations Program and Budget.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Assembly Bill 617 Community Air Protection Program Update (Braden Duran) [INFORMATION]

Exhibits:

AB617 Updated Community Boundaries

Summary: In November 2018, the Policy Board was briefed on the AB 617 process that has been taking place in the south Fresno region with a focus on reducing harmful air pollution. AB 617 is "community focused" in that the program will heavily rely on community-specific monitoring to create a community-level action framework for air protection. The California Air Resources Board (CARB), air pollution control districts, and local communities are the main parties implementing AB 617. Fresno COG staff has been participating and observing through the steering committee as a government agency representative.

The steering committee voted to expand the community boundaries, area monitored, and committee membership from 30 members to 44 members. A new map of the community boundary has been provided. Included in this enlargement are the Southwest Fresno community, the Industrial Triangle area, as well as a larger percentage of Calwa and Malaga. Approximately \$80 million is available for monitoring and reduction strategies/programs.

A subcommittee will specifically detail which pollutants will be addressed, locate the areas of greatest concern and provide recommendations on how to best use the monitoring equipment and funding. This program is specifically aimed at reducing emissions that otherwise get overlooked or that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is not monitoring. The subcommittee is also considering how to better use Air District programs to help achieve community reductions.

While the South Fresno community program is scheduled to be completed by the end of October, the committee has now started to work on the first draft of the Community Emissions Reductions Plan (CERP). When this draft is available, Fresno COG staff will update the Policy Board for further discussion.

Action: Information. The Policy Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

B. Fresno County Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network Plan Consultant Selection (Trai Her-Cole) [APPROVE]

Summary: Fresno COG received a 2018-19 Caltrans Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to develop the Fresno County Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network (EVCI) Plan. The Plan will identify network gaps and funding, as well as prioritize potential sites for deploying future infrastructure investment.

Fresno COG released a request for proposals for consultant services and received six proposals. A selection committee interviewed the top three scoring firms (Center for Sustainable Energy, AECOM, and Wildan) and selected Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE).

On March 28, 2019, Fresno COG's Board authorized the executive director to enter into a contract with CSE; however, CSE has since withdrawn the proposal. Therefore, the scoring committee has recommended awarding the contract services to the AECOM. AECOM has developed several similar plans to assist in the evaluation of smart infrastructure solutions for local jurisdictions in California, Illinois, and Ohio.

Action: The scoring committee, staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract, not to exceed \$152,892, with AECOM for consulting services for the Fresno County Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network Plan.

C. **Regional Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Cycle 3 Guidelines and Application Packet and Call for Projects Initiation (Jennifer Soliz) [APPROVE]**

Exhibits:

Guidelines Application Scope of Work Project Timeline

Summary: The Regional Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Grant Program (SIPGP) encourages local and regional multimodal transportation and land-use planning projects that further the region's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, contribute to the state's greenhouse gas reduction targets and addresses the needs of disadvantaged communities.

SIPGP Cycle 3 will distribute \$147,048 to eligible projects through a regional competitive program for fiscal year 2019-20. Regional guidelines, scoring criteria and the application packet were developed through a working group that included representatives from local agencies, Caltrans, and non-profit organizations. Upon Board approval, staff will initiate a call-for-projects and project applications will be due August 1, 2019, as outlined in the attached program guidelines.

Initially rolled out as an annual program, staff is recommending SIPGP move to a biennial basis, which would provide an increase in available funds per cycle. This would also allow for more projects to be funded and/or a larger-scoped project to be awarded and more efficient program management.

Action: Staff, the SIPGP subcommittee and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the SIPGP guidelines and application packet, initiate the call for projects, and shift SIPGP to a biennial program.

D. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) (Les Beshears) [PUBLIC HEARING]**

Exhibits:

Contract Opportunities

Summary: A public notice was placed in the Fresno Bee on May 18, 2019, regarding a public hearing and inviting interested parties to submit comments regarding Fresno Council of Governments' Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) program on June 27, 2019. Any comments received will be included in the record during the public hearing.

Fresno Council of Governments, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, adopts a triennial Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for awarded contracts funded with federal or state grants. On June 28, 2018, in a public hearing, Fresno COG's Policy Board adopted Resolution 2018-13, approving a three-year goal of 16 percent for 2018-19 through 2020-21. The goal applies to a variety of technical transportation and air quality-related studies funded by Federal Highways Administration and Federal Transit Administration programs itemized in Fresno COG's Overall Work Program and budget. Also included are some Federal Transit Administration 5310 grants passed on to Fresno Area Express for transit infrastructure.

The triennial DBE goal considers the availability of certified DBEs in Fresno COG's market area. It also considers a disparity study conducted by the state Department of Transportation which determined three groups exhibited disparity indices substantially below parity and are presumed to be disadvantaged; Black-American, Hispanic-American and Native American. Two additional groups displayed disparity indices below parity but did not reach the threshold considered substantial: White Woman-Owned Business and Subcontinent Asian-American.

Proposals will be solicited from qualified consultants at various times during 2018-19 through 2020-21 fiscal years. Any firm with technical qualifications to perform these studies may apply to be added to Fresno COG's request for proposal (RFP) listing. Firms qualifying as a DBE must provide a certification in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26, issued by the State of California, Department of Transportation, the National Economic Development Administration, the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno or some other certifying governmental agency.

Fresno COG staff mailed a notice to its entire consulting database requesting updates to DBE status and NACIS classification. Consequently, the database now has 29 companies, of which: four are African-American owned, seven are Asian Pacific-American, two Native American, 19 woman-owned, 10 Hispanic male, two Subcontinent Asian Male and one classified as "other," resulting in a ratio of 15.52 percent DBEs to non-DBEs. This finding suggests the 16 percent adopted DBE participation level is a valid reflection of DBEs willing and able to do business in our market area. No adjustment to the

proposed goal is recommended at this time.

The 2019-20 Overall Work Program and budget identifies \$2,412,711 in contracting opportunities that will be subject to procurement during the 2019-20 fiscal year.

During the 2018-19 fiscal year, Fresno COG entered into 11 consultant contracts totaling \$1,654,040. Overall DBE participation was \$351,406 or 21 percent.

Action: Open the public hearing, receive comments and close the public hearing addressing Fresno COG's DBE program.

E. **Fiscal Year 2019-20 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Findings Report (Todd Sobrado)**
[APPROVE]

Exhibits:

Unmet Needs Report Resolution 2019-14

Under California's Transportation Development Act, Fresno COG's Policy Board must determine that public transportation needs within Fresno County will be reasonably met in fiscal year 2019-20 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 by sending approximately 400 letters to agencies and individuals interested in providing feedback on their public transportation needs within Fresno County. The request for comments letters, in English and Spanish, were sent in February 2019.

In addition to the request for written comments, SSTAC held eight formal and one informal, information-gathering meetings. Formal meetings were split evenly, with four held in the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area and four in rural communities (two east side and two west side). The informal meeting was held at the request of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability.

The unmet transit needs meeting schedule was publicized in Fresno COG's e-newsletter, via public notices in the Fresno Bee and Vida En La Valle newspapers, and posted on Fresno COG's social media channels. The meetings were also publicized in the Fresno Area Express e-newsletter, reaching more than 300 subscribers. Attendance ranged from just a few people to upwards of 25 people.

After a thorough review of all comments and issues, the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) found there to be no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

Action: Staff, SSTAC and TTC/PAC recommend that Fresno COG's Board approve Resolution 2019-14, and find that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

F. **Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]**

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A. **Consultant Contract Renewals/Extensions (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

1. **Sigala Inc. Contract Renewal (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Summary: The San Joaquin Valley COG Directors use Sigala Inc. to coordinate valleywide COG activities. At their April 2019 meeting, the directors agreed to renew Sigala Inc.'s contract for the

2019-20 fiscal year. The cost is prorated among the eight COGs.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Board authorize the Executive Director to renew Sigala Inc.'s contract for an amount not to exceed \$135,000 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

2. **WSP On-Call Contract Renewal (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Summary: WSP, formerly Parson Brinkerhoff, developed the nexus for the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) in Fresno County per Measure C's mandates and provides the statutory five-year updates. Fresno COG keeps an on-call contract open with WSP to resolve technical issues associated with implementing the fee program for the Fresno County Transportation Authority. The contract expense comes out of the fees collected.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Board authorize the Executive Director to renew the WSP contract for the RTMF nexus updates and technical assistance for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

3. **Echointeractive Contract (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Summary: Fresno COG leases Fresno Track web-based software from Echointeractive to manage millions of dollars of federal aid construction projects in Fresno County. Fresno Track provides for online interactive coordination between member agency project sponsors and Fresno COG staff to ensure federal requirements are met.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Board authorize the Executive Director to renew the Echointeractive contract for an amount not to exceed \$56,699 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

4. **NEC Contract Extension (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Summary: In July 2018 Fresno COG's Policy Board authorized a contract with NEC to develop a Regional Pavement Management System. The project is proceeding as planned and will continue into the 2019-20 budget year. There is no additional cost associated with this extension.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Board authorize the Executive Director to extend NEC's contract for the Regional Pavement Management System through fiscal year 2019-20.

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

Exhibits:

Legislative Report

Summary: Attached is the most recent legislative report for the California State Legislature 2019-20 session and a federal report from Simon and Company. To locate current and past-year state bill information, go to the Official California Legislative Information webpage at leginfo.ca.gov/

To locate current and past-year federal bill information go to THOMAS, the Library of Congress's bill information website at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Action: Information. The Policy Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

IV. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **2019-20 Overall Work Program Amendment No. 1 (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]**

Summary:

Work Element 124 – Business Commute Maximization - This Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5304-funded project was in the 2018-19 Overall Work Program (OWP) and scheduled for completion by June 30, 2019. The University of Denver and Fresno State have requested a time extension to provide

the final report to Caltrans. As a condition of approving the extension, Caltrans requires the project to be carried over into the 2019-20 OWP, funding the associated activities through October 31, 2019, to develop the final report. This amendment programs \$1,000 in local funds provided by the universities to cover the cost of the close-out work.

Work Element 160 – Better Blackstone Challenge - Fresno COG was awarded \$481,559 in grant funding to develop the Better Blackstone Challenge. Fresno Metro Ministries will provide \$62,391 in matching funds.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board adopt 2019-20 Overall Work Program amendment No. 1, increasing the budget \$544,950.

B. Appointment to San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (Tony Boren) [APPOINT]

Appoint one (1) Alternate Member to the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, effective immediately, to fill the vacancy of Michael Derr, for an indefinite term.

C. Upcoming Joint Fresno Council of Governments / Fresno County Transportation Authority Board Meeting to Discuss Potential Early Reauthorization of Measure C [INFORMATION / DISCUSSION]

Summary: Over the last 30 years, Fresno County's one-half cent sales tax for transportation purposes -- Measure C -- has faithfully delivered over \$2 billion in transportation improvements for Fresno County citizens, including capacity enhancements and operational improvements to many state highway facilities, such as State Routes 180, 168 and 41, among others.

Measure C has also provided funding directly to Fresno COG's 16 member agencies for maintenance and rehabilitation needs on their local streets and roads; active transportation projects, such as bike and pedestrian trails; a variety of innovative transportation programs, including a New Technology Program, a Seniors Taxi Script program, and a Transit-Oriented Design (TOD) program, among others. Beyond streets and highways, Measure C also provides funding for urban and rural public transit needs.

By any measure, Fresno County's Measure C program has been a tremendous success and has greatly improved mobility for both people and goods within our Fresno County region. Fresno voters felt so strongly about the original measure's success -- "*Promises Made...Promises Kept*" -- that they overwhelmingly supported a reauthorization in 2006 with 78 percent of the vote.

Set to expire in 2026, Fresno COG and FCTA executive staff has been discussing the administrative merits and potential financial benefits of an "early" reauthorization of Measure C. Based on those conversations, both Fresno COG and FCTA staff are strongly convinced that serious consideration should be given to an early renewal of Measure C in 2022. After meeting privately with the chairmen of both the Fresno COG/FCTA Policy Boards to discuss the issue, the decision was to hold a joint meeting of both boards to discuss the issue. Accordingly, a special joint meeting of the Fresno COG/FCTA Boards will be scheduled in either July or August of this year, depending on board member availability. The sole purpose will be to discuss the potential for an early reauthorization of Measure C.

Action: Information/Discussion. The Policy Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

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.**