

**Fresno COG Policy Board
MINUTES
Thursday, May 30, 2019
5:30 PM**

Members Attending:

Mayor Drew Bessinger, City of Clovis
Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor Marcia Sablan, City of Firebaugh
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
Councilmember Paul Caprioglio, City of Fresno
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Mayor Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Pro Tem Trinidad Pimentel, City of Parlier
Councilmember Robert Beck, City of Reedley
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma

Gail Miller, Caltrans
Kyle Roberson, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

Absent:

Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Meeting held prior to Fresno COG Policy Board, no quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting began at 6:02 p.m. Information items from the Fresno COG Policy Board Agenda heard first. No quorum, there were 13 members present representing 27.01% of the population. Agenda heard out of order. Information items reported first.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITME IV-B. – One Voice Washington D.C. (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG hosted its annual One Voice delegation in Washington D.C. May 4-9, 2019. Elected officials, board members and staff from multiple agencies and companies attended, including Fresno County's Economic Opportunities Commission and Economic Development Corporation, CALSTART, Mid-Valley Disposal and FMKT Building Trades. The One Voice group met with Fresno's Congressional delegation and representatives from several Federal agencies, including the White House on 12 priority issues.

Mr. Phipps reported on the trip, including responses and feedback received from Federal officials. The priorities brochure and a written summary provided by legislative advocates with Simon and Co. were provided.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION ITME IV-C. – Budget Trailer Bill - Housing Planning Incentives (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) provided an update on Governor Newsom's proposed budget trailer bill, which would provide financial incentives to local jurisdictions and metropolitan planning organizations to address any planning-related obstacles to housing production.

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

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that last month, April, the largest amount of Regional Transportation Mitigation Fees (RTMF) was received since Fresno COG began collecting the fee in 2010.

B. Items from Members

There were not items from members.

TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION ITEM II-E. – Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Miller (Caltrans) reported:

- Kings Canyon Expressway SR 180 Segment 3; structure work is nearing completion at four locations, China Slew, Kings River, Cameron Slew and Bird Slew. Grating work is progressing on the main line. SR 180 concrete base and paving began. A detour is in place and is working well.
- San Joaquin River Bridge seismic retrofit. All work is complete except for final restriping. The end of construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of the month.
- Caltrans is working with the City of Fresno and the County of Madera on the relinquishment of the bridge. Work began this month and should be completed by the end of June.
- Interstate 5 – Pavement preservation from Tuolumne Avenue crossing to north of the State Route 33 and Interstate 5 separation. This is a SHOPP project. The project began work April 24th. Completion is anticipated for the end of August 2019.
- State Route 269 Bridge – Work is progressing on an accelerated schedule. The project is anticipated to be open to traffic on November 11, 2019. Project completion in December 2019.
- Shaver to Huntington – Asphalt overlay on 168. Work has resumed after being in winter suspension. Anticipated completion is summer 2019.
- Shepherd/168 – Rumble strips. Project is complete.
- Zero Emission Vehicle Charging Stations at various locations in Fresno, Tulare, Kern Counties along SR 99 and I-5. The CTC allocated construction funding at the March meeting. The allocation is conditional on joint legislation committee approval.

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

Fresno City entered.

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler), Chair.

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 14 members representing 80.46% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Parlier, Orange Cove, Reedley, San Joaquin, Selma).

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) [INFORMATION]
- G. Short-Range Transit Plan for Rural Fresno County 2020-2024 (Moses Stites) [INFORMATION]
- H. Authorizing Resolution 2019-20 for YARTS FTA Section 5311(f) Funding with Caltrans (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]
- I. 2019 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Solicitation (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]
- J. Regional Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Cycle 3 (Jennifer Soliz) [INFORMATION]
- K. Call for Applications - Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Program (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

- M. Notice of Funding Opportunity - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants Program (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) pulled item I-L for discussion.

After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Caprioglio (Fresno City) motioned and Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) seconded to approve the balance of the consent agenda. The motion passed.

- L. Notice of Funding Availability - Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has issued a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for \$5 million for Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants. This grant supports neighborhood revitalization plans focused on housing. All applications are due **June 1, 2019**.

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

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 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, Ms. Roman (Kingsburg) motioned and Mr. Yep (Kerman) seconded to approve Resolution 2019-09 to adopt the 2019 Fresno COG Title VI Program.

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

Ms. Her-Cole (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, Mr. Yep (Kerman) motioned and Mr. Leon (Huron) seconded to approve funding for all seven applications to the Measure C TOD Program Cycle VII, for a total of \$1,993,079.

C. 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. Silva (Mendota) motioned and Mr. Yep (Kerman) 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.

D. PUBLIC HEARING: Fiscal Year 2019-20 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment (Todd Sobrado) [PUBLIC HEARING]

Mr. Sobrado (FCOG) reported that this public hearing is to accept comments. Comments received will be included in the final 2019-20 Unmet Needs Report. The report is scheduled to be approved by the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Public hearing was opened for public comment. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

A. Regional Clearinghouse (Jennifer Soliz) [APPROVE]

Item B pulled by Mayor Leon (Huron)

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Beck (Reedley) motioned and Mr. Leon (Huron) seconded to approve the balance of the consent agenda. The motion passed.

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

Staff provided 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.

Mayor Leon (Huron) asked what Bills are having a large impact and should be followed. Mr. Phipps (FCOG) responded that SB50 as it relates to housing.

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

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE 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. Beck (Reedley) motioned and Mr. Lander (Coalinga) seconded to approve resolution 2019-07 adopting the final Fresno Council of Governments fiscal year 2019-20 Overall Work Program and budget.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

Ms. Roman (Kingsburg) motioned and Mr. Robertson (Selma) seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

Elisa Rivera, Senator Caballero
Felipe Perez, Biola CSD
Amy Hance, City of Clovis
Bethany B, City of Clovis
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