

**Policy Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Friday, June 14, 2019
10:00 AM**

Members Present

Luke Serpa, City of Clovis
Wilma Quan-Schechter, City of Fresno
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
Tim Chapa, City of Sanger
Teresa Gallavan, City of Selma
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Chapa (Sanger), Chair. With five members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of May 10, 2019 [APPROVE]
- B. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Transportation Development Act Claims (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency 2019-20 Annual Budget (Moses Stites) [APPROVE]
- D. 2020-2024 Short Range Transit Plan for the Rural Fresno County Area PUBLIC HEARING June 27, 2019 (Moses Stites) [APPROVE]
- E. Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Short-Range Transit Plan Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Resolution 2019-17 PUBLIC HEARING June 27, 2019 (Jeff Long) [APPROVE]
- F. Appointments to the Fresno COG Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) (Todd Sobrado) [APPROVE]
- G. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations Program & Budget, Fiscal Year 2019-20 (Amy Hance) [APPROVE]
- H. Fresno COG Activity-Based Model (ABM) On-call Contract (Kristine Cai) [APPROVE]
- I. Triennial Performance Audit (Jennifer Soliz) [ACCEPT]
- J. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- K. Surplus Property (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- L. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Programming Sub-Committee Kick-Off Meeting (Jennifer Soliz) [INFORMATION]
- M. Notice of Funding Availability - California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]
- N. Call for Applications - Natural and Working Land Planning Grant, Agricultural Land Mitigation Program (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]
- O. Call for Applications - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]
- P. Call for Letters of Interest - Groundwork USA (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]

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

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Fresno County Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network Plan Consultant Selection (Kristine Cai) [APPROVE]**

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that 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.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Zieba (Reedley) motioned and Ms. Gallavan (Selma) seconded to 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.

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

Mr. Sobrado (FCOG) reported that 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. The Fresno COG Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) is responsible for evaluating unmet transit needs.

Each year the SSTAC begins soliciting comments by sending letters to agencies and individuals, holding formal and informal, information-gathering meetings. Letters were sent in English and Spanish and the meeting schedule was publicized in e-newsletters, printed public notices in local publications and social media.

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.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Ms. Zieba (Reedley) seconded to approve Resolution 2019-14, and find that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet in Fresno County.

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

Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported that 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.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Quan (Fresno City) motioned and Ms. Gallavan (Selma) seconded to approve the SIPGP guidelines and application packet, initiate the call for projects, and shift SIPGP to a biennial program.

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

Mr. Duran (FCOG) reported that In November 2018, both TTC and PAC were 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).

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

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Sigala Inc. Contract Renewal (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
2. WSP On-Call Contract Renewal (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
3. Echointeractive Contract (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
4. NEC Contract Extension (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

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

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DICUSSION ITEMS

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

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Serpa (Clovis) motioned and Ms. Quan (Fresno City) seconded to adopt 2019-20 Overall Work Program amendment No. 1, increasing the budget \$544,950.

V. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

PAC Current: Tim Chapa, Chairman and Jean Rousseau, Vice Chairman

Ms. Quan (Fresno City) made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zieba (Reedley) to nominate Jean Rousseau (Fresno County) for Chair. The motion passed.

Ms. Zieba (Reedley) made a motion, seconded by Mr. Serpa (Clovis) to nominate Teresa Gallavan (Selma) for Vice Chair. The motion passed.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the Governor signed the new budget with money for housing. Fresno COG will work closely with member agencies to put the housing money to work.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

VII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Tony Boren

Public

Amanda Rosales, VRPA
Amy Hance, City of Clovis
Bethany Berube, City of Clovis
Carolina Ilic, City of Fresno

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