

**Fresno COG Policy Board
MINUTES
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

Members Attending:

Councilmember Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis
Councilmember Felipe Perez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
Councilmember Paul Caprioglio, City of Fresno
Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Mayor Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Mayor Pro Tem Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Pro Tem Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Louis Franco, City of Selma
Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno

Bryan Rome, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

Absent:

Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 13 members representing 96.35% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Kerman, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma, Fresno County).

The meeting was called to order at 10:48 a.m. by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler), Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

**A. Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Submittal Resolution 2019-34 (Jennifer Soliz)
[APPROVE]**

Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopts a new State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) every two years. The STIP is a five-year capital improvement program of transportation projects on and off the state highway system, funded with revenues from the State Highway Account and other funding sources. As part of the STIP development process, each region is required to produce a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), which comprises regional priorities for 75 percent of the funding in the STIP. Concurrent with the RTIP development at the regional level, Caltrans is required to produce the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) for the remaining 25 percent of STIP funding. The ITIP comprises interregional priorities set by Caltrans in collaboration with the regions. Caltrans merges the regions' RTIPs and Caltrans' ITIP into the statewide document, the STIP, and submits it to the CTC for approval.

The 2020 STIP fund estimate provided limited new capacity in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. Overall STIP capacity is significantly lower than initially envisioned under the new funding that SB 1 provides. The Fresno region has \$36.9 million in unprogrammed balances, while its target through FY 2024-25 is \$12.4 million.

Fresno COG's RTIP is dedicated to the region's priorities as listed in the Measure C Expenditure Plan approved by voters in 2006. The Fresno region has a longstanding policy of leveraging state and federal funding on major transportation improvements by partnering those resources with Measure C sales tax funding. The 2020 RTIP submittal programs \$49.2 million in STIP county shares, bringing the Fresno region's total to \$75.4 million. The STIP priorities for our region were presented to the Fresno COG Policy Board at its September 26, 2020 meeting.

Staff's intent for the 2020 RTIP will be to continue delivering the South Fresno Interchange Project, while carrying over the other projects previously programmed. RTIP project funding is detailed on the attached programming document. Projects are as follows:

- State Route (SR) 180 W – Freeway landscaping
- SR 41 Excelsior Expressway
- Veterans Boulevard
- South Fresno Interchange
- Planning, Programming, & Monitoring (PPM)

After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) motioned and Supervisor Quintero (Fresno County) seconded to adopt Resolution 2019-34 to submit Fresno COG's 2020 RTIP to the California Transportation Commission.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Cyber Security Contract with AMS.net (Robert Phipps) [APPROVE]

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that in response to the Fresno COG server breach in September 2019, Fresno COG staff has been working closely with the City of Fresno cyber security team to identify the best strategies/practices to secure Fresno COG's IT system moving forward. While financial, modeling and GIS files were largely unaffected by the data breach, it nevertheless resulted in a catastrophic loss of data to the agency. A multitude of plans, reports, studies, memos, correspondence, and particularly public outreach-related files, were encrypted in the attack beyond staff's ability to retrieve it.

Under our existing system, the City of Fresno supplies the fiber optic cable infrastructure and service for Fresno COG's primary internet connection. Because of the network's continued vulnerability, the City has disconnected Fresno COG and will not reconnect the office until considerably more stringent, multi-level security measures are firmly in place. With this in mind, and at the request of City of Fresno IT officials, Fresno COG met with AMS.net, a cyber-security and technology solution specialty firm. The intent is to establish a multi-layered program that will include at least two firewalls, an industry-leading enterprise network security system and anti-virus/malware software program from Cisco, as well as new servers and potentially other hardware and software purchases.

The installation process is expected to be similar to that of a completely new IT system, complete with subscriptions to cloud-based Office 365 for staff. The total cost of the turn-key operation is \$124,042.

Due to ongoing security concerns and the critical need to secure the IT system as soon as possible, both staff and the Policy Advisory Committee request that the Board waive its standard policy for soliciting proposals and issue a finding that it is in Fresno COG's best interest to approve a sole source contract with AMS.net.

After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Ashbeck (Clovis) motioned and Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) seconded to approve a sole-source contract with AMS.net for an amount not to exceed \$124,042 and authorize the executive director to sign.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Mr. Boren reported that Mayor Robert Silva will no longer be able to serve on the Fresno COG Policy Board due to health reasons.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations

Meeting adjourned to FCRTA at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

None

Staff:

Les Beshears

Kristine Cai

Robert Phipps

Jen Soliz

Moses Stites

Janelle Del Campo

Jeaneen Cervantes