

**Transportation Technical Committee  
MINUTES  
Friday, April 10, 2020  
8:30 AM**

Meeting held via teleconference.

**Members Present via Teleconference:**

Greg Barfield, City of Fresno-FAX  
Mohammad Alimi, Fresno County  
Tina Sumner, Fresno Cycling Club  
Mike Prandini, Building Industry Association  
Joey Daggett, City of Selma  
Scott Mozier, City of Fresno  
Moses Stites, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency  
Marilu Morales, City of Reedley  
Debbie Hunsaker, Chamber of Commerce  
Jamaica Gentry, Caltrans  
David Padilla, Caltrans  
Michael Osborne, City of Mendota/P&P  
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Mr. Barfield (FAX), Chair.

**I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Executive Minutes of February 14, 2020 [APPROVE]
- B. City of Huron Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. RTP Community Mini Grant deadline extended to April 15, 2020 (Brenda Veenendaal) [INFORMATION]
- D. Circuit Planner and Engineer - Update on Current Tasks (Braden Duran) [INFORMATION]
- E. 2020 Unmet Transit Needs: Public Hearing Announcement (Todd Sobrado) [INFORMATION]
- F. FCOG Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan Project Update (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Stites (FCRTA) motioned and Ms. Hansaker (Chamber) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

**II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Fresno County Transportation Network Vulnerability Assessment Final Report (Kristine Cai) [ACCEPT]**

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG received grant funding from Caltrans under the Senate Bill (SB) 1 Adaptation Planning Grants Program to conduct a Transportation Network Vulnerability Assessment (TNVA) for Fresno County. The TNVA aimed to assist Fresno COG and its member agencies in understanding and adapting to the potential impacts of climate change on the region's transportation infrastructure. The study's major work products included a public outreach plan and synopsis, a vulnerability assessment report, and an adaptation strategies report.

The TNVA found that much of the Fresno region's transportation system and its users are likely to be affected by changing climate conditions. Primary climate-related hazards affecting transportation include: flooding, wildfire, extreme temperatures, and precipitation-induced landslides.

One of the analysis' major components was a risk indicator scoring process that combined relevant data on climate hazards and assets into vulnerability scores representing the relative risks facing different assets. This systemwide process helps identify the most vulnerable assets, which should be assessed at the project level.

The TNVA also identified potential adaptation strategies that can be implemented around the county to prepare for climate change impacts. The resulting list of strategies is intended to act as a menu of various response options, which Fresno COG and its stakeholders can pull from as needed. There are a wide range of responses to consider, including changes to planning, policy, design, operations, and maintenance.

This information can inform the next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) update and also help local jurisdictions meet the SB 379 requirements, which mandate that all cities and counties address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies in the next revision of their general plans' safety elements.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Mozier (Fresno City) motioned and Ms. Sumner (Fresno Cycling Club) seconded to recommend that the Policy Board accept the Fresno County Transportation Network Vulnerability Assessment Final Report. The motion passed

#### **B. 2021 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 Guidelines, Resolution 2020-11 (Jennifer Soliz) [APPROVE]**

Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported that the State established the Active Transportation Program (ATP) in September 2013. ATP funding is distributed as follows:

- Fifty percent to the State for a statewide competitive program ("Statewide Competitive ATP");
- Ten percent to the small urban and rural area competitive program, managed by the State; and
- Forty percent to the large urbanized area competitive program, with funding distributed by population and managed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization ("Regional ATP").

Fresno COG is responsible for developing guidelines for the regional ATP and for recommending projects to the California Transportation Commission. The Regional ATP Guidelines substantially follow those of the CTC but include some differences based on the region's priorities. Fresno COG developed the guidelines in consultation with Fresno COG's ATP Multidisciplinary Advisory Group (MAG), which includes representatives from Caltrans, other government agencies, and active transportation stakeholder organizations with expertise in public health and pedestrian and bicycle issues, including Safe Routes to School programs. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) is scheduled to approve the guidelines at its May meeting.

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopted final 2021 ATP Guidelines on March 25, 2020. There were changes at the statewide level from Cycle 4 to Cycle 5, including new and revised language in categories such as project/program amendments (scope changes), performance metrics, scoring criteria and timely use of funds. Considerable program changes include:

- Updated Disadvantaged Communities criteria to include a Healthy Places Index
- An updated project size threshold for small and medium infrastructure/non-infrastructure projects
- Eligible projects – quick-build project pilot program

The MAG agreed that the regional guidelines and criteria should match the adopted statewide guidelines as closely as possible. Only a few minor differences remain between the statewide guidelines and Fresno COG's regional guidelines. As in previous cycles, the MAG agreed to continue with no minimum funding award and to encourage funding awards of \$2 million or less per project. Fresno COG will hold a separate call for projects for the Regional ATP and have a regional scoring committee. Applicants may apply for either the State ATP program or Regional ATP program, or both. Fresno COG encourages all ATP projects to be submitted to the State ATP competitive program, although it is not required. Projects not selected for programming in the statewide competition must be considered in the regional competition.

The statewide competitive call for projects is now open, and applications will be due to Caltrans on June 15, 2020. Once CTC approves the Regional ATP Guidelines (May 15-16, 2020), the regional call for projects will open, with applications due August 14, 2020.

The MAG and staff recommend several changes that have been identified in the guidelines, shown in red. These changes are consistent with the statewide guidelines.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Stites (FCRTA) motioned and Ms. Morales (Reedley) seconded to recommend the Policy Board approve Resolution 2020-11 adopting the Fresno COG Regional Competitive Active Transportation Program Guidelines and accept the Multidisciplinary Advisory Group list. The motion passed.

**C. Release of Measure C New Technology Reserve Program 2018 Grant Application (Peggy Arnest) [INFORMATION]**

Ms. Arnest (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG is seeking proposals from eligible public agencies for advanced transit and transportation projects that have the potential for broad benefits to Fresno County residents and will assist the region in meeting its air quality goals. Fresno COG and the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA) are proposing to fund projects of regional significance in the areas of research, development, demonstration, and deployment that will advance public transit and transportation. This third cycle of the Measure "C" New Technology Reserve Program will make approximately **\$5.4 million** available for eligible new technology projects/programs. The 2020 application is attached to this item.

Timeline:

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Request for Proposals released	April 10, 2020
Last day to submit requests for clarification	June 4, 2020
Deadline for electronic proposal submittal for agencies requesting to partner with Fresno COG	June 18, 2020
Deadline for proposal submittal	July 22, 2020
Scoring (Tentative)	July 27 - August 14, 2020
Potential interview date (tentative)	August 17 - 28, 2020
Policy Board approval (tentative)	September 24, 2020
FCTA Board approval (tentative)	October 28, 2020
Notice to proceed - subject to contract signing (tentative)	January 2021

In February 2016, the Policy Board approved a formal process to solicit and accept members to sit on a Multidisciplinary Advisory Group (MAG). The MAG will review, evaluate and score the New Tech applications and recommend projects for funding. Nominees are needed from the following: City of Fresno, City of Clovis, east side city, west side city, County of Fresno, Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee, FCTA, transit, business, education and two public seats. The MAG application will be released in the early summer.

This item was informational only; no further action was required

**III. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. Items from Staff**

1. New Deadlines for Open Grant Applications (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

**B. Items from Members**

There were no items from members

**IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Public Presentations**

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club

Jim Gross, WSP

Monte Cox, Fresno EOC

Staff:

Robert Phipps

Kristine Cai

Trai Her-Cole

Peggy Arnest

Brenda Veenendaal

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