

Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

2:00 PM

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Kristine Cai)

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cai (FCOG) at 2:03 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL (Jeaneen Cervantes)

David Merchen, City of Clovis
Sean Brewer, City of Coalinga
Sophia Pagoulatos, City of Fresno
John Jansons, City of Kerman
Michael Osborn, City of Mendota
Rob Terry, City of Reedley
Derek Sylvester, City of Sanger
Joey Daggett, City of Selma
Mohammad Khorsand, County of Fresno
Crystal Yunker, San Joaquin Valley Air District
George Uc, LAFCo
Jamaica Gentry, Caltrans
Carolina Ilic, Public Transportation Urban
Moses Stites, Public Transportation Rural
Tina Sumner, Active Transportation
Michael Duarte, Affordable Housing
Eric VonBerg, Broad-Based Business
Mike Prandini, Building Development
George Cummings, Education
Adam Livingston, Environmental
Joseph Oldham, New Technology
Keith Berthold, Public Health Advocate
Sargeant Green, Water Agency
Gail Miller, Public at Large
Jim Hunter, Public at Large
Sal Petrucelli, Public at Large

II. NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair (Kristine Cai)

Chair:

Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) nominated Rob Terry, City of Reedley, for Chair. There were no other nominations.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) motioned and Mr. Stites (FCRTA) seconded to appoint Mr. Rob Terry as Chair of the RTP/SCS Roundtable. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair:

Jim Hunter (Public at Large) nominated Gail Miller, Public at Large, for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Hunter (Public at Large) motioned and Mr. Stites (FCRTA) seconded to appoint Ms. Gail Miller as Vice Chair of the RTP/SCS Roundtable. The motion passed, 22 yes votes and 2 non-voters.

B. 2022 RTP/SCS Schedule and Milestones (Kristine Cai) (Information)

Ms. Kai (FCOG) provided a brief summary of the 2022 RTP/SCS development schedule and the milestones of the process.

This item was informational only; no further action was required

C. Introduction to Futures Planning Concepts (Seth Scott) (Information)

Mr. Scott (FCOG) reported that a challenge inherent in long-range planning is uncertainty about the future. To combat this uncertainty, planning agencies are establishing a trend of developing diverging assumptions of future conditions against which to test the resilience of their strategies. Notable examples include the California Transportation Plan 2050 (Caltrans) and Plan Bay Area 2050 (MTC).

Fresno COG has adapted to this practice and will include futures analysis in its 2022 SCS. Each scenario's strategies will be tested against several Futures: one base Future as well as 2-3 others. Thus, each scenario will be reported and evaluated based on its performance along each Future, providing a sort of "stress test" for the strategies identified in that scenario.

Mr. Scott's presentation introduced the concept of Futures and how they would operate within the framework of the development and testing of the SCS scenarios. Next month, staff will propose specific Futures for consideration and approval.

This item was informational only; no further action was required

D. RTP Public Outreach Strategies (Brenda Veenendaal) (Information)

Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG executes an approved public participation plan for each RTP update cycle. The 2020 Fresno COG Public Participation Plan was released for public review in early March of this year and was scheduled for adoption on June 25, 2020 by the Fresno COG Policy Board. The Public Participation Plan (PPP) includes a summary of the RTP Public Outreach and interagency coordination and consultation requirements as well as a public outreach strategy focused solely on engaging the public in RTP planning and development.

The final draft documents are available for review at this link.

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic, Fresno COG staff also developed additional robust, virtual public outreach strategies over the last few months, that include a dedicated RTP Update website, social media communications, videos, e-newsletters, online town halls and virtual workshops, dedicated email alerts and interactive surveys. Staff provided a presentation to the RTP Roundtable membership on Fresno COG's RTP public outreach plans and strategies during the meeting.

This item was informational only; no further action was required

E. New Challenges for the 2022 RTP/SCS (Kristine Cai) (Information)

Ms. Kai (FCOG) reported that the 2022 RTP/SCS will be facing many new challenges due to the new rules and legislations taking effect and the impacts from COVID 19. These new challenges include revenue shortfall, uncertainty in the job recovery, incorporation of SB 743, public outreach under COVID 19, higher GHG reduction target, transportation conformity with SAFE vehicle rule, potentially higher RHNA numbers, etc.

This item was informational only; no further action was required

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Ms. Martinez (FCOG) reported that the project evaluation focus group will be reconvening, beginning the first couple weeks of July. The public is welcome to participate.
- Ms. Cai (FCOG) provided her email in the chat of the Zoom for those who are not already included in the current distribution list.

B. Items from Members

- Mr. VonBerg (Broad Based Business) asked what the schedule is for the EIR-RFP. Ms. Prince responded that the RFP will be released in October 2020.
- Mr. Bergthold (Public Health Advocate) asked about Roundtable protocol. Ms. Cai responded that the Chair and Staff will come back to the Roundtable with protocol.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

Upcoming meeting dates:

July 22, 2020 from 2-4 p.m.

August 26, 2020 from 2-4 p.m.

September 23, 2020 from 2-4 p.m.

October 28, 2020 from 2-4 p.m.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Members of the Public:

Matt Gillian

Nick Paladino

Anthony Molina

Denise DiBenedetto

B. Jimenez

City of Clovis Staff

David Padilla

Claudia Cazaraz

Laura Gromis

Mohammad Alimi

Tania Santiago-Greathouse

FCOG Staff:

Tony Boren

Kristine Cai

Robert Phipps

Jeaneen Cervantes

Kai Han

Trai Her-Cole

Braden Duran

Suzanne Martinez

Brenda Veenendaal

Meg Prince

Seth Scott

Santosh Bahattarai

Jeff Long

Todd Sobrado