

**Policy Advisory Committee  
MINUTES  
Friday, March 11, 2022  
10:00 AM**

Meeting held via Zoom.

John Holt, City of Clovis  
Wilma Quan, City of Fowler  
Greg Barfield, City of Fresno  
John Kunkle, City of Huron  
John Jansons, City of Kerman  
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley  
Rob Terry, City of Selma  
Mohammad Alimi, County of Fresno  
David Padilla, Caltrans  
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Quan (Fowler). With eight members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

**I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Executive Minutes of Feb. 11, 2022 [APPROVE]
- B. Title VI Program with Limited English Proficiency Plan (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]
- C. Upcoming Central Valley Listening Session Regarding Gov. Newsom's FY22-23 Freight Budget (Braden Duran) [INFORMATION]
- D. Call for Nominations - 2022 San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Awards (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- E. San Joaquin Valley 15th Annual Policy Conference (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- F. Apprenticeship Building American Grant Program (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Barfield (Fresno City) motioned and Mr. Alimi (Fresno County) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

**II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. California Inland Port Project Presentation (Braden Duran) [INFORMATION]**

Mr. Duran (FCOG) reported that In partnership with the State's major seaports, the California Inland Port will be a public-private platform to transform much of the California logistics system to become the cleanest, most efficient supply chain system in the world. From its genesis, the project has been developed in coordination with the Port of Los Angeles and will create a truly unique port-to-market streamlined logistics system that is anchored by a statewide clean energy cargo transportation platform.

The California Inland Port will be a multi-modal network of integrated clean and highly efficient truck, rail, and cargo facilities that will underpin a next-generation ecosystem of goods movement and radically boost the economic competitiveness of California's economy. Using customized technology and integration with port-supply chain data, the Inland Port will play a strategic role in increasing supply chain competitiveness and will be a major California contribution to solving the national supply chain crisis. This approach is a dramatic paradigm shift from the current conditions, and would serve to reduce greenhouse gases, improve air quality, reduce road congestion, increase traffic safety, increase investment and jobs, and shape California's extraordinarily large intra-state freight movement system as the most advanced in the world.

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

**B. California Inland Port Project Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Phase Consultant Selection (Braden Duran) [APPROVE]**

Mr. Duran (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG released a request for proposals in 2021 for Phase Three understanding that the selected team would concurrently work on the separate RIA phase due to overlap in work tasks.

The Policy Board approved the Phase Three contract in January. The selected team, led by Global Logistics Development Partners (GLDPartners), brings expertise in key areas critical for the RIA phase, including: ports and rail, logistics, public private partnership (P3) structures, environmental strategy, and transportation planning and engineering. GLDPartners has been involved with the project since Phase One in 2017 and has project-critical, institutional knowledge.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Kunkle (Huron) motioned and Mr. Barfield (Fresno City) seconded to recommend the Policy Board authorize the executive director to enter into a contract with GLDPartners for an amount not to exceed \$960,000 to conduct the RIA Phase Five of the California Inland Port Project. The motion passed.

**C. Fresno Council of Governments 2021-22 Overall Work Program Amendment No. 5 (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]**

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG received an additional \$289,662 in FHWA PL, and \$52,318 less than anticipated in FTA 5303 under final federal appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 2021. Caltrans requires the additional funding to be programmed in the Overall Work Program by May 2022.

Work Element (WE) 112 – Regional Traffic Monitoring

Work Element (WE) 114 – Intelligent Transportation Systems

Work Element (WE) 170 – Regional Transportation Plan

Staff proposes an administrative transfer to shift federal funds among WE 112, 114 and 170 and maximize federal planning carryover. Heavy emphasis on completing the Regional Transportation Plan in 2021-22 warrants transferring \$52,318 of the additional FHWA PL to WE 170. This is in addition to transferring FTA 5303 funds from WE 112 and WE 114 to recognize the decrease in current year apportionment so the scope and total funding for all three work elements remain unchanged.

Work Element 174 California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Four – After accounting for the \$52,318 decrease in FTA 5303 (above) the remaining, additional \$237,345 in FHWA PL funds are programmed to open Phase 4 of the California Inland Port Study. FCOG will program an additional \$402,659 in FHWA PL anticipated in 2022-23 and is negotiating with the State Transportation Agency to apply for federal grants to fund the balance of this \$2 million phase of the project. Contracts will only be let for the amount secured by a funding agreement.

Work Element 175 California Inland Port Feasibility Study Phase Five – Fresno COG received a \$1 million Federal Accelerator Grant for Phase 5. Approximately \$960,000 will be used for the study and \$40,000 is reserved for staff administration.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Jansons (Kerman) motioned and Mr. Barfield (Fresno City) seconded to approve Resolution 2022-04 adopting Fresno Council of Governments 2021-22 Overall Work Program Amendment No. 5, increasing the budget \$3 million to \$40,783,219. The motion passed.

**D. Measure C Renewal Update (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]**

Mr. Boren (FCOG) reported that the process continues to move forward. The TWG is discussing allocations to the expenditure plan. The Executive Committee continues to deal with policy issues. Mr. Boren emphasized that the need for member agencies attend and participate in the meetings.

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

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

There are no administrative consent items.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There are no administrative action/discussion items.

## V. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Appoint a Chair to the Policy Advisory Committee replacing Wilma Quan, City of Fowler, effective April 2022-March 2023.

After an opportunity for public comment, Wilma Quan (Fowler) nominated and motioned and Mr. Terry (Reedley) seconded to appoint Mr. Barfield, Fresno City, as Chair. The motion passed.

Appoint a Vice Chair to the Policy Advisory Committee filling a vacant position after Jean Rousseau's retirement, effective April 2022-March 2023.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Barfield (Fresno) nominated and motioned and Mr. Terry (Reedley) seconded to appoint Wilma Quan, City of Fresno as Vice Chair. The motion passed.

## VI. OTHER ITEMS

### A. Items from Staff

- Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that pending legal counsel opinion on Assembly Bill 361, meeting may have to return to in person.
- Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG will host the San Joaquin Regional Policy Conference May 11-13. Encouraged members to attend and register early.
- Ms. Cervantes (FCOG) welcomed Interim City Manager of Huron John Kunkle to the Committee.

### B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

## VII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

### A. Public Presentations –

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

### Public:

None

### Staff:

Kai Han, Braden Duran, Kristine Cai, Robert Phipps, Jennifer Soliz, Meg Prince, Santosh Bhattarai, Pankaj Joshi, Shichen Fan, Moses Stites, Janelle Del Campo, Jeaneen Cervantes