

Policy Advisory Committee  
MINUTES  
Friday, July 15, 2022  
10:00 AM

Meeting held via Zoom.

Alex Henderson, City of Kingsburg  
Andy Haussler, City of Clovis  
Ben Gallegos, City of Firebaugh  
David Padilla, Caltrans District 6  
Greg Barfield, City of Fresno  
Greg Reinke, County of Fresno  
John Jansons, City of Kerman  
John Kunkel, City of Huron  
Moses Stites, FCRTA  
Tim Chapa, City of Sanger  
Tony Boren, Fresno COG  
Wilma Tucker, City of Fowler

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Mr. Barfield (Fresno City), Chair. With 8 members present, there was a quorum to conduct business.

**JOINT Transportation Technical/Policy Advisory Committee**

**A. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]**

David Padilla reported the following:

- Reminder of the notice of funding opportunity for the Federal Reconnecting Communities that was release on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to submit applications is on October 13, 2022. The deadline to request for letter of support has been extended to July 29, 2022. Plan is to return letters by September 30, 2022.

**I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Executive Minutes of June 10, 2022 [APPROVE]
  - B. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
  - C. Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program (Phipps) [INFORMATION]
  - D. Thriving Communities Program (Phipps) [INFORMATION]
  - E. Rail Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program (Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- Mr. Barfield called for any items wishing to be pulled by members or the public.
  - After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Haussler (Clovis) motioned, and Ms. Tucker (Selma) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.
  - All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

**II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. 2022 RTP/SCS Approval (Kristine Cai) [Action]**

**Action:** Staff requests that the TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the 2022 RTP/SCS and the 2023 FTIP
2. Certify the Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 RTP/SCS by adoption of Resolution 2022-30 as attached
3. Approve the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

4. Approve the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy by adoption of Resolution 2022-29 as attached, which also includes the aforementioned FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

- Ms. Cai (FCOG) presented a PowerPoint presentation at the and provided a brief overview of the project history, process, and major components of the plan as well as five policy areas, scenarios, and important factors related to the RTP/SCS. Ms. Cai also thanked the committee for their support.
- Mr. Barfield called for questions from members and the public.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Kunkel (Huron) motioned and Mr. Chapa (Sanger) seconded to approve as presented.
- All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

**B. Access For All Program - Contract Award (Suzanne Martinez) [ACTION]**

**Action:** Staff recommends that TTC and PAC recommend the Policy Board authorize Fresno COG's executive director to enter into a one-year extendable contract with Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) to provide Access for All WAV services as outlined for an amount not to exceed \$189,072.

- Mr. Phipps (FCOG) gave a brief report of the contract and asked to approve the action.
- Mr. Barfield called for Questions from members and the public.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Jansons (Kerman) motioned and Mr. Gallegos (Firebaugh) seconded to approve the action as presented.
- All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Regional Clearinghouse (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]**

**Action:** Per Board procedure, unless an item is pulled from the Consent Calendar, tacit authorization is given for staff to forward any comment(s) received, or any Committee/Board comment(s) generated as a result of this informational item, to the appropriate agency.

- Mr. Barfield called for questions from members of the committee or from the public.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Chapa (Sanger) motioned and Mr. Kunkle (Huron) seconded to approve the consent items as presented.
- All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There are no administrative action/discussion items.

**V. OTHER ITEMS**

**A. Items from Staff**

- Mr. Boren (FCOG) shared with the committee that the Measure C Expenditure Plan was approved at the July 7<sup>th</sup> Fresno COG Policy Board meeting with a vote of 11-4. The Measure was then approved at the Board of Supervisors Meeting with a vote of 4-1. It will then go to the FCTA for approval before the November ballot.
- Ms. Cai (FOG) introduced Simran Jhutti, who joined Fresno COG on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that in September FCOG will be instituting a webinar format going forward. A separate link for panelist will be issued and registration will be required.

**B. Items from Members**

There are no items

**VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Public Presentations**

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 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:

Yonas Paulos

Staff:

Braden Duran, Brenda Veenendaal, Denise Flores, Janelle Del Campo, Kai Han, Kristine Cai, Les Beshears, Meg Prince, Pankaj Joshi, Robert Phipps, Santosh Bhattarai, Shichen Fan, Simran Jhutti.