

Transportation Technical Committee
MINUTES
Friday, June 9, 2023
8:30 AM

Meeting held at FCOG Sequoia Conference Room.

Ryan Burnett, City of Clovis
Mohammad Khorsand, County of Fresno
Mohammad Alimi, County of Fresno
Scott Mozier, City of Fresno
Marilu Morales, City of Reedley
Michael Osborn, City of Mendota
Christopher Xiong - Caltrans D6
Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Soo Ho Park, City of Fowler
Jennifer Clark, City of Fresno
Tony Boren, Fresno Council of Governments
Moses Stites, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Mr. Stites (FCRTA), Chair.

JOINT Transportation Technical/Policy Advisory Committee

A. Officer Elections

Chair – Moses Stites (FCRTA) was elected. Motion by Mohammad Khorsand, seconded by Jennifer Clark.
Vice Chair – Ryan Burnett (Clovis) was elected. Motion by Mohamad Khorsand, seconded by Jennifer Clark.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

A. Executive Minutes of May 12, 2023 [APPROVE]

B. Transportation Development Act (TDA) Claims (Les Beshears)

1. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) TDA Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
2. City of Reedley TDA Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
3. City of Kingsburg TDA Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
4. City of Coalinga TDA Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]

C. Fresno County Airport Land Use Commission Compatibility Plan Amendment No. 2 (Brenda Thomas) [INFORMATION]

D. Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area Short-Range Transit Plan 2024-2028, Resolution 2023-14 (Jeff Long) [ACTION]

E. Reappointments to SSTAC Membership (Harold Sobrado) [ACTION]

F. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies (CTSA) Operations, Program, and Budget (OPB), FY 2023-2024 (Harold Sobrado) [ACTION]

G. FAX and FCRTA Urban and Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA) Operations, Program, and Budget (OPB) (Janelle Del Campo) [ACTION]

H. Fresno County Rural Transit (FCRTA) Agency Short-Range Transit Plans (SRTP) (Janelle Del Campo) [ACTION]

I. FY 2023-2024 Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Findings Report (Harold Sobrado) [ACTION]

- Mr. Stites called for any items wishing to be pulled by members or the public.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Clark (Fresno City) motioned, and Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-I as presented.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **2023-24 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)/Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program/Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Guidelines, Application Packet and Call-for-Projects Initiation (Robert Phipps)** **[ACTION]**

Summary: The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement, and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) programs -- as well as the new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) -- are each authorized in the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). These programs serve as the cornerstones for Federal transportation funds distributed to our region.

Fresno COG, in its role as a metropolitan planning organization (MPO), is responsible for programming future federal transportation revenues for the Fresno region in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). CRP, CMAQ and STBG funds are reimbursable federal-aid funds, subject to the requirements of Title 23, United States Code.

Program guidelines describe the policies, standards, criteria, and procedures for developing, managing, and adopting Fresno COG's CRP, CMAQ and STBG programs. The 2023/2024 CMAQ and STBG programs will cover four years of programming, 2024/25 through 2027/28. All three funds are now distributed through a competitive, regional bid program based on scoring criteria and evaluated by a scoring committee. Together, the three programs are expected to distribute over \$59.3 million during this two-year cycle.

The Fresno COG Programming Subcommittee met three times in May to update and finalize guidelines, application packets, and scoring criteria for the upcoming 2023-24 CRP, CMAQ and STBG calls-for-projects. New guidelines for CRP and updates for CMAQ/STBG include funding distribution policies, changes to the scoring system, language regarding programming construction funds, changes to address project contingencies and minor changes to the applications. The programming subcommittee approved the guidelines and scoring criteria for each program.

The CRP, CMAQ and STBG program guidelines and application packets can be found on Fresno COG's website. Upon Board approval of the application packets, the call-for-projects will be initiated.

Action: Staff and the programming subcommittee request the TTC/PAC recommend the Board approve the CRP/CMAQ/STBG guidelines and application packets and initiate the call-for-projects.

- Mr. Phipps (FCOG) provided a summary of the CRP/CMAQ/STBG guidelines and application packets.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Alimi (Fresno County) motioned, and Mr. Burnett (Clovis) seconded to approve the action as presented.

All in Favor, no opposed.

Motion passed.

B. **REAP 2.0 Application Process Update (Robert Phipps)** **[INFORMATION]**

Summary: Fresno COG has released a request for proposals for consultant assistance in designing the REAP 2.0 program/project application and advertising the program to housing stakeholders. The intent is to provide \$13 million within the region for "transformational" housing infrastructure that helps meet the program's three pillars of success: accelerating infill housing development, reducing vehicle miles traveled and affirmatively furthering fair housing.

Fresno COG received the 5 percent advance requested through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for assistance in designing the REAP 2.0 program locally. Of the \$600,000 requested in the initial application, \$100,000 will be used for the consultant contract. Staff will reserve the remaining \$500,000 for administrative and program management expenses over the next three years, as well as for any contract contingencies.

REAP 2.0 seeks to accelerate progress towards state housing goals and climate commitments through a strengthened partnership among the state, its regions, and local entities. The broad intent is to accelerate infill increase housing supply at all affordability levels and help with implementing adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals. The program was established as part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan under AB 140 and builds on the success of REAP 2019, but

expands the program focus by integrating housing and climate goals, and allowing for broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments that support infill development that improves housing supply, choice, and affordability.

HCD, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, the California Air Resources Board and the Strategic Growth Council all jointly administer REAP 2.0, with HCD serving as the lead agency. Fresno COG has submitted a "final" application that details its proposed methodology and scoring criteria, which is attached. The consultant scope of work will include developing a project application based on the methodology and scoring rubric proposed in the application. The final application has yet to be approved; however, Fresno COG has responded to two sets of minor comments received.

Action: Information. The Committee may provide additional direction at its discretion.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) gave an update on the REAP 2.0 application process.
- This item is informational only. No action is needed.

C. Measure C Renewal Post Election Survey Results (Tony Boren) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Included as an attachment is the Measure C renewal post-election survey presentation that was given by Dr. Richard Bernard with the polling firm FM3. Dr. Bernard used this material in his presentation to the Fresno County Transportation Authority last month. A link to a Zoom recording of that presentation can be found here at Measure C Post Election Survey.

Although Dr. Bernard will not be giving his presentation to TTC/PAC, he will be presenting this information to the Fresno COG Policy Board at its June 29 meeting.

Action: Information. The Committee may provide additional direction at its discretion.

- Tony Boren (FCOG) gave an update on the Measure C post-election survey results. This item is informational only. No action is needed.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Tony Boren (FCOG) informed the Committee that there are no meetings in August.

B. Items from Members

- Moses Stites (FCRTA) Biola ribbon cutting will be held on June 16th at 10am.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

- None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public:
Amy Hance

Eric VonBerg

Staff:

Stephanie Maxwell, Kristine Cai, Kai Han; Janelle Del Campo, Simran Jhutti, Juan Ramirez, Christina White, Les Beshears, Todd Sobrado.