

Fresno COG Policy Board  
MINUTES  
Thursday, January 25, 2024  
5:30 PM

The meeting was held at the Fresno COG Sequoia Room

**Members Attending:**

Mayor Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis  
Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga  
Mayor Elsa Lopez, City of Firebaugh  
Mayor Daniel Parra, City of Fowler  
Mayor Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno  
Councilmember Mike Karbassi, City of Fresno  
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron  
Councilmember Gary Yep, City of Kerman  
Councilmember Laura North, City of Kingsburg  
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota  
Mayor Diana Guerra-Silva, City of Orange Cove  
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier  
Councilmember Mary Fast, City of Reedley  
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger  
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin  
Councilmember Blanca Mendoza-Navarro, City of Selma  
Michael Navarro, Caltrans  
Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director  
Bryan Rome, Legal Counsel

**Absent:**

Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno

**Quorum:** At the start of the meeting, there were 15 members representing 84.17% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma). Member Fresno County absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m. by Mayor Beltran (Parlier), Chair.

**I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Executive Minutes of November 30, 2023 [APPROVE]**
- B. TDA Claims (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
  - 1. City of Huron FY 2023-24 TDA Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
  - 2. City of Fresno FY 2023-24 TDA Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
  - 3. City of San Joaquin 2022-23 TDA Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- C. 2024 Safety Performance Targets - PM1 (Santosh Bhattarai) [ACTION]**
- D. Fresno County Regional Transit On-Board Survey Consultant Selection (Santosh Bhattarai) [ACTION]**

- E. State and Federal Transportation Grants -- Notices of Funding Opportunities (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]
- F. Fresno County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Jeff Long) [ACTION]
- G. Caltrans FY 2024-25 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program Applications (Paul Herman) [INFORMATION]
- H. Technical Support Contract for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (Paul Herman) [ACTION]
- I. Measure C TOD 12th Funding Cycle Call for Projects (Simran Jhutti) [INFORMATION]
- J. Fresno COG's 2023-24 Overall Work Program Amendment No. 3 (Les Beshears) [ACTION]
- K. Archive Central California Household Survey data at Transportation Secure Data Center (Shichen Fan) [ACTION]
- L. Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) Juan Ramirez [INFORMATION]
- M. Caltrans 2023 Construction Contract Standards (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]

- Chair Beltran asked if any member wished to pull any items.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Martinez (Mendota) moved, and Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) seconded to approve consent items A-M.

**Vote: All in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

## II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2023-24 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Regional Bid Project Funding Recommendations (Ofelia Abundez) [ACTION]

**Summary:** On June 29, 2023, Fresno COG's Policy Board issued a formal call-for-projects for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) regional bid program, with \$33.4 million in available funding for this cycle. Staff received 41 applications by the Oct. 6, 2023 deadline, requesting over \$61 million in funding.

The Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) scoring committee convened on Dec. 5, 2023, to deliberate on the recommended program of projects. The scoring committee comprised representatives from: urban city (Clovis), county, east side, west side, Caltrans, Fresno COG, and transit. The scoring committee project recommendations are included as an enclosure along with the contingency list, regional bid results by agency, and the total funding distribution results.

**Action:** Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the scoring committee's project recommendations for the 2023-24 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) provided an update on the funding recommendations.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Yep (Kerman) motioned, Mayor Parra (Fowler) seconded to approve the motion.

**Vote: All in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

**Quorum: Fowler has left the meeting. Quorum stands with 14 members in attendance @ 83.48%.**

**B. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Funding Recommendations (Juan Ramirez) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** On Dec. 6, 2023, a regional scoring committee comprising eight representatives from various agencies -- including an urban representative (Clovis), east side, west side, transit and others -- prioritized Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program project applications received in September. From the call for projects, Fresno COG received 36 applications from member jurisdictions totaling \$56,027,809 in requests against \$30,014,382 in available funding. Of the 36 applications, 20 projects were recommended for funding (attached).

**Action:** Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the scoring committee's project recommendations for the 2023-24 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program.

- Juan Ramirez (FCOG) gave an update for CMAQ funding recommendations.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Hernandez (San Joaquin) motioned, Mayor Leon (Huron) seconded to approve the motion.

**Vote: All in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County and Fowler.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

**C. Carbon Reduction Program Funding Recommendations (Juan Ramirez) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** On Dec. 7, 2023, representatives from various agencies evaluated and scored projects for funding for the newly established Carbon Reduction Program under the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs (IIJA) Act. The committee received 10 applications for a total request of \$4,414,296. Out of the 10 applications, eight received funding under the first two years of the program totaling \$3,268,211. Two of the projects were funded through the CMAQ scoring committee and were not considered for funding under CRP.

**Action:** Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the scoring committee's project recommendations for the 2023-24 Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

- Juan Ramirez (FCOG) gave a brief update.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Karbassi (Fresno City) motioned, Mayor Leon (Huron) seconded to approve.

**Vote: all in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County and Fowler.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

**D. Safe Routes to Schools Subcommittee (Jennifer Rodriguez) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** In August 2023, Fresno COG staff began working with urban and rural school districts to initiate a regional planning process to identify an inventory of Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) needs in Fresno County.

The intent is for the school districts' SRTS planning processes to work in conjunction with Fresno COG member agencies' Active Transportation Plan (ATP) planning processes by developing a SRTS inventory that will be included in Fresno COG's Regional ATP Plan update and the next Measure C renewal effort.

Fresno COG staff began reaching out to school districts in August 2023 for an initial meeting to discuss the SRTS/ATP planning process. Outreach includes emails, letters, and phone calls.

Since the start of outreach in August, Fresno COG has met with 26 of 32 school districts in the county. Of the 26 districts, 16 have submitted an inventory of needs to Fresno COG. The table below illustrates with which school districts FCOG staff has met, those that have submitted inventory, and in which member jurisdiction the district is located. In addition, Fresno COG has been meeting with member agencies whose school districts have submitted inventory.

The timing is right for a Fresno COG SRTS Subcommittee comprising, initially, Policy Board members who will facilitate an SRTS inventory by working closely with school districts' staff. This subcommittee is expected to grow to include school district staff and other interested stakeholders who will help establish a thoroughly vetted project list for the Regional ATP Plan update.

This project and the SRTS Subcommittee come in response to the Measure C renewal process. Voters who were opposed to the measure felt that Measure C has not adequately supported safe routes to schools within the region. Staff's goal is that this cross-jurisdictional (transportation-education) regional planning process and subcommittee will advance safe routes to schools through a project inventory and collaborative discussions of SRTS.

School District	Met W/	Survey Submitted/ Inventory Collected	Local Jurisdiction/SOI
Alvina Elementary	X	X	County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Big Creek Elementary*			County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Burrel Union Elementary	X	X	County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Caruthers Unified*			County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Central Unified	X		Fresno
Clay Joint Elementary	X		County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Clovis Unified	X		Clovis
Coalinga-Huron Unified	X	X	Coalinga, Huron
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified	X	X	Firebaugh
Fowler Unified	X	X	Fowler
Fresno Unified	X		Fresno
Golden Plains Unified	X	X	County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Kerman Unified	X	X	Kerman
Kings Canyon Joint Unified	X	X	Reedley, Orange Cove
Kingsburg Elementary Charter	X		Kingsburg
Kingsburg Joint Union High	X		Kingsburg
Laton Joint Unified	X	X	County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Mendota Unified	X	X	Mendota
Monroe Elementary*			County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Orange Center School	X		Fresno
Pacific Union Elementary*			County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Parlier Unified	X	X	Parlier
Pine Ridge Elementary	X	X	County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Raisin City Elementary*			County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Riverdale Joint Unified	X	X	County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Sanger Unified*			Sanger
Selma Unified	X		Selma
Sierra Unified	X	X	County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Washington Colony Elementary	X	X	County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Washington Unified	X	X	Fresno
West Park School District	X		County of Fresno (Unincorporated)
Westside Elementary	X		County of Fresno (Unincorporated)

\*have not met with Fresno COG staff

**Action:** Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board appoint a Fresno COG Safe Routes to Schools Subcommittee, initially comprising Policy Board members.

- Jennifer Rodriguez (FCOG) gave an update on the need for a sub-committee for safe routes to schools.
- Chair Beltran called for volunteers to serve on the Sub-committee.
- Mayor Ashbeck, Mayor Leon, Mayor Beltran, Councilmember Mendoza-Navarro, Mayor Pro Tem North, Mayor Horn, Mayor Martinez, and Councilmember Karbassi have volunteered.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Leon (Huron) motioned, and Councilmember Mendoza-Navarro (Selma) seconded to approve the subcommittee consisting of the following 8 members:

Mayor Ashbeck, Clovis – CHAIR  
 Mayor Leon, Huron – Co-CHAIR  
 Mayor Horn, Coalinga  
 Mayor Beltran, Parlier  
 Councilmember Karbassi, Fresno City  
 Councilmember Mendoza-Navarro Selma  
 Councilmember North, Kingsburg  
 Mayor Martinez, Mendota

\*Meeting dates/times TBD

**Vote: all in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County and Fowler.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

**E. Measure C Regional Transportation Program Update Fiscal Year 2023/24 (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** The Measure C Regional Transportation Program includes voter-approved, major highway infrastructure projects from 2007. Total anticipated revenues across all sources increased \$271 million to \$1.5 billion from the 2020 adopted plan. Actual project costs and internal borrowing costs increased \$151 million to \$1.66 billion.

**Revenues**

- Sales Tax expectations for 2023 were adjusted upward 10.2% to reflect the above trend effects of current inflation, raising sales tax projections \$57 million to \$614,816,000.
- The regional component of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds dedicated to the South Fresno interchanges of North/Cedar and American Avenue increased \$54,353,000.
- The state component of the STIP, the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) increased \$31 million for SR 41 – Elkhorn to Excelsior safety project.
- The state SHOPP program contributed \$14 million to SR 41 – Elkhorn to Excelsior safety project.
- The Local Partnership Program (LPP) increased \$7.2 million for the Golden State Corridor Project.
- The High Speed Rail Authority completed the \$61.3 million Herndon at UPRR project in Fresno.
- Local contributions increased \$26.6 million on the Herndon undercrossing at SR 99.
- Interest earnings increased \$9.25 million.

**The Urban Program**

- The urban program has an estimated \$876.4 million in revenues, \$845.1 million in expenses and a net surplus of \$31.2 million to provide a contingency for \$222.8 million in projects that are expected to be bid in the next four years.
- Net project costs increased \$47.1 million, primarily for the North Cedar interchange (\$25.4 million), California Avenue – Fruit to Ventura (\$13.7 million), Peach Avenue – Church to Jensen (\$4.2 million) and Peach Avenue – SR 180 to McKinley (\$5.7 million).
- The North Cedar interchange is programmed for \$45.3 in STIP funding. Caltrans proposes to begin right of way acquisition shortly, and the project is proposed for construction in 2025-26.
- The California Avenue – Fruit to Ventura project (\$25 million) is proposed for construction in 2024/25. The Peach projects (\$9.9 million) are scheduled in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

**The Rural Program**

- The rural program has an estimated \$628.9 million in revenues, \$818.2 million in expenses and a net deficit of \$189.2 million associated with the SR 180 to I-5 connection.
- Net project costs increased \$103.9 million, primarily on Golden State Avenue (\$16.6 million), SR 99 American Avenue interchange (\$14 million) and for the addition of SR 41, Elkhorn to Excelsior (\$70.8 million).
- The first phase of Golden State is under construction. Discussion continues on the best way to deliver phase 2 in light of significant cost increases proposed by Union Pacific Railroad.
- The American Avenue phase of the South Fresno interchanges was approved for \$42.3 million in 2024 STIP funding and is proposed for construction in 2024/25, which in sync with the North/Cedar interchange.
- Caltrans is completing preliminary studies to explore improvements along the SR 180 West connection to I-5 with the intent of developing a financeable improvement during the life of the measure that could extend into a proposed third measure.

**Recommendation:** Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the Policy Board adopt Resolution 2024-05 updating the Measure C Regional Transportation Plan. The updated plan will be forwarded to the Fresno County Transportation Authority for consideration.

- Les Beshears (FCOG) provided history and an update.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Fast (Reedley) motioned, Mayor Guerra-Silva (Orange Cove) seconded to approve.

**Vote: all in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County and Fowler.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

#### **F. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]**

- Michael Navarro (Caltrans) gave the following updates:
  - Gearing up for Clean California, more information to follow.
  - Planning grants reviewed 15 applications. 9 of the 15 are Fresno region.
- **This item is informational only. No action is required.**

### **III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **A. Regional Clearinghouse Calendar (Ofelia Abundez) [INFORMATION]**

**Summary:**

The Regional Clearinghouse is a process of informing local agencies of federal grant requests, providing an opportunity to comment, and potentially avoid duplication of effort. Clearinghouse items are brought before the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and, if appropriate, the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) for review and comment. Any resulting TTC/PAC comments, and any comments received from other agencies as a result of the Clearinghouse notification process, are noted on a monthly report brought forward to the Fresno COG Policy Board.

COG Policy Board action would be to authorize staff to forward any comments received or any Board comments to the State Clearinghouse and other appropriate agencies. The applicants have been notified of this meeting.

While participation by the agency is optional, they have been personally requested to attend the Policy Board meeting in case there should be any questions. It should be noted that if in the event any of these items should be pulled from the consent calendar, that discussion and comment by the Committee/Board members and the public will be taken. Project notification and review reports describing these projects are attached.

PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT	
Regional Clearinghouse Number:	RCH #01-2024-286
Project Title:	Removing Obstacles to Housing Grant
Applicant Agency:	County of Fresno
Contact Person:	Yvette Quiroga
Address:	2220 Tulare Street, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Fresno CA. 93721
Phone:	559-600-4292
Federal Catalog#:	14.023
Status:	New
Area of Impact:	01-SF-424-14
Federal Funding Agency:	Department of Housing and Urban Development

FUNDING:	
\$8,400,000.00	Federal
\$1,650,000.00	Applicant
\$3,350,000.00	State
\$0.00	Local
\$0.00	Other
\$13,400,000.00	TOTAL

**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. It is understood that if in the event this item should be pulled from the consent calendar, discussion and comment by the Committee members and the public will be taken.

**B. 2024 Fresno COG Meeting Calendar (Denise Flores) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** The following are changes to the 2024 Fresno COG meeting calendar:

Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) as well as the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), needs to be changed from February 9, 2024 to February 16, 2024.

Airport Land Use Committee (ALUC) needs to change from April 1, 2024 to April 8, 2024.

**Action:** Staff request the Policy Board adopt the 2024 Fresno COG Meeting calendar with these changes.

**C. Contract with Sebastian for Sequoia Room Audio-Visual Equipment Upgrade (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** During the COVID pandemic in 2020, Fresno COG staff contracted with Sebastian to install a new camera and digital sound control improvements to outfit the Sequoia Board room for Zoom meetings and webinars.

As a cost-saving measure, the upgrade was limited to only those components necessary for the existing audio-visual system to interact in a Zoom environment. The Sequoia room employs 31 microphones, one camera, one personal computer, three television displays, an audio recorder and one VoIP telephone line for audio and video conferencing. There are additionally four ceiling microphones with LED indicators for recording all participants and noise in the room.

The original items that remain connected to the system are older analog mixers that are starting to produce unpredictable results and scratching noises and an amplifier for the room that is still in good condition. The need to maintain these devices results in numerous service calls to try to resolve or just minimize these issues. For example, audio may be too loud inside the room but too quiet for Zoom participants to hear the proceedings. From the visual standpoint, the room's only camera is generally in a fixed, wide-angle position, which doesn't allow Zoom participants to immediately see who is speaking.

The proposed AV system upgrade will provide several significant enhancements to the existing conference room. Though peripherals were replaced, which added functionality to the room, the core components have not been updated. This is reflected in the audio being produced and creates some end user workarounds. Sebastian has carefully selected the components added to the system with the expectation that they would eventually work more efficiently with an updated core and reduce confusion for users. By replacing some of the older analog core devices in the system we can refresh the room experience and simplify the user interface.

Consequently, staff recommends entering into a sole-source contract with Sebastian to complete the transition to a fully digital AV system, including a specialized Dell digital server from QSC built to process each microphone individually to provide the best sound for conferencing and control the room's peripherals.

**Action:** Staff requests that the TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve a sole-source contract with Sebastian not to exceed \$54,384.12 and authorize the executive director to sign.

**D. COG Office Server License Renewal with AMS.NET (Kai Han) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** Fresno COG operates several computer servers to provide network connections, secure firewalls, anti-virus, email filtering, and file backup services. It is important to maintain these services to keep up with ever-escalating internet hacking threats. The current server licenses expired at the end of 2023. To keep an uninterrupted operation, Fresno COG and AMS.NET negotiated a new three-year renewal of the licenses that will cover the period of 2024-2026.

Detailed renewal items and the costs are listed below:

Server License	Renewal Cost
Meraki	\$17,321.04
Cisco SMARTnet	\$2,983.84
Barracuda Backup	\$24,823.80
Cisco AMP	\$3,229.20
Cisco Umbrella	\$2,657.88
Total	\$51,015.76

**Action:** Staff requests that PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the renewal with AMS totaling \$51,015.76 and authorize the executive director to sign.



- Chair Beltran asked if any member wished to pull any items.
- Mayor Horn requested to pull item C.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) moved, and Councilmember Karbassi (Fresno City) seconded to approve consent item A, B & D.

**Vote: All in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County and Fowler.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

- Mayor Horn (Coalinga) motioned to table item III. C for further review of the detailed cost. Motion seconded by Councilmember Karbassi (City of Fresno).

**Vote: All in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County and Fowler.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

#### IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Quorum: Mayor Dyer (City of Fresno) joined the meeting, excusing Councilmember Karbassi as his alternate. Quorum stands at 14 members in attendance @83.48%.**

##### **A. One Voice Washington, D.C. Priorities (Brenda Thomas) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** Fresno COG staff is recommending the following list of 11 regional priorities for the 2024 One Voice D.C. Advocacy Trip, scheduled for March 17-21. A Regional Priorities Summary spreadsheet and submittal forms for each of the topics is attached to the agenda for review.

The recommended priorities include the following:

- SR 168 Enterprise Canal Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge
- Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) New Air Traffic Control Tower Facility Project
- Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) Runway Reconstruction Project
- Shaw Avenue/State Route 99 Freeway Interchange Improvement Project
- Millerton Road Widening and Safety Improvements
- Business Friendly Administrative Relief at the United States Department of Labor
- High Speed Rail for Fresno County - Funding for the Finish!
- RAISE Grant Application – South Fresno SR-99 Corridor Project
- House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Bill
- City of Clovis Kings River Raw Water Pipeline
- City of Parlier Rails to Trails

**Action:** Staff, TTC and PAC recommend the Policy Board approve Fresno COG's 2024 One Voice regional priorities.

- Brenda Thomas (FCOG) provided an update with the current priorities listed.
- Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) pulled the City of Clovis Pipeline project.
- Mayor Dyer (City of Fresno) pulled the Shaw Ave/SR 99 interchange project.
- Mayor Leon (Huron) requested to add a project to the priorities list.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Leon (Huron) moved, and Mayor Martinez (Mendota) seconded to approve taking the remainder of the priorities with the addition of the City of Huron.

**Vote: 13 All in favor, 1 opposed (Reedley)**

**Absent: Fresno County and Fowler**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

**Quorum: Mayor Dyer (City of Fresno) left the meeting, Councilmember Karbassi filled in as his alternate. Mayor Guerra-Silva (Orange Cove) and Frank Gonzalez (Sanger) left the meeting.**

**Quorum stands at 12 members in attendance @79.94%.**

**B. Nominations for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]**

**Summary:** The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley is requesting Fresno COG provide three names for consideration for appointment to the organization. One person from each of the eight San Joaquin Valley counties will be selected from the nominations. Names are due by Jan. 31.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger established the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) in 2005 as a public-private entity focused on improving the region's economic vitality and quality of life, while working to address the region's unique challenges. The Partnership was extended indefinitely, and governing guidelines were established in July 2010. The Partnership is guided by a board of directors, consisting of more than 30 members, with the intent to have a locally elected official from each county in the Valley participate. The Partnership website [www.sjvpartnership.org](http://www.sjvpartnership.org) has detailed information on the organization, work groups, and various regional collaborative efforts. Annual reports and prior meeting agendas and minutes are also available.

The Partnership is requesting that Fresno COG submit a list of three nominees for appointment for the Fresno County elected official position.

Nomination Process

The process to select a representative includes a Fresno COG recommendation of three ranked local elected officials that must be submitted to the Partnership Executive Committee. Once candidates are referred, they will be invited to submit their formal application for vetting through the governor's Appointment Unit in Sacramento. This unit will then select one Fresno County elected official as its recommendation, subject to approval by the governor.

The three nominees are required to submit a letter of interest, a current resume or biography, two to three reference letters, and complete a detailed online application on the governor's appointments website. A minimum commitment from candidates is that they attend four quarterly Board meetings a year.

**Action:** Staff requests the Policy Board approve a list of three nominees for appointment to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to submit to the Partnership Executive Committee.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) gave an update on the nomination process.
- Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) nominated Mayor Beltran and Mayor Martinez.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) moved, and Mayor Leon (Huron) seconded to approve the nominations.

**Vote: All in favor, no opposed.**

**Absent: Fresno County, Fowler, Sanger, Orange Cove.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

## V. OTHER ITEMS

### A. Items from Staff

### B. Items from Members

- Councilmember Mendoza-Navarro (Selma) announced a memorial in honor of Officer Gonzalo on January 31st at 9am in Selma.

## VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

### A. Public Presentations

- None.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Phipps

Public:

Staff:

Denise Flores; Robert Phipps; Moses Stites; Janelle Del Campo; Brenda Thomas; Juan Ramirez, Jennifer Rodriguez; Paul Herman, Les Beshears.