

**Transportation Technical Committee
MINUTES
Friday, February 14, 2020
8:30 AM**

Members Present

Greg Barfield, City of Fresno-FAX
John Mulligan, City of Sanger
Will Washburn, Peters Engineering
Marilu Morales, City of Reedley
Jamaica Gentry, Caltrans
Michael Osborne, City of Mendota/P&P
Moses Stites, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Debbie Hunsaker, Chamber of Commerce (via phone)
Moses Stites, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Tina Sumner, Fresno Cycling Club
Ryan Burnett, City of Clovis
Mohammad Khorsand, Fresno County
Scott Mozier, City of Fresno
Jennifer Clark, City of Fresno
Tony Boren, Fresno COG

The meeting was called to order at 8:41 a.m. by Mr. Barfield (FAX), Chair.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of January 10, 2020 [APPROVE]
- B. City of Clovis Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- C. City of Fresno Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- D. City of Reedley Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]
- E. Authorizing Resolution 2020-21 for YARTS FTA Section 5311(f) Funding with Caltrans (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]
- F. Contract Extension for YARTS (Peggy Arnest) [APPROVE]
- G. Appointment to the Fresno COG Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (Moses Stites) [APPROVE]
- H. Preliminary Estimates (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
 1. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Local Transportation Funds (LTF) Preliminary Estimates (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
 2. Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Transit Assistance (STA) Preliminary Estimates (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
 3. Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Of Good Repair (SGR) Preliminary Estimates (Les Beshears) [INFORMATION]
- I. Circuit Planner and Engineer - Update on Current Tasks (Braden Duran) [INFORMATION]
- J. Initial Update: California Air Resources Board Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (Braden Duran) [INFORMATION]
- K. Kick-off of the Fresno COG Unmet Transit Needs Assessment for Fiscal Year 2020 (Moses Stites) [INFORMATION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Stites (FCRTA) motioned and Ms. Clark (Fresno City) seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2019-20 STBG Regional Bid Project Recommendations (Jennifer Soliz) [APPROVE]

Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported that on September 26, 2019, the Fresno COG Policy Board issued a formal call-for-projects for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) regional bid program. The available funding for this round is \$11,784,035. Staff received 42 applications requesting more than \$48 million in funding. The STBG scoring committee convened on

January 21, 2020, to score and deliberate on the recommended program of projects. The scoring committee comprised the following representatives: urban city (Clovis), county, east side, west side, Caltrans, FCOG, and transit. The STBG scoring committee is recommending the following projects, in ranked order:

Agency	Project Title	Recommended Funding
Clovis	Villa Ave Rehabilitation, Barstow to Shaw	\$722,830
Coalinga	West Polk Street Reconstruction	\$593,979
Sanger	North Avenue Reconstruction - Academy Avenue to Faller Avenue	\$939,303
Clovis	Fowler Ave Rehabilitation, Alluvial to Nees	\$1,059,430
Clovis	Villa Ave Rehabilitation, Bullard to Barstow	\$784,128
Fowler	Manning Avenue Reconstruction - SR99 NB on-ramps to East City Limits	\$749,714
Kerman	Vineland Avenue Rehabilitation - Kearney to California	\$602,004
Fowler	Adams Avenue Reconstruction, Phase III - Merced Street to Temperance Avenue	\$754,650
Reedley	Manning Avenue Phase 3 Pavement Rehabilitation	\$1,344,580
Fresno (Joint Project w/County)	Cedar Avenue Complete Streets Project	\$1,661,600
County	Lincoln Avenue Cold Central Plant Recycling Road Rehabilitation	\$2,571,817

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) motioned and Ms. Sumner (Fresno Cycling Club) seconded to recommend the Board approve the scoring committee's project recommendations for the 2019-20 STBG program. The motion passed.

B. DRAFT 2020-21 Overall Work Program (Robert Phipps) [APPROVE]

Mr. Phipps (FCOG) reported that the fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP), totaling \$21,505,727, is submitted for public review. The proposed budget increased \$1,384,586 from last year.

Federal revenues decreased 19 percent (\$1,137,460). FTA 5304 decreased \$269,372, reflecting progress on the Better Blackstone Challenge. Projects funded by FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities program decreased \$494,705 reflecting programmed bus procurements for transit agencies while FTA Section 5316 & FTA Section 5317 were reduced by \$393,810 as grants funded by the discontinued JARC and New Freedom program are closed out. Federal planning funds decreased \$349,461 as carryover FHWA PL and FTA 5303 balances are spent down.

State revenues increased 250 percent (\$4,463,939). The largest portion of this increase centers around the State Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) which provides \$4,749,860 to Fresno and Central Valley MPOs to develop a Valleywide plan for housing. Also, STIP planning funds (\$399,000) were reinstated in the 2018 STIP to fund FCOG's stewardship of the multi-million dollar federal aid projects allocated to local agencies in Fresno County. State Highway account, SPR, and RMRA funding all decreased a total of \$265,463, reflecting progress on programmed projects.

Local revenues decreased 16 percent (\$1,950,566), reflecting drawdowns on Measure C funded projects such as the significant design phase of the Golden State corridor, Fresno State Transportation Institute, and FCRTA electric vehicle purchases.

Staff activity surrounding the Measure C III reauthorization will also be a major initiative for 2020-21.

Staffing & Benefits:

There are no new Fresno COG planning positions included in this year's proposed budget. FCRTA reclassified an Administrative Assistant position to Operations Manager. Contingencies are carried for merit-based salary increases as well as contingencies for anticipated health insurance increases. The overall proposed budget for salaries increased by 5 percent and benefits by 8 percent.

Overhead Accounts:

Overhead accounts increased by 4 percent (\$18,793 total) reflecting increases in computer supplies (\$5,000), building maintenance (\$8,907), and travel (\$11,500). The office lease also was adjusted up \$8,937 per the existing contract. Another \$7,644 in audit expenses were reallocated to a direct program.

Consulting:

The overall consulting budget is \$4.7 million, which is a decrease of \$866,848 corresponding to projects associated with revenue reductions discussed above regarding multi-year projects. Some of those include the Eastside Corridor Study and the Fresno-Madera Sustainable Corridor Study along State Route 41.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Stites (FCRTA) motioned and Mr. Mozier (Fresno City) seconded to recommend that the Policy Board approve the release of the draft Fresno Council of Governments Fiscal Year 2020-21 Overall Work Program for a 45-day review and comment period. The motion passed.

C. Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable Approval of Positions (Brenda Veenendaal) [APPROVE]

Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that in preparation of the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update, it is time to form the RTP Roundtable. The Roundtable supports Fresno COG staff and COG standing committees in developing the 2022 RTP and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). The Roundtable helps generate consensus about the plans, based upon the input of an informed and active local constituency. While the Roundtable will provide comments and input on issues related to the 2022 RTP/SCS, the final decisions on RTP content will be the Policy Board's responsibility.

COG staff will release an application for appointment to the Roundtable on March 1, 2020. Completed applications are due to Fresno COG staff by June 1, 2020, with the first Roundtable scheduled for June 24, 2020, at 2 p.m. There are 38 proposed positions that must be filled: 16 seats that allow for one staff person from each member agency; 18 seats open to a variety of agencies and interest groups, and three "at large" seats. A list of the proposed Roundtable positions is attached.

Mr. Khorsand expressed concern about the members at large seats. He would like to know that the people that are selected are committed and will participate in the entire process. There was further discussion about member selection. Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) motioned that stipulations at large applicants from organizations or retired government officials that would be beneficial to the Roundtable. No second. Motion failed.

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Mozier (Fresno City) motioned and Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) seconded to recommend the Fresno COG Policy Board approve the RTP Roundtable position appointments as outlined in the enclosed attachment with TTC/PAC approval of at large members. The motion passed.

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

Mike Leonardo, Fresno County Transportation Authority Executive Director and Tony Boren (FCOG) gave a presentation on the Expenditure Plan development process that will be utilized for the Measure C Renewal. At the August 7, 2019 meeting, the FCTA Board authorized staff to proceed with efforts to place the renewal of Measure C on the 2022 ballot. The purpose of this item is to update the Board on renewal efforts to date, and additional efforts anticipated during the next few months.

On October 30, 2019 the Board approved a contract with VRPA Technologies to assist in the renewal. Since that time VRPA has been assembling materials related to the 2006 renewal in an effort to establish the building blocks of the 2022 renewal. VRPA has facilitated meetings with FCTA and Fresno COG staff to discuss various strategies for moving forward in 2022, and has outreached to other Self-Help Counties that have pursued or are pursuing measure renewals.

Key features of the successful 2006 renewal effort include the establishment of a Measure C Renewal Steering Committee made up of various agency and special interest representatives. Some, but not all, modes of transportation were represented on this 24-member steering committee.

These subcommittees provided modal needs and funding information to the Steering Committee who ultimately determined which programs and subprograms would be included in the 2006 Expenditure Plan, and what percentage of funding each program would receive. The subcommittees also provided the Steering Committee with recommendations for Administration and Citizen Oversight Committee responsibilities. This effort was designed and implemented in order to ensure that all agencies and stakeholders had a voice in the process.

Staff believes that the circumstances in 2022 are considerably different than they were in 2006 and that some adjustments to the process are desirable and beneficial. What is needed is a critical look at the funding allocations for the various programs that will be needed in the future. There may be some tweaking of the programs required, but not a full-scale revision. Another difference between now and 2006 is that beginning in 2014, FCOG developed Fresno County's first

Regional Transportation Plan & Sustainable Community Strategies (RTP/SCS). This plan is updated every 4 years and has a robust outreach and stakeholder involvement process. It integrates all modes of transportation along with land use and housing, environmental issues, reduction of vehicle miles travelled, and other related issues. This RTP/SCS is one of the critical building blocks that will help guide the 2022 renewal effort and identify needs and funding requirements.

At the Steering Committee level, staff is in the process of formulating a committee of community leaders. Staff has identified potential candidates for the private industry seats but none have yet been contacted so it is premature to discuss specific candidates. Staff has recommendations for the public seats as well, but it will be up to those agencies or groups to select their representatives. In the end, staff is confident that the steering committee will represent the county well, and be reflective of our diverse population.

Working below the Steering Committee will be a Measure C III Working Group. This working group will be where the nuts and bolts of the Expenditure Plan are flushed out for consideration by the Steering Committee. The working group will be similar in composition to FCOG's RTP Roundtable, which consists of representatives from all local agencies, state agencies with transportation or transportation related responsibilities, modal advocates, and special interest groups.

The next steps are to ask the various agencies or groups to select their Steering Committee members, and to begin contacting various community leaders to find out if they are interested in serving on the committee. Staff has not yet settled on a final selection process, but anticipates conducting interviews of selected representatives to discuss the roles of the Steering Committee, to confirm their interest and availability, and to ensure they are a good fit on the committee. Staff hopes to schedule the first Steering Committee meeting in April or May of this year. At the same time, staff will be identifying the Working Group participants and initiating initial meetings of the team. This is a dynamic process and could be subject to change. Staff will keep the FCOG and FCTA Boards apprised of the progress of this effort.

This item was informational only; no further action was required

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

There were no items from members

B. Items from Members

- Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) caution local governments to be aware of new legislation that tries to take away land use authority of local governments.
- Mr. Mulligan (Sanger) reported that State Route 180 is now opened.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren

Public

John Jansons, City of Kerman

Staff:

Robert Phipps, Les Beshears, Kristine Cai, Jennifer Soliz, Trai Her-Cole, Brenda Veenendaal, Braden Duran, Peggy Arnest, Trai Her-Cole, Kai Han, Santosh Bhattarai, Moses Stites, Janelle Del Campo, Jeaneen Cervantes