

Transportation Technical Committee
MINUTES
Friday, July 15, 2022
8:30 AM
Via Zoom and at COG Sequoia Conference Room

Meeting held via Zoom.

Carolina Ilic, Fresno Area Express
Christopher Xiong, Caltrans District 6
Dario Dominguez, City of Fowler
Jeff Long, Fresno Area Express
Jennifer Clark, City of Fresno
Marilu Morales, City of Reedley
Mike Prandini, Fresno Building Association
Mohammad Alimi, County of Fresno
Mohammad Khorsand, County of Fresno
Moses Stites, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Philip Romero, City of Selma
Ryan Burnett, City of Clovis
Scott Mozier, County of Fresno
Tony Boren, Fresno Council of Governments

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

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]
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno Co.) motioned and Mr. Burnett (Clovis) seconded to approve the consent items as presented.
 - All in favor, no opposed, no 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.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno Co.) motioned and Mr. Mozier (Fresno) seconded to approve all four actions as presented.
- All in favor, no opposed, no 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.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Alimi (Fresno Co.) motioned and Mr. Prandini (Fresno Building Association) seconded to approve as presented.
- All in favor, no opposed, no abstained. The motion passed.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Mr. Boren (FCOG) shared with the committee that the Measure C Expenditure Plan was approved at the July 7th 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.

B. Items from Members

- Mr. Stites (FCRTA) Lite Rail BRT study along the Golden State corridor (SR 99 from Kingsburg to Fresno). FCRTA received a sustainable planning grant from Caltrans to do a study for the Lite Rail BRT. In the process of finalizing the BRP. Did get support from the Fresno County, City of Fresno, and adjacent surrounding cities. Will provide updates as needed.
- Ms. Del Campo (FCRTA) reported the kickoff of the micro gride study. Exploring locations and the possibility of construction micro grid in resiliency hubs in rural and Fresno County, and that can operate off grid as well as store energy. Currently working with Walker Consultants on the community engagement plan. Reaching out to individuals to participate on Advisory Committee. July 26, 2022 is the first meeting of a 22 month project that is expected to be completed in 2024.
- 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.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

V. JOINT TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL/POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 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:

None.

Staff:

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