

Fresno Council of Governments
Monthly Progress Report for Fourth Quarter
FY 2011-12 Overall Work Program (July 2011-June 2012)
May 2012

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

WE 110 - Regional Streets and Highways

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional streets and highways planning process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Continued participation in the monthly Statewide California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) established to provide a linkage between State, Federal, and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies involved in transportation programming activities.
- Involvement with related subcommittees, such as the FTIP and CMAQ task forces, of the CFPG group evaluating and making recommendations on policy and procedure updates related to programming.
- Continued use of the *California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS)* and involvement in program updates.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group.
- Continued support and developmental improvements to FresnoTrak, the programming software provided by EcoInteractive used to integrate all components of programming such as Modeling, RTP, and FTIP. Local agencies request one on one user training to be able to access their project information online, submit amendment requests and verify programming details on FresnoTrak.
- Provided GIS mapping and graphic design support for regional street and highway planning.
- Assisted with graphic design support for regional street and highway planning.
- Participated in a Conference Call on November 17, 2011 on the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Study.
- Reviewed and provided input on Task 1 Deliverable, Existing Conditions Assessment – Technical Memorandum.
- Obtained GIS shapefiles in preparation for update of Fresno County Bikeways maps.
- Participated in the FHWA/FTA/Caltrans intermodal planning group discussion on the Fresno COG 2012-13 OWP.
- [GARZA/MONGE/FAWCETT/TERRY]

WE 111 - Regional Transportation Modeling

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Provided various model data to consultants, member agencies, and Caltrans.
- Helped coordinate the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) Modeling/Air Quality Coordinating Committee. This committee was established to provide interagency transportation conformity consultation
- Kept the road network database up-to-date. The database is used for modeling and other reporting purposes.
- Fresno COG is leading the San Joaquin Valley effort in conducting valley wide model improvements (MIP) for SB 375 by managing the MIP project and facilitating consultant team and valley MPOs.
- Attended Citilabs User Conference with emphases on new modeling technologies such as cloud computing and activity models.
- Coordinated modeling activities with consultants and FCOG staff
- Discussed and coordinated parcel level data for activity based model
- Attended the demographic forecast meeting with consultants
- Attended MIP conference call
- Discussed and coordinated parcel level data for activity based model
- MIP model training
- Attended activity-based model training in Merced
- Attended monthly TMIP activity-based model webinar
- Attended Valley-wide MPO staff workshop
- Reviewing and testing final MIP trip-based model
- Interviewed consultants for the Traffic Monitoring Report
- Reviewed the MIP models
- Training with Fregonese on Envision Tomorrow
- Test run 2nd scenario in Envision Tomorrow
- Modeled 2nd scenario in Envision Tomorrow

- Attended training for Cube Catalog by Citilabs
- Evaluated future transit network expansions with FAX planning staff
- Modeled and evaluated SB375 target setting scenarios 1 and 2 [BITNER/HAN]

WE 112 - Regional Traffic Monitoring

Objective: To maintain the Fresno Regional Traffic Monitoring Program as a source of current traffic information for use by member agencies and the public, and as a validation tool for the Countywide Traffic Model.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated the *Traffic Counts Program* and provided technical assistance to member agencies.
- Provided traffic counts in response to public requests.
- Reviewing Traffic Monitoring Program proposals.
- Selected consultant proposals for interviews

[HAN]

WE 114 – Fresno County Intelligent Transportation System Architecture Update

Objective: To update the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Regional Architecture for Fresno County last completed in 1999.

Accomplishments:

- Completed the project plan and established a timeframe
- Started the process of creating a new project file for Fresno County in using the Turbo Architecture software
- Started the process of identifying stakeholders to invite to participate in the project.
- Reviewed ITS planning documents from member agencies to define inventory of ITS elements and entered information into the Turbo architecture software.
- Reviewed Regional Architecture documents from other jurisdictions to see how other agencies have completed the process in the past.
- Outreached to stakeholders to solicit feedback and information on the ITS development process.
- Continued the process of defining the ITS inventory of local stakeholders and entering the information into the Turbo Architecture software.
- Researched and learned about the different market packages making up the ITS Regional Architecture as staff will need to be able to teach them to stakeholders starting in January 2012.
- Continued researching and started preparation of meeting materials and meeting agendas that are scheduled to start with stakeholder groups in January. Information at this point is focused on ITS market packages.
- Continued researching and started preparation of meeting materials and meeting agendas that are scheduled to start with stakeholder groups in January. Information at this point is focused on ITS market packages. Spent time learning and understanding ITS subsystems and how to go about teaching information flows to stakeholders when meetings start in January.
- Started developing learning materials and processes based on ITS components to review with stakeholders to put together the ITS update.
- Met with stakeholder to review meeting materials and am implementing recommendations that came about from the meeting.
- Started extensive review of pre-existing ITS work for Fresno County and am incorporating that into learning materials.
- Completing the material to be used in stakeholder meetings starting the beginning of March 2012.
- Participated in conference calls with other Valley COGs to update them on the progress to date of the ITS Architecture update. ITS Architecture update needs to also include project information in addition to user services and market packages. Staff is incorporating this information into the material and will be presenting to stakeholders. Once this is completed, stakeholder meetings will be scheduled. The entire process is pushed back a couple of weeks because of this new information from FHWA. Additionally, working with other COGs and FHWA to determine extent of next ITS update for the San Joaquin Valley.
- Participated in meeting with FCRTA and FAX to start working together to integrate \$250,000 that FCRTA received in JARC funds into the FAX Trip Planning project. First meeting held with tasks assigned to be completed in the coming weeks.

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WE 115 – Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Plan

Objective: As of January 1, 2010, Resolution 2009-01 gives the RTMF joint powers agency (FCRTMFA) the authority to collect the fee. The RTMF JPA and the Transportation Authority entered into an indemnity agreement, whereas the Transportation Authority (FCTA) assumes liability for FCRTMFA's actions in collecting the fee.

Accomplishments:

- Several development projects, the environmental study applications from Fresno County Planning have been pre-reviewed that will not result in being forwarded to the ALUC, due to lack of proximity within airport influence areas. However, County staff is being notified that these projects will need to be assessed for the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee
 - Updated database to finalize for 2011, and prepare 2012 fee collection process.
- [ARNEST/FAWCETT]

WE 117 -Golden State Corridor Study**GOLDEN STATE CORRIDOR: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS: PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY****Objective:**

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) in conjunction with the County of Fresno, and the cities of Selma, Fowler and Kingsburg are conducting a Golden State Corridor: Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements: Planning, Engineering, and Environmental Study.

There are three parts to this study:

- 1) Developing the planning design guideline specifications for the entire Corridor,
- 2) Preparing the preliminary engineering design plans, and
- 3) Preparation of environmental documents sufficient to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The goal is to revitalize the Corridor, enhance economic development, and improve Corridor safety for both commercial purposes as well as local drivers.

Funding for the Golden State Corridor Improvements has been made available in the Measure "C" Sales Tax Extension, passed by the voters of Fresno County in 2006. Originally, for this phase, \$515,000 was allocated. The second allocation was in the 2013/14 time frame at \$5,970,000, and the third allocation occurs in the years 2015/16 at \$37,343,000. Due to Measure "C" sales tax estimates falling below 29.3% from ballot measure projections, the November 18, 2010 Policy Board approved reprogramming the Golden State project as follows: \$6,226,000 in 2015/16; \$24,156,000 in 2018/19; \$14,375,000 in 2019/20 and \$2,858,000 in 2020/21.

Accomplishments:

- Contacted FAX to review G.S. Corridor documents as they relate to bus service.
- Transmitted formal comments on CEQA to Quad Knopf from Caltrans and Native American Heritage Commission
- Phone and email consultation with consultant and Caltrans regarding NEPA deliverable EA Place public notice of Selma site for public meeting on CEQA public review in Fresno COG newsletter
- Transmitted formal comments on CEQA to Quad Knopf from Caltrans and Native American Heritage Commission
- Phone and email consultation with Caltrans regarding Quad Knopf NEPA EA outstanding deliverable 1/12 meeting held at Caltrans; met with COG staff regarding NEPA 1/12; email to Caltrans
- Meeting with Finance Director regarding invoice discrepancies
- Comment letter from Chevron Corp. transmitted to QK for response to comments received
- Comment letter for SJVAPCD transmitted to QK for response to comments received
- Consultation with QK regarding Fish and Game requirements and Fees attached to CEQA process
- Request sent to QK to incorporate public comments received at Selma public meeting to receive comments on CEQA (held 1/11/2012)
- Confirmed with QK that all improvements along Corridor would be ADA compliant.
- Scheduled/coordinated/phone consultations with Caltrans. Staff will provide a status report, will report to Policy Board in April, will provide update to Golden State Advisory Team Members.
- Prepared Staff Report and coordinated consultant's presentation for Golden State Corridor presentation 3/9/2012 TTC/PAC. Facilitated preparation of resolution to adopt the CEQA MND for Golden State Corridor project.
- Scheduled/organized consultant participation/posted notices/staffed public hearing 3/29/2012
- Follow-up notes to consultant for outstanding deliverables.
- Received notification from Chevron Corp. that a correction was needed on the Final MND (CEQA) for Mitigation Measure #3.8-1. Corrections were made and Chevron was notified and provided copy of revisions.
- Requested Quad Knopf to correct MND RE: Mitigation Measure #3.8-1.
- G. S. Corridor documents posted at www.fresnocog.org were updated 4-10-2012

- Per request by the City of Fresno during the March TTC meeting, a separate meeting between the consultant and the City of Fresno is being arranged. A number of emails sent to coordinate meeting.

[DAWSON]

WE 120 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Urban

Objective: To carry on the continuing urban area public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration under TEA-21 (1997), the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977) and AB-120 (Statutes of 1979); the Social Service Improvement Act (SB-826, 1988); the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; The 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

Accomplishments:

- *Demand-Responsive Service Evaluation:* Staff continues to monitor the system for productivity, cost effectiveness, and compliance with ADA regulations.
- *Management Information Systems:* Staff continues to develop and maintain various MIS programs and services. Work this quarter included continued implementation of the Automatic Passenger Counting system (APC), and the Regional Trip Planning Program.
- *National Transit Database Report:* National Transit Data Base (NTDB) annual operating statistics for FY2010-11 have been compiled, and staff has prepared the NTDB report and submitted it to the Federal Transit Administration. NTDB data collection is an ongoing process.
- *Coordinate with Air District:* Staff reviews Air District's plans and rule making and attends workshops on topics related to transit planning. Staff also works closely in developing funding request strategies from the SJVUAPCD for related TCM's such as alternative fuels funding and transit pass subsidy funding.
- *Review Development Proposals:* Staff continues to work closely with the development community in order to promote pedestrian and transit-friendly development through review and comment on development proposals.
- *Community Outreach and Public information:* FAX information continues to be maintained on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fresno.gov/index.html>. Staff continues to work with major employers to promote public transit, and to find creative ways to increase transit's market share. Staff has participated in several community outreach activities with various local agencies. Significant outreach during this quarter included outreach associated with the FAX Blackstone/Venture Kings Canyon BRT corridor.
- *Service Coordination:* The Clovis/FAX Metro pass continues to be a success, and FAX continues to include transit service schedules and information for Clovis Stageline in the FAX Schedule Guide. Beginning January 10, 2011, FAX only sells Metro passes and no longer offer the monthly convenience pass.
- *Regional Farebox:* The farebox project has experienced significant delays. FAX is working with the City of Fresno Attorney's Office to terminate the contract with the farebox system provider. There have been numerous problems with the farebox system.
- *Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC):* Staff has completed the Annual Transit Productivity Report which was adopted by the Fresno COG Policy Board during its February 2012 meeting.
- *Automatic Passenger Counters (APC):* On June 23, 2011, the Fresno City Council awarded a contract to Dilax Systems, Inc. The project is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2011-12
- *Regional Trip Planning Program:* Ontira Communications was the selected vendor of the JARC funded project. Staff is currently testing the Regional Transit Trip Planning Program. The program, when fully implemented, will include Fresno Area Express, Clovis Transit and Fresno County Rural Transit. Automated trip planning is currently available via Google Transit for FAX, but in a much less robust format. This project is expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2012-13.

[DOWNS/LONG]

WE 121 – Public Transit -Human Services Transportation (JARC)

Objective: The Human Services Transportation Coordination work element's aim is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that public and non-profit agencies coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs including the Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities; the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and the NEW FREedom Program.

On August 10, 2005, President Bush signed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This new legislation included human services transportation coordination provisions which aim to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that communities

coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs. Coordination will enhance transportation access, minimize duplication of services, and facilitate the most appropriate cost-effective transportation

The human services transportation coordination provisions include the following activities:

- Requires the establishment of a locally developed, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for all FTA human service transportation programs: Section 5310 Elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities program, Section 5316 Jobs Access and Reverse Commute Program and Section 5317 New Freedom Program. This plan has been completed and accepted by the Fresno COG Policy Board.

Accomplishments:

- Completed the programming process for COG administered portion of the Section 5316 Grant Program
- Prepared contracts for grants awarded in the previous grant cycle that have since been approved by Counsel.
- Worked with prospective applicants to prepare for future FTA Section 5316 JARC Call for projects.
- Collected quarterly reports from previous Section 5316 (JARC) grantees to comply with administrative requirements.
- Compiled and submitted annual reporting for Section 5316 projects into TEAMWEB. I had to contact project grantees in order to get some of the needed information.
- Prepared call for projects for COG-administered JARC 5316 funds.
- Prepared call for projects for State-administered JARC 5316 funds.
- Address questions from public regarding both the COG and State-administered JARC 5316 call for projects.
- Researched and confirmed new information regarding the 5316 Program.
- Answered questions and researched issues for prospective applicants to both the COG and State-administered call for projects for the JARC program.
- Reviewed and prepared to grade grant applications received in response to Call for Projects
- Processed grant applications received by preparing contracts, prepared agenda item, convening grading committee, and entered applications into TEAMWEB
- Prepare documents about JARC 5316 funds to present update to TTC/PAC
- Presented JARC grant scoring committee results to TTC/PAC
- Presented JARC grant scoring committee results to SSTAC.
- Reviewed all current JARC grants with FTA. Develop new spreadsheet to organize.
- Prepare agenda for Policy Board meeting to present JARC scoring committee results. [ARNEST]

WE 122 – Public Transit – Human Services Transportation (New Freedom)

Objective: The New Freedom program goals are to provide new public transportation services to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the workforce and full participation into society while expanding the transportation mobility options available to persons with disabilities beyond requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.).

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Accomplishments:

- Completed the programming process for COG administered portion of the Section 5317 (New Freedom) grant program.
- Prepared contracts for grants awarded in the previous grant cycle that have since been approved by Counsel.
- Worked with prospective applicants prepare for future FTA Section 5317 New Freedom call for projects.
- Collected quarterly reports from previous Section 5317 (New Freedom) grantees to comply with administrative requirements.
- Reviewed and approved reimbursement requests from grantees.

- Compiled and submitted annual reporting for Section 5317 projects into TEAMWEB. I had to contact project grantees in order to get some of the needed information.
- Prepared call for projects for COG-administered New Freedom 5317 funds.
- Prepared call for projects for State-administered New Freedom 5317 funds.
- Fielded questions from stakeholders regarding the COG and State-administered Section 5317 grant programs.
- Researched and confirmed new information regarding the 5317 Program
- Reviewed and prepared to grade grant applications received in response to Call for Projects
- Processed grant applications received by preparing contracts, prepared agenda item, convening grading committee, and entered applications into TEAMWEB.
- Prepare documents about New Freedom 5317 funds to present update to TTC/PAC
- Presented New Freedom grant scoring committee results to TTC/PAC
- Presented New Freedom grant scoring committee results to SSTAC.
- Consulted with and provided information to possible New Freedom grant applicants about monies in New Freedom grant account that will expire in September of this year (2012) unless Fresno COG receives more qualified applicants.
- Reviewed all current New Freedom grants with FTA. Develop new spreadsheet to organize.
- Prepare agenda for Policy Board meeting to present New Freedom scoring committee results.
[ARNEST]

WE 130 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Rural

Objective: To carry on the continuing rural public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977); the Social Service Improvement Act (AB-120, 1979); the Mello Act (SB-157, 1985); the Specialized Transportation Services Act (SB-826, 1988) the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments (1990); the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

Accomplishments:

- No Work Element tasks were scheduled or performed during the First Quarter. [JWEBSTER]

WE 150 - Other Modes - Aviation & Rail

Objective: To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the aviation, non-motorized and rail modes.

Accomplishments/Aviation:

- Monitored aviation issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Comprehensive review and update of aviation section of 2011 Regional Transportation Plan, in conjunction with operators of public use airports in Fresno County.
- Monitored activities associated with the aircraft conversion for the 144th Fighter Wing located at Fresno Yosemite International Airport, including attending a meeting on August 2. Emphasis on noise and land use impacts associated with new jet fighters and revised noise contours for the airport and surrounding residential sound attenuation.

Accomplishments/Rail:

- Attended a meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee at Castle Commerce Center. Primary agenda items included a discussion of potential formation of a JPA to manage the San Joaquins and the discussion and passage of a resolution identifying the need for rail passenger service across the Tehachapi Mountains.
- Participated in a meeting of the Cross-Valley Joint Powers Agency on February 24, 2012 in the City of Lemoore to discuss issues related to the short-haul railroad between Visalia in Tulare County and Huron in Fresno County. Of particular concern is the recent imposition of a surcharge imposed by the San Joaquin Valley Railroad on each rail car, perhaps an early indication of future railroad plans to abandon the corridor.
- Participated in a conference call on March 14 concerning the Kern COG Commuter Rail/Bus Feasibility Study.
- Participated in a San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council meeting on March 23, at which a presentation was made by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Commission on the proposed new governance of the Amtrak San Joaquin Corridor.
- Attended a quarterly meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Committee on April 26, 2012. Major agenda items included a presentation on the proposed San Joaquin Corridor Joint Powers Authority and federal, state and railroad updates, including the BNSF and the UP.
- Ongoing monitoring of and coordination with California High Speed Rail Authority, including the meeting of the HSRA in Fresno on May 2 and 3 at which the HSRA took testimony and ultimately certified and issued a record of decision for the EIR/EIS for the Merced to Fresno corridor. [THOMPSON]

WE 151 – Bicycle and Pedestrian

Objective: To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the bicycle and pedestrian transportation modes.

Accomplishments:

- Monitored bikeway issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Reviewed the Golden State Corridor Project (Work element 117) for impacts related to the bicycle/pedestrian transportation mode and consistency with the Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan.
- Prepared an item for the agenda and annotated agenda for the March 2012 cycle of meetings on the Call for Projects for Bicycle Transportation Account program funding.
- Participated in a meeting of the California Bicycle Advisory Committee on April 5, 2012.
[THOMPSON]

WE 152 – High Speed Rail Planning

Objective: To assist the California High-Speed Rail Authority, in conjunction with Fresno COG member agencies and interested citizens and organizations, with the development of the project level environmental document for the high-speed train system, and to identify and evaluate all other issues associated with high-speed trains in Fresno County in order to maximize its benefits.

Accomplishments:

- Ongoing activities related to the Heavy Maintenance Facility. These activities included participation in meetings of the “Fresno Works” Steering Committee, discussions with community members concerning high-speed rail issues, and other activities. The Steering Committee and Land Use Task Force continue to meet regularly to discuss next steps and resolve issues related to the heavy maintenance facility.
- Continue to monitor activities and decisions of the California High-Speed Rail Authority for their relationship to high-speed rail in Fresno.
- Continued review and discussions related to the California High Speed Rail Authority Business Plan.
- Prepared letter in support of California’s high-speed rail project for House Transportation Committee hearing on the project.
- Review of materials related to the Southwest Multi-State Rail Planning Study.
- Reviewed materials related to the most recent meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority in Merced on December 13, 2011 and monitored the meeting. Agenda items included the Draft 2012 Business Plan, Statewide Media and Communications Strategy, Identification of the Preferred North-South Alignment and Preferred Station Locations for Inclusion in Merced to Fresno Final EIR/EIS, and Supplemental Alternatives Analysis Report.
- On January 10, 2012, met with consultants retained by the Japanese Ministry of Transportation to review issues and provide local perspective on the California high-speed rail project in Fresno County and the San Joaquin Valley
- On February 13, 2012, attended and participated in a joint Fresno COG Policy Board and Fresno County Transportation Authority workshop on high-speed rail.
- Prepared an item for the agenda and annotated agenda for the March 2012 cycle of meetings on the Call for Projects for Bicycle Transportation Account program funding. [THOMPSON]

WE 153 – Airport Land Use Commission

Objective: To ensure the orderly development of lands in the vicinity of public use airports within Fresno County and ensure consistency of land use development with the various Airport Land Use plans within Fresno County.

Accomplishments:

No meetings were conducted for the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) during this period; due to the lack of projects to review, although there are currently several projects on the horizon, most notably the Runway Improvements at Fresno Yosemite International Airport, and a proposed gravel excavation project, “Carmelita Mine” adjacent to the Reedley Airport.

- F-15 Aircraft Conversion at the 144th Fighter Wing (144 FW) California Air National Guard Station located at the Fresno Yosemite International Airport site. More details on this can be obtained here: <http://www.eis144fw.com/>
- Staff Regularly updates ALUC meeting information and related activities on the Fresno COG website: www.fresnocog.org/fresno-county-airport-land-use-commission
- Continue to communicate with KCAG and NAS Lemoore Staff regarding the recently adopted NAS Lemoore Joint Land Use Study. NAS Lemoore Planning staff will be developing a Compatibility Land Use Plan (CLUP) based on the October 2010 Fresno County ALUC FYI CLUP. More information regarding the JLUS can be obtained here: <http://www.lemoorejlus.com/>

- Continue to participate in the California ALUC group, the most recent teleconference resulted in preliminary planning for a face-to-face meeting and workshop to review the highly anticipated update of the California Airport Land Use Handbook.
- Several development projects, the environmental study applications from Fresno County Planning have been pre-reviewed that will not result in being forwarded to the ALUC, due to lack of proximity within airport influence areas. However, County staff is being notified that these projects will need to be assessed for the Regional Traffic Mitigation Fee (RTMF).
[THOMPSON/FAWCETT]

WE 154 – San Joaquin Railroad Corridor

Objective: Evaluate and provide recommendations and strategies for the approximately 50 miles of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad, a shortline railroad, located west of the City of Fresno in Fresno County.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated with consultants (Railroad Industries, Inc. located in Reno, Nevada) regarding the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Study to include the 50 miles of shortline railroad corridor west of Fresno in Fresno County. The expanded study and selection of Railroad Industries, Inc. were approved by the COG Policy Board in June and the contract was executed in July. Railroad Industries has interviewed shippers who utilize the railroad. The study was completed and presented to the COG committees and Board in November.

[THOMPSON]

WE 170 - Regional Transportation Plan

Objective: To develop and publish, on a four-year basis, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Fresno County which addresses at a minimum a twenty year planning horizon. The plan shall include both long-range and short-range strategies and actions for implementing an integrated intermodal transportation system. The plan will address the federally required Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) planning factors. The final rule for SAFETEA-LU implementation was released in February 2007 with an effective date of March 16, 2007.

Accomplishments:

- Continued weekly, staff led seminars on chapters of RTP Guidelines in preparation for Fresno COG production of 2013/14 RTP update.
- Strategized with management and finance team on how to develop revenue forecast for next RTP, so that projections are more realistic
- Strategized with management and project team on performance measure, performance indicators, and project scoring criteria for both FTIP and RTP
- Developed and presented tutorial of Chapter 4 of the 2010 California Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines to staff in preparation of the RTP development process.
- Attended tutorial on Chapter 4 of the 2010 California Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines in preparation for the development of the Fresno COG 2014 Regional Transportation Plan. Began work on Chapter 6 tutorial as part of a team effort.
- In process of reviewing Section 6.12 – Regional Aviation System, to note information and data that will need to be updated in preparation for the next RTP development process.
- Reviewed SCS/RTP developed by other MPOs in the State.
- Prepared and presented the Greenhouse Gas Emission chapter of the RTP Guidelines.
- Attended demographic projection kick-off meeting.
- Working with consultants on scenario planning tool; developing and collecting data for the land use planning tool. Attended Clovis General Plan Update Technical Committee meeting.
- Meeting with City of Fresno regarding the scenarios in their general plan update.
- Meeting with Center for Regional Change of UC Davis, regarding integrating social equity and health issues in COG's planning process.
- Meeting with CRLA to discuss public outreach for next RTP/SCS
- Responded to the County Health Department and the Fresno-Madera Medical Society regarding health indicators in the upcoming RTP/SCS development
- Prepared constraint layers for scenario modeling
- Brainstormed with consultants on land use category translation between Envision Tomorrow and the traffic model. Several conference calls were held.
- Communication and coordination with SB 375 Task Force regarding sub-committee meetings and other meeting requests.
- Held two scenario sub-committee meetings.

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- Began SCS Public Outreach process by forming a Valleywide Subcommittee and researching RFP layouts to use as the basis for an SCS Outreach Firm RFP.
- Reviewed previous RFP's and those from other agencies for ideas on how to reformat the next RTP.
- Set first meeting date for the Valleywide SCS Outreach Committee via email with committee members.
- Reviewed RTP Guidelines for Public Outreach and began developing an outreach strategy and appropriate reporting forms for each staff member.
- Held SB375 Task Force meeting.
- Discussed the issues raised by the environmental groups regarding the scenarios with the Air Resources Board.
- Conference call with Fregonese Associates regarding scenario modeling.
- Researched "Policy Element" content for 2014 RTP.
- Attended and participated in a presentation on the Clovis General Plan on March 27.
- Prepared meeting agenda and minutes for SB375 Task Force meeting.
- Prepared, presented and continually updated RTP staff assignments flow chart and schedule.
- Researched, prepared and presented draft plan for EIR preparation related to the 2013/2014 RTP/SCS
- Had phone conferences with both SACOG and SANDAG discussing their "lessons learned" and processes used during each of their respective RTP EIR processes.
- Prepared materials for and hosted first Valleywide SCS public outreach meeting for transportation planning agency staff. Emailed follow-up materials and a meeting summary to agency staff that could not participate in the meeting.
- Held a meeting with Community Organization staff regarding Environmental Justice as it relates to the RTP
- Prepared tasks and timelines associated with RTP update pertaining to environmental justice and EJTF.
- Held April SB375 Task Force meeting
- Updated RTP staff assignments flow chart and schedule timeline; presented during RTP Staff
- Formulated RFP for EIR associated with the RTP/SCS
- Met with rep's from AECOM to discuss SACOG and SANDAG RTP processes and lessons learned; discussed IMPACS and RUCS
- Met with AECOM regarding RTP/SCS Discussed with City of Fresno regarding Fresno's alternative scenario in the 2035 general plan update
- Prepared Public Outreach Excel chart for all staff to use when tracking public consultation and coordination with other agencies, private business or the general public
- Prepared handouts for staff meeting on what is required for coordination and consultation.
- Updated Excel chart with all public outreach to date
- Received and made updates to the Valleywide SCS Request for Proposals that Fresno COG staff drafted on behalf of the eight Valley COGs
- Teleconferenced in the Valley COG Directors to address them on the SCS Public Outreach item that was on their agenda.
- Made final changes to the Valleywide SCS Public Outreach Request for Proposals, drafted a cover letter to be mailed with it, and mailed/emailed out the RFP to many Consultants Valleywide. The consultant contacts were submitted to Fresno COG by other Valley MPOs and Fresno COG staff researched agencies online, making phone calls and sending emails to verify each agencies areas of expertise.
- Put the Valleywide SCS on the Fresno COG website along with background information and associated links-BV
- Fielded calls and emails from Public Relations/Marketing Firms interested in submitting proposals for the Valleywide SCS RFP
- Researched "Policy Element" content-requirements.
- Performed SB375 Target Setting scenario analysis.
- Drafted RTP Public Outreach Survey, researched survey types, survey costs, met with staff for discussions regarding the survey and solicited survey input from all COG staff members.
- Answered questions from consultants by phone and email who are interested in submitting proposals in response to the Valleywide SCS Public Outreach RFP. Posted the Q&A twice to COG website.
- Received Valleywide SCS proposals. Packaged and mailed to 7 other SJV MPOs.
- Scheduled follow up meetings, interview rooms for Valleywide SCS Public Outreach meetings and interviews -BV
- Submitted narrative to Michael Sigala for June COG Directors meeting agenda
- Posted RFP for RTP and SCS EIR to COG website in several locations.
- Attended meeting with the Environmental and Transportation Task Force to discuss many topics related to the RTP such as formation of the Environmental Justice Task Force, SB 375, SCS, RTP timelines and Greenprint and RTP public outreach.
- Began planning of an Environmental Justice seminar hosted by COG on June 18, 2012.
- Appeared at taping of "Kids Count" TV program as member of a 3-person panel to discuss parks, open space and community development.
- Modeled scenario 2 for the target setting
- Prepared and held May SB375 Task Force meeting

- Attended Envision Tomorrow training at Fresno State
- Discussed status/update of RTP from 5/29/12 RTP staff meeting
- Began draft of introduction to Policy Element chapter.
[Steck/Bitner/Planning Staff]

WE 172 - Congestion Management Process

Objective: The Final Rule for the Federal Management and Monitoring Systems (Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Chapter I, Subchapter F, Part 500) defines an effective CMP as a systematic process for managing congestion that provides information on transportation system performance and on alternative strategies for alleviating congestion and enhancing the mobility of persons and goods to levels that meet State and local needs. The objective of this element is to respond to federal congestion management planning requirements. The Fresno County CMP addresses congestion-related issues in Fresno region in a systematic and regional approach. As an integral part of Fresno COG's planning process, the Fresno County CMP is incorporated in the RTP and TIP process.

Accomplishments:

- Continued to work with member agencies to update count locations on the Regionally Significant System under the Traffic Monitoring Program
- Continued to implement CMP strategies identified in the CMP report
- Continued to assess the effectiveness of the CMP strategies
- Evaluated the impact of CMP in the project selection process. [CAI]

WE 180 - Air Quality Transportation Planning

Objective: The Air Quality Transportation Planning Work Element provides for the development and maintenance of a coordinated transportation and air quality planning process. The federal and California Clean Air Acts require that transportation plans, programs and projects be consistent with, or conform to, state air quality implementation plans, and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they conform. In order to be in compliance with federal and state regulations, transportation activities cannot produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards. With the State of California taking the national and international lead on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change, new tasks are being required of transportation planning agencies. New Work Elements WE #413 *Fresno County SB 375/SCS Implementation*, WE813 *San Joaquin Valley Model Improvements for SB 375*, and WE# 814 *Valleywide Sustainable Communities Grant Activities* have been added to address greenhouse gas/climate change requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Attended on January 19, 2012 a breakfast meeting of the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation featuring speakers from the BNSF Railroad, the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and the developer of a 150+ acre transloading facility adjacent to the BNSF in Fresno County, all of whom spoke of and quantified the benefits of rail transportation compared to truck transportation to air quality.
- Meeting with COG staff regarding use of toll credits for CMAQ funding
- Review/corrections continue on CMAQ applications
- Work to correct applications for CMAQ-67 emails to member agencies, 36 phone consultations 2/16/2012
- Consultation with City of Fresno, ARB, and COG modelers RE: City does not agree to definition of "Congested Traffic Volume" determined November 2011 and transmitted to all member agencies. Congested Traffic Volume is an input into ARB calculator tool approved for use on CMAQ cost-effectiveness calculations. Meeting held 2/16/2012 with City of Fresno to consult on issue.
- Conducted testing runs of the new MIP model to evaluate impact on regional transportation conformity.
- Revisions to 60 CMAQ Applications. 20 calls/15 emails to member agencies/applicants regarding application corrections.
- Scheduled and conducted the CMAQ Scoring Committee meeting 2/29/2012 to select \$24 million in projects for Fresno County.
- Organize CMAQ applications approved for funding/spreadsheets/reports to TTC/PAC.
- On February 29, 2012, participated as part of a Scoring Committee in the scoring of 60 projects submitted by member agencies for potential funding under the CMAQ program. Significant time also spent in reviewing projects in preparation for the Scoring Committee meeting.
- Conducted SB-375 related analyses in coordination with Cari Anderson to evaluate the impact of EMFAC 2011 and the MIP model.
- Assisted City of Clovis and City of Kerman in preparation of PM 2.5 Hot-spot Assessments.
- Responded to 20 phone calls and 15 emails from 3/5 to 3/14/2012 regarding the 2011-12 CMAQ process, selections, resolutions due, and toll credits,

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- Participated in the 3/14/2012 MPO Staff Workshop to discuss the 2013 FTIP development and Conformity, the 2014 RTP development and SCS, Conformity process, the 2013 FTIP Amendment and conformity, and the Model Improvement Program.
- Assisted City of Huron with CMAQ project (lighted crosswalk on a State Route) to replace the CMAQ application following Caltrans concerns regarding a lighted cross walk on their facility. Current approach will be to make the intersection safer without installation of the in-pavement lights. Revision is in progress.
- Responded to Valley-wide policy request from air quality consultant regarding cost-effectiveness policy and associated thresholds.
- Continued testing of the new MIP model to evaluate impact on regional transportation conformity.
- Assisted Central U.S.D. with three phone calls and 2 emails regarding CMAQ procedures post approval by Policy Board
- Presented CMAQ Scoring Committee recommendations to the Policy Board and received approval for the funding. Organized/archived on server all AB 1012 Resolutions for the 2011 CMAQ Process.
- Assisted COG transportation network developers with documents for the 2013 FTIP
- Assisted the City of Fresno and the City of Clovis with PM 2.5 Hot-spot Project level Conformity determinations
- Reviewed/edited/consulted with COG Modelers on the Modeling Chapter #2 Conformity doc for the 2013 FTIP Conformity process.
- Reviewed revised CMAQ application for the City of Huron (per Caltrans request the in-pavement lights for the crosswalk not approved) The application was transmitted to Caltrans Local Assistance for approval.
- 2011 CMAQ Policy Board Approved Projects were reviewed for emission calculation corrections required due to partial funding of some projects.
- Reviewed 8 county policy for CMAQ Cost-effectiveness threshold policy, and transmitted for informational purposes to Programming Sub-committee.
- PM2.5 Hot-spot revisions for the City of Fresno-transmitted for interagency concurrence.
- Created electronic copies of CMAQ applications for the 2011-12 cycle-archived on COG server for easier future reference.
- Prepared documents for Policy Board and TTC/PAC on electric vehicle readiness-charging station workshop.
- Consultation with Caltrans Traffic Investigations staff regarding CMAQ proposed project in Huron.
- Researched and organized data for upcoming 2013 FTIP/Conformity process (Air Quality standard requirements/federal requirements.
- Consultation with Local Assistance-Caltrans- regarding CMAQ proposed project in Huron.
- Consultation with Cari Anderson Valley-wide Air Quality Consultant - regarding Fresno County and Huron issue with Timely Implementation of projects in Conformity document.
- Conference Call regarding Selma bike path funding and need to prepare an immediate CMAQ application.
- Conference/emails regarding method to proceed to program requested change of location for Huron 2011 CMAQ project.
- Meeting at Fresno COG with Huron City Manager and city engineer regarding timely implementation of project for Conformity, and the 2011 CMAQ project (issue with Caltrans' approval on the state facility.
- Participated in two meetings on April 23, 2012 concerning the potential establishment of bus transit from Fresno along SR 41 to Yosemite National Park and along SR 180 to Kings Canyon/Sequoia National Parks. Follow-up meetings will be scheduled with the Park Superintendents to discuss their level of commitment and financial participation in the projects
- Performed conformity analyses for 2013 FTIP/Conformity process.
- Revised 2013 FTIP Conformity TID Timely Implementation Documentation and RACM Reasonably Available Control Measure Tables with updates provided by member agencies.
- Consulted with Air Quality Consultant for the Valley regarding TID/RACM projects for 2014 RTP process
- Drafted PM2.5 hot-spot for city of Fresno
- CMAQ Project meeting for Huron (late coordination with Caltrans) scheduled for 5/17/12
- CMAQ questions on policy/how to move project forward from Central U.S.D
- Note to COG Programming regarding from FHWA memo impacting CMAQ future funding for Alt Fuel projects-many follow-up calls notes
- Drafted PM2.5 hot-spot for city of Fresno
- Drafted PM2.5 hot-spot for city of Clovis
- Follow-up on 3 in PM2.5 hot-spots in progress for city of Fresno & Clovis
- Compiled list of old and current CMAQ Projects in jeopardy of new FHWA interpretation of applicability.
- Assist City of Fresno with a request they received from Caltrans for the city to perform a CO analysis.
- Consultation with Clean Cities regarding FHWA Alternative Fuel vehicles and CMAQ funding.
- Met with City of Sanger regarding potential use of funding for CMAQ eligible projects.
- Consultation with Valley Air Quality consultant regarding transportation control measure project.
- Scanned and labeled 2011-12 CMAQ Call-for-Projects that were selected for funding to the COG server(beginning process to save electronic versions-moving away from hard copy only versions)
- Revisions made to Draft 2013 Conformity text

- Huron 2011 CMAQ project finalized-approval from D. Jacobs transmitted to City and Local Assistance.
- Consultation/email to Huron regarding very old traffic signal projects-delivery issues.
- Reviewed/finalized draft 2013 Conformity to transmit to A.Q. Consultant. (reviewed modeling; VMT data; A.Q. budgets; trading tables.
- Phone question from school district regarding impact of FHWA memo: alternative fueled vehicles and CMAQ funding.
- Reviewed/consulted on project delivery status for Sanger and Mendota projects.
- Reviewed/consulted on project delivery status for Huron: old project-2 traffic signals.
- Assisted City of Fresno RE: CO analysis.
- Reformatted/corrections to Draft 2013 FTIP Conformity added project lists, assisted programming on FTIP requirements regarding cost-effectiveness content to add to FTIP.5
- Utilized EMFAC2011 model to evaluate SB375 target setting scenarios.
- [DAWSON/HAN]

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

WE 210 – Measure C Reauthorization

Objective: To provide the organizational structure and staffing for development of an Expenditure Plan that will guide the utilization of the ½ cent sales tax measure approved on November 2006. The Reauthorization process is being guided by a Regional Steering Committee consisting of elected officials, interested regional stakeholders and the general public. Staffing is provided by COG.

Accomplishments:

- Staff continued implementing the Measure C Carpool, Commuter Vanpool, Farmworker Vanpool and Taxi Scrip Programs. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Elements 212, 214, 215.
- Designated staff worked to administer the Measure C Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program during the quarter. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Element 115.
- Fresno COG staffed the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Element 211.
- COG Staff also worked with FCTA staff to have the new Measure C Video downloaded, prepped and shown at the Fresno County Transportation Forum.
- COG Staff continued all the activities listed above.
- Presented TOD guidelines to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee
- Solicited members for the TOD Scoring Committee
- Putting together the TOD Scoring Committee
- Wrote staff report on TOD program first funding cycle call for project
- Staff continued implementing the Measure C Carpool, Commuter Vanpool, Farmworker Vanpool and Taxi Scrip Programs. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Elements 212, 214, 215.
- Staff worked to administer the Measure C Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program during the quarter. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Element 115.
- Staff answered question from member agencies regarding Measure C projects, funding and reporting.
- Staff member spoke with FCTA and consultant to begin Implementation Handbook updates.
- Reviewed Local Agency Handbooks and documented needed changes/updates for FCTA staff. Communicated with other Fresno COG staff members to coordinate information changes.
- Staff continued implementing the Measure C Carpool, Commuter Vanpool, Farmworker Vanpool and Taxi Scrip Programs. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Elements 212, 214, 215.
- Staff worked to administer the Measure C Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program during the quarter. Detailed information regarding the work done in this program is included in Work Element 115.
- Staff answered question from member agencies regarding Measure C projects, funding and reporting.
- Updated Measure C Program Flyers used to market various programs. Communicated with FCTA staff about the need to have the flyers updated and printed. Submitted the changes to FCTA's staff and Public Outreach consultant.
- Updated a variety of information on the Fresno COG website—Oversight Committee, TOD, Golden State
- Communicated with FCTA staff regarding Local Agency Handbook updates.
- Hosted and staffed a meeting of the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee on May 10, 2012
- Continued recruiting new members to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee. Application deadline is May 31, 2012. Spoke with applicants regarding requirements and next steps.
- [CAI/VEENENDAAL]

WE 211 – Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

Objective: To inform the public and to ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public in the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan.

Accomplishments:

- Received and reviewed additional Local Agency Reports from member agencies
- Worked on recruitment of two new COC members.
- Put together an agenda and packet of materials to distribute online and through hard copy mailing to the Oversight Committee for their February 9, 2012 meeting.
- Email communication with COC members regarding the meeting.
- Staff hosted the February 9th meeting in the Fresno COG Ash Conference Room. Meeting was held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Assisted COC members with drafting their Annual Report to the public
- Working with three member agencies to complete overdue reporting requirements for the committee.
- Staff assisted COC subcommittee members with their Annual Report to the public by providing facts, proof-reading, sending and receiving emails from committee members, and writing out the lists of 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 members.
- Staff met with committee members who had suggestions regarding the committee.
- Scheduled next Oversight Committee meeting for April 19, 2012 and notified committee members
- Updated the nomination form for two vacant Oversight Committee positions. Posted the nomination form to Fresno COG’s website in three locations, send out notification in Fresno COG’s Coming Up at Fresno COG e-newsletter, added the need to fill the positions to the Fresno COG TTC and PAC agendas as a consent item and copied the nomination forms for the outgoing packets.
- Submitted the Nomination Packet to FCTA after many communications via email with them.
- Prepared agenda and meeting package for April 19th meeting. Mailed out meeting packages.
- Continued to work on recruitment of two new COC members. Spoke to applicants and interested parties via phone and email.
- Put together an agenda and packet of materials to distribute online to the Oversight Committee for their May 10, 2012 meeting. Invited agency staff and City of Fresno TOD applicants to attend the meeting for a presentation.
- Email communication with COC members regarding the meeting schedule and attendance.
- Staff hosted the May 10 meeting in the Fresno COG Ash Conference Room. Meeting was held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Began planning future meeting agendas and selected dates.

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WE 212 – Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Program

Objective: To expend Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Program funds to encourage an increase in carpooling and commuter vanpooling in Fresno County.

Accomplishments Commuter Vanpool Program:

As of 3/28/2012, there are 12 vans that receive the ‘New’ Vanpool subsidy, and 11 vans that receive the ‘Existing’ Vanpool subsidy. More than 161 riders are serviced by these 23 vans. Additionally, there are 36 riders in existing vans that are new to vanpooling and therefore are eligible for and receive a \$35 voucher award subsidy per month for 12 months.

COG staff continues to:

- Improve, evaluate, and monitor tracking and reporting procedures
- Develop and release notifications of funds available via website, email, news articles, participate in community events, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Update all related information and forms online.
- Receive and evaluate all applications for the commuter vanpool program. Monitor all subsidies and reimbursements for renewals at the vanpool’s 12 month anniversary. Receive and process all renewal applications. Mail award letters to new and existing vanpool drivers.
- Create new partnerships with vanpool providers and with public and private organizations to increase vanpool and carpool awareness and participation.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies, reimbursements and award letters.
- Perform research and development to improve and enhance Commuter Vanpool Program.

Accomplishments Carpool Subsidy Program:

As of 3/28/2012 there were 1,016 Measure C Carpool Incentive Program registrants. A total of 439 Commute Log Reports were submitted for February, 2011 by program registrants. Information for March, 2012 will not be available until April 2, 2012.

COG staff continues to:

- Develop outreach materials used for community events, presentations, email blasts, graphics, web posts and ad and mailings.
- Give presentations to various businesses, organizations, and media outlets about the Carpool Program. On 3/21/2012, staff attended a drop-in dialogue session at Fresno City Hall and gave a presentation on the Carpool Program to City of Fresno Employees in attendance.
- Oversee the distribution of monthly awards to carpool winners. A monthly drawing was held for the months of January and February, 2012 and the winners were presented their \$1,000 awards on 3/16/2012. Pictures were taken at the presentation and uploaded to the Valleyrides.com website.
- Maintain the Valleyrides.com website that includes the Measure C commuting programs, the Carpool Program functionality and information, and Tulare County commuter information (due to a funding and partnership with TCAG staff). Work with the website developer to keep Valleyrides.com website updated, answered calls and emails from carpoolers.
- Worked with ArtCo via email on the development of the Taxi Scrip database and online reporting website. Met with ArtCo staff to review all work accomplished to date, requested changes and reviewed the updates when completed.
- Maintained the Valleyrides.com website that includes the Measure C commuting programs, the Carpool Program functionality and information, and Tulare County commuter information (due to a funding and partnership with TCAG staff). Work with the website developer to keep Valleyrides.com website updated, answered calls and emails from car
- Oversaw the distribution of monthly awards to carpool winners. A monthly drawing was held for the month of April, 2012 and the winners were presented their \$1,000 awards. Pictures were taken at the presentation and uploaded to the Valleyrides.com website.
- Updated carpool outreach flyer used for community events, presentations, and mailings.
- Drafted a survey of all commuters currently signed up in the Valleyrides.com or Measure C Carpool databases, asking their opinions on if/where the Measure C Carpool Grand Prize Giveaway should be held, and what the prizes should consist of. Also included a few questions about their participation in the program and their thoughts about the commute log system. Set up the survey on SurveyMonkey.com, and sent a link to it to our website support company, ArtCo. Artco then drafted an email to the databases and sent it out. To date we have received 180 responses.
- Scheduled a meeting with staff and management to discuss the year end Grand Prize Giveaways and event. [MARTINEZ/VEENENDAAL]

WE 214 – Measure C ADA/Seniors/Paratransit Taxi Scrip

Objective: To implement the Measure C Taxi Scrip Program for enhanced taxicab transportation services for persons 70 years of age and older living in the Fresno County (service area) region.

Accomplishments:

As of 3/28/2012, there were 2,559 Active Taxi Scrip Users and 15 taxi cab companies that accept Taxi Scrip. There were 30 new Taxi Scrip Users added to the program in February, 2012. Additionally, there were 4 Users that were signed up at the COG office from March 1, 2012 to March 28, 2012. New applicants from the other vending locations for March, 2012 are not yet known, as that data is not available until after the end of the current month.

Due to the fact that various satellite locations sell taxi scrip, purchasing statistics lag behind real-time by 1 to 2 months. The table below depicts Taxi Scrip sales and usage information for the months of December, January, and February 2012. As of 3/28/2012 some usage data for March was still to be determined.

MONTH	# of Individual Purchases	Total Value of Scrip Purchased	# of Individuals that used Scrip	Amount Paid out to Taxis for Usage
December 2011	270	\$25,500.00	404	\$24,042.00
January 2012	279	\$26,600.00	376	\$22,629.00
February 2012	275	\$25,860.00	363	\$25,375.00

Staff continues to:

- Improve and update tracking, reporting and information in database for taxi scrip program. Spoke to and emailed the website company responsible for developing the new online Taxi Scrip database reporting software we will use. Proofed the information available so far. Held a face to face meeting with Artco to discuss issues and further work on the project.

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- Develop and release program notifications such as funds available, forms, bilingual educational literature, question and answers via website, email, news articles, community events and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Update all related information, forms and applications online as well as ensures that all distribution centers have complete and updated resources.
- Visit all distribution centers no less than once a month to ensure proper sales reporting, documentation, and provide training sessions on a needs basis.
- Process vendor reimbursements to Measure C for all scrip sold (minus a 5% administration fee) on a quarterly basis. Payment Invoices were sent to taxi scrip vendors on March 16, 2012.
- Receive and evaluate all applications for Taxi Scrip Program and Proxy Designation Forms.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process invoices, subsidies, reimbursements and sales.
- Maintain and accurate list of taxi cab companies that accept taxi scrip.
- Review biweekly taxi vendor logs and submitted taxi scrip for accuracy and reimbursement.
- Maintain partnerships with various local vendors, private and public organizations to act as currency distributors and as educators to increase taxi scrip program awareness and participation.
- Perform research and development to improve and enhance the Taxi Scrip Program.
- Continued to work with Artco on the development of the Taxi Scrip online database.
- Set up meetings with Taxi Companies to review the new database reporting requirements and to discuss their new contracts that will take effect July 1, 2012.
- Worked with printer to design new permanent User ID cards and temporary cards for Taxi Scrip users—also effective July 1, 2012
- Wrote new contracts for Taxi Scrip Companies that will take effect July 1, 2012. Had them reviewed by Finance Manager and Program Supervisor.

[MARTINEZ/VEENENDAAL]

WE 215 – Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Programs

Objective: To implement the Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Program, encouraging an increase in farmworker vanpooling participation in Fresno County.

As of 3/28/2012, there are 569 individuals that receive farmworker vanpool subsidies through Measure C. These individuals are riders in 49 different vans.

The table below depicts the amounts paid out for farmworker vanpool subsidies for the months of December, January, and February 2012. As of 3/28/2012, payment information for the month of March, 2012 was still to be determined.

MONTH	December 2011	January 2012	February 2012	March 2012
Amount Paid	\$7,115.00	\$9,417.00	\$7,706.00	TBD

Accomplishments: Staff continues to:

- Improve, evaluate, and monitor tracking and reporting procedures. *Staff is in the process of creating a new farmworker database that will maximize the ability to organize and monitor Farmworker Vanpool information.*
- Maintain the accessibility of bilingual notifications of funds available via website, email, public service announcements, news articles. Participate in community events, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Update all related information and applications online and works closely with vanpool provider to educate Farmworkers on informational program items.
- Receive and evaluate all individual applications for the Farmworker vanpool program.
- Implement the renewal process for those applicants that have reached their one-year anniversary in the Farmworker Vanpool Program.
- Process monthly subsidy award payments and monitor expenditures in relation to yearly budgets.
- Maintain partnerships with vanpool providers and with public and private organizations to increase Farmworker vanpool awareness and participation.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies and reimbursement.

- Perform research and development to improve and enhance Farmworker vanpool program.
- Collaborate with marketing agency to develop outreach material used for community events, presentations, and mailings.
- All of the above as well as met with CalVans Director to discuss their Farmworker subsidy program—changes needed, issues, concerns, need for outreach
- Made a presentation on Farmworker Vanpool Program to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee
- Updated the Farmworker Vanpool Outreach flyers and sent to FCTA for printing

[MARTINEZ /VEENENDAAL]

WE 220 – Transportation Program Development

Objective: To identify transportation improvements proposed for implementation within a short-range period of compliance with federal and state requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Met with Staff and with member agencies in an effort to develop/maintain a financially constrained transportation improvement program for the 2011 FTIP.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley Interagency Consultation Group.
- Continued correspondence with agency staff and Caltrans regarding project status, such as followed up on projects that are at risk of losing funding, obligation delays, funding alternatives, invoicing and expenditures. Worked with local agencies, project sponsors, Caltrans Local Assistance and Headquarters on the items above. Ongoing.
- Held several discussions with Agency staff, Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA for proposed changes to the 2011 FTIP and RTP.
- Continue to monitor local, federal and state grant and funding opportunities and distribute information to member agencies.
- Continued development and improvements to Fresno Trak for use in project tracking and enhancing visualization of the FTIP.
- Continued internal discussion about the upcoming work for the 2013 FTIP and 2014 RTP.
- Attended and participated in a bi-weekly RTP staff meeting on 5/1/12 and prepared approach to assigned RTP tasks to be presented at the next RTP staff meeting.
- Met with the City of Reedley on 4/30/12 and the City of Sanger on 5/9/12 to discuss funding availability and project programming.
- Continued work on the 2011 FTIP Administrative Amendment No. 12 that so far contains only projects that need to apply Toll Credits.
- Continued programming for the 2013 FTIP Update in Fresno Trak. Worked with member agencies to get all projects sorted out and ready for the FTIP Update.
- Confirmed Grant Writing USA workshop to be hosted by Fresno COG for July 2012. Worked with GWUSA to advertise the workshop.

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SERVICES AND GENERAL COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

WE 310 - Intergovernmental Coordination

Objectives: 1) To promote coordination, cooperation and communication on administrative and planning matters among local agencies, the COG, federal and state agencies. To enable various agencies, including Native Americans, to participate in and review the regional planning process; 2) To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities; and 3) To provide local agencies and the public the opportunity to review and comment upon federal grant proposals through the Local Clearinghouse Process; and 4) To provide local agencies with information on federal and state legislation, regulations, guidelines, and policies that effect the Fresno COG and our member agencies.

Accomplishments:

- Continued to provide staff support to the Association for the Beautification of State Route 99. Organized bimonthly meeting for the Association, assisted with correspondence, conducted research, and prepared staff reports.
- Provided ongoing support to member agencies of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority in the establishment of this new program in Fresno County. Issues discussed over the course of the quarter include election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority and a determination of time standards and personnel costs for use in calculating program costs.

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- Staff continues to outreach to the Native American Tribal governments, both federally and non-federally recognized, in Fresno County to solicit their input and to seek their participation in COG activities. Staff continues to provide all of the tribes with ongoing meeting notifications and any other pertinent information that may be of interest to the tribes.
- Continue monthly distribution of state Clearinghouse items to member agencies for review and comment.
- Provided monthly update to member agencies on progress with Blueprint activities, which culminated with distribution of Blueprint Roadmap package at the Fall Policy Conference. Mailed Blueprint Roadmap packages to all elected officials, planning directors, community organizations and state agencies.
- Continue Valleywide program management for SJV Blueprint and transition to Prop 84 tasks.
- Staff continues involvement/collaboration on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects of local, valley-wide, and State interest.
- Continue staff participation in monthly meetings with the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Council where legislation and local, state and federal policies are discussed that affect the Fresno region, as well as participate in monthly meetings for the subcommittee (E.A.R.T.H.).
- Fresno COG staff devotes significant time to on-going legislative activities including, but not limited to, monthly reports detailing pending state and federal legislation in current sessions, bill analysis, regular correspondence to state and federal representatives communicating positions on bills of interest by our Policy Board, collaboration with other San Joaquin Valley MPOS, and the development of an annual Fresno COG Legislative Platform. Fresno COG developed a subcommittee to review the Legislative platform for 2012 and presented the DRAFT Platform to the Policy Board.
- Worked with member agencies to assist with their preparation of Caltrans planning grants where Fresno COG will serve as lead agency.
- Worked with city managers to help them understand the OWP and budgeting process at the regional agency level.
- Managed and coordinated SB 375 target-setting kick-off meeting, at which member agencies and other community stakeholders participated
- Presented TOD program guidelines to the department heads in City of Fresno; explained how the program works and answered questions about the program.
- Participated in a meeting with City of Fresno regarding fiscal impact analysis tool; discussed with City of Fresno how COG can help the City with modeling the new general plan.
- Participated in the California Inter-agency Forum meeting, at which Caltrans staff and MPO staff exchanged experience and information about modeling and other related topics.
- Participated in the monthly I-Places conference call, in which 8 valley COGs and city of Fresno staff are being trained to run I-Places for scenario development.
- Consulted with Air Resources Board regarding emission calculation methodology for CMAQ projects.
- Continued coordination and facilitation of Prop 84 Round 2 Grant meeting with all of the 8 RPAs to discuss desired valley-wide strategy for approaching grant process. Received approval from the Valley COG Directors to proceed in a joint venture
- Facilitated stakeholder/interagency notification of G.S. Corridor public release of environmental documents for public review and comment. Placed documents at public review site, posted to website.
- Assisted San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District with E-Trip rule-emergency Ride Home information.
- Reviewed San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Compliance Assistance Bulletin
- Coordination/consultation with Caltrans Local Assistance RE: NEPA protocols to follow.
- Consultation with ARB RE: approved calculations to be used in CMAQ Process; Consultation with Caltrans RE: CMAQ project eligibility
- Attended and participated in a meeting in Visalia on February 6, 2012 regarding common mapping and GIS platforms so as to make all the integrated water management plans and other planning efforts work of the same set of base maps, projections and data sets for the Valley, all of which has relevance for the Greenprint project.
- Attended several meetings/conference calls with the California Partnership, the Rural Development Center and their consultants regarding the coordination of Prop 84 BP Integration and Smart Valley Places programing efforts.
- Prepare for and administer the Association for the Beautification of Highway 99 meeting.
- Assist other agency and non-profit agencies prepare application and resolutions for Caltrans Planning Grant Program call for project that is currently taking place.
- Provided mapping and trail information to the County of Fresno for their use in developing potential bike/ped projects in the Kingsburg/Selma area. The topographic maps and preliminary engineering drawings which include elevations and contours (developed for the Golden State Corridor Improvement Project) can be of use to the County in their future planning efforts. (incurring no additional costs)
- Attended and participated in the San Joaquin Valley Regional Economic Summit in Fresno on March 29. The Summit was titled "Building Prosperity for the Valley Ag Value Chain" and resulted in priority recommendations for State actions.
- Submitted PM2.5 Hot-spot Project Level Conformity analysis for the Cities of Clovis and Fresno for interagency concurrence-required Caltrans, EPA and FHWA response.
- Reviewed EPA first ever action to regulate carbon (GHG) emissions under the Clean Air Act

- Coordination with Caltrans Local Assistance regarding CMAQ project in Huron on a state facility
- Participated in the monthly SGC Land Use Working Group meeting to standardize all the land use codes and definitions within the State
- Attended several meetings/conference calls with the California Partnership, the Rural Development Center and their consultants regarding the coordination of Prop 84 BP Integration and Smart Valley Places programming efforts
- Held Measure C TOD Scoring Committee meeting
- Attended several meetings with the LGC to discuss fiscal analysis tools in the Valley
- Continued coordination of Blueprint Integration efforts with Smart Valley Places
- Participated in the monthly SGC Land Use Working Group meeting to standardize all the land use codes and definitions within the State
- Consultation with Valley Air Quality Consultant regarding 2013 FTIP/Conformity Process-FHWA requirements regarding Timely implementation updates to project list; Consultation regarding requirements/guidance for projects continued into the 2014 RTP/TIP process
- Consultation with three cities and County of Fresno documentation for close-out of interagency project
- Consultation with member agencies, local Air District, COG staff, Clean Cities Coalition, regarding FHWA memo relating to the use of CMAQ funds for alternative fueled vehicles.

[STECK/ARNEST/GARZA/VEENENDAAL/MONGE/TERRY/CAI]

WE 311 - Public Information and Participation

Objective: To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities. This work element is intended to highlight the COG's desire to encourage more public participation in the transportation planning process, consistent with TEA 21 requirements. This will include public involvement in the development stages of plans and programs as well as throughout the adoption process. COG's Public Involvement Procedures will be consulted and followed during each phase of plan or program development.

It is Fresno COG's desire that the citizens of Fresno County and its cities assist in delineating values, goals, and objectives of transportation-related services and planning documents. Further, it is Fresno COG's intent that those same citizens, charged with the responsibility of providing feedback on a continuous basis, will participate in the selection of transportation facilities and programs for planning and programming under Fresno COG's authority. Finally, it is the goal of Fresno COG to adequately provide information to and solicit input from historically underserved community of Fresno County (i.e. elderly, minority groups, youth, disabled and lower income people).

Accomplishments:

- Prepared agenda packages, reports, and notices for COG's three monthly public meetings.
- Filled requests for information about Fresno COG and/or their member agencies and updated various listings in house and online.
- Continuously updated Fresno COG's current website and the Valleyrides.com website with a variety of information, meeting packets and calendar entries.
- Sent out weekly e-news alerts called "Coming Up...at Fresno COG." The email went out most Tuesdays and highlighted Fresno COG activities, plans, projects, RFPs, etc. with links to the Fresno COG website. Developed and continuously updated the email lists used for circulation.
- Maintained the Fresno COG Facebook page
- Finished development of the new Fresno COG website. It was a detailed process requiring many hours of coordination via email, phone and through the new website between the Public Information Officer (PIO) and the website development company. Also between the PIO all of the COG staff who contribute content for the website. Staff spent considerable time checking links, and adding content.
- Finished development of an intricate packet of materials explaining the SJV Blueprint Roadmap, with a booklet, CD and map. Packets were handed out at the Regional Policy Conference, The Fresno COG Transportation Forum and allotments were mailed out to each of the eight Valley Planning Agencies.
- Designed a public outreach graphic for the EDC 30-year anniversary program. The ad was an intricate timeline of COG and transportation history and future events. Emailed it over to the EDC and had a poster board and banner made of the timeline to use for public outreach. Staff built a standing frame to hang the banner on for display.
- Staff planned and hosted Fresno COG Transportation Forum on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. They designed three videos, three Power Point presentations, various handouts, programs and other forum materials. They coordinated the event with venue and catering staff, invited and coordinated speakers and panelists, and analyzed evaluations.
- Prepared agenda packages, reports, and notices for COG's three monthly public meetings.
- Filled requests for information about Fresno COG and/or their member agencies and updated various listings in house and online.

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- Continuously updated Fresno COG's current website and the Valleyrides.com website with a variety of information, meeting packets and calendar entries.
- Sent out weekly e-news alerts called "Coming Up...at Fresno COG." The email went out most Tuesdays and highlighted Fresno COG activities, plans, projects, RFPs, etc. with links to the Fresno COG website. Developed and continuously updated the emails lists used for circulation.
- Maintained the Fresno COG Facebook page
- Launched Fresno COG's new website, releasing to the public on Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Continued to correct and update the new site on a daily basis.
- Answered calls and requests from the media.
- Filled requests for information about Fresno COG and/or their member agencies and updated various listings in house and online.
- Continuously updated Fresno COG's current website and the Valleyrides.com website with a variety of information, meeting packets and calendar entries. Trained staff on how to edit the new website's information.
- Researched server storage issues for Fresno COG's new website, negotiated a new agreement with a new company.
- Answered emails from the Fresno Bee newspaper.
- Negotiated a new agreement with a new company for website file storage and had the website moved to new company's servers
- Worked with staff and printing company to develop a new Freeway Service Patrol brochure, and the Annual Report Calendar
- Updated the 2012 Draft Public Participation Plan and released it for public review and comment on January 13, 2012
- Attended meetings to discuss public outreach on the Proposition 84 grant funding projects—San Joaquin Valley Greenprint and the SB 375/Sustainable Communities Strategy reporting and development.
- Finished writing the articles for the 2010-2011 Annual Report Calendar
- Worked with staff, member agencies and lobbyist to develop materials for One Voice D.C. trip
- Staff helped organize, set up, and hosted the FCTA and Fresno COG Boards joint High Speed Rail Workshop held Monday, February 13, 2012.
- Staff met regarding SB375 Valley-wide outreach plan
- Began SCS Outreach Plan development by emailing all 8 Transportation Planning Agencies with a request to appoint staff to a Valleywide SCS Outreach committee. Communicated with the TPAs regarding the process.
- Researched Requests for Proposals staff may choose to use as the basis for an SCS Outreach Firm RFP.
- Updated Fresno COG's website with meeting agendas and packet materials, planning and project information, calendar entries and links
- Updated and drafted a response to comments on the 2012 Fresno COG Public Participation Plan. Hosted a public hearing on the document. Fresno COG Policy Board approved the new plan on March 22, 2012 and their meeting.
- Answered OWP IPG questions regarding Public Outreach
- Finished the 2010-2011 Fresno COG Annual Report and began disbursement
- Meeting and discussion about request from the public to attend the TOD scoring committee meeting.
- Communicated with County Counsel regarding Committees applicable to the Brown Act
- Set up first meeting of the Valleywide SCS Outreach Committee via email with all 8 Valley agencies. Meeting held on April 12, 2012.
- Met with Community Group representatives to discuss Public Outreach for the RTP Update process as they relate to Environmental Justice Populations.
- Continually updated the Fresno COG website with meeting information, agendas, calendar entries, etc.
- Hosted and prepared meeting materials for the first Valleywide SCS Outreach Committee Meeting.
- Mailed out Annual Report—updated mailing list.
- Updated Blueprint related websites with current information regarding outreach and integration efforts
- Met via phone conference with Jonathan London from UC Davis and Rey Leon from the Environmental Justice Task Force to discuss hosting a public outreach seminar on Blueprint/Greenprint
- Continually updated the Fresno COG website with meeting information, agendas, calendar entries, etc.
- Drafted the Valleywide SCS Outreach RFP. Sent it out to the other 7 Valley MPOs for review and comment. Updated the RFP and sent it to be included on the Valley COG Directors Agenda. Addressed the item at their meeting. Then included their suggested changes in the RFP and emailed/mailed it out to consultants with a cover letter.

[VEENENDAAL]

WE 312 - COGView Internet Home Page

Objective: To create a source that provides easy access to government and other information for Fresno County residents, member agencies, and perspective business interests using the latest technology of the World Wide Web. Additional objectives include enhancing potential economic development and increasing public knowledge and involvement of COG activities as well as reduce costs.

Accomplishments:

- The Fresno COG website maintains minutes and agendas for the Fresno COG Technical Advisory Committee, the Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board. Committee members have the choice of continuing to receive agenda by mail or they can sign up to receive links to the agendas online by email.
- All information is updated regularly on the website.
- Added Fresno COG reports, publications, calendar entries, meeting agendas and packets, and project information.
- Continued to provide ongoing support and maintenance of the Fresno COG website.
- Assisted staff in releasing information to the public through the website.
- Defined the agenda archive that will be placed on the new website.
- Uploaded, tested and reviewed content placed on the new website that is in the process of being released to the public.
- Staff has been working to develop a new Fresno COG website all year, and during this quarter most of the content and functionality for the site was completed in preparation for launch of the new site on October 15th.
- Reviewed content placed on the new website.
- Researched current server hosting service and found it to be inadequate for the amount of data stored within our new website. Therefore staff found a new web hosting service, negotiated and signed contracts for that new service and had the website and 4 other domains Fresno COG maintains moved to the new web hosting services servers.
- Provided and input updated Blueprint information onto the Fresno COG website; providing links to the relevant Blueprint website pages.

[VEENENDAAL]

WE 313 – Environmental Justice Activities

Objectives: Devise ways to ensure that Fresno County’s disadvantaged and minority populations are being included in the transportation process. Fresno COG’s Environmental Justice Task Force, whose members include representatives from community based organizations that represent low-income, minority, elderly, disabled, Native American, and farmworker communities is available to assist Fresno COG with any environmental issues that may arise.

Accomplishments:

- In response to Federal and State emphasis on Title VI and Environmental Justice an effort has been added to this work element that will involve establishing an Environmental Justice Task Force to develop a process with which to assess and ensure compliance of Fresno COG’s transportation planning efforts with environmental justice requirements and Title VI. Fresno COG has since completed the Fresno COG Environmental Justice Plan that has been well received in addition to the Fresno COG Title VI Plan that has since been approved by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).
- Outreach to Fresno County Tribal populations is a main component of Fresno COG environmental justice activities. Fresno COG continues to maintain channels of communication to the tribes within Fresno County. Meeting agendas and important news and updates pertaining to COG activities continue to be sent to tribal contacts. Staff continues to also maintain ongoing contact with tribal representatives on an ongoing basis.
- Fresno COG will begin an update to the Fresno COG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in the coming weeks. The Fresno COG Environmental Justice Task Force will be reconvened to provide guidance on outreach activities to EJ populations during the RTP update process at that time.
- Continue working on developing relationship with local tribes to include them in the transportation planning process.
- Develop relationships with stakeholders and agencies that address the needs of disadvantaged populations in Fresno County in order to better incorporate them into the transportation planning process
- Completed the Fresno COG Title VI Implementation and Compliance Plan that was accepted by the Fresno COG Policy Board and approved by representatives of the Federal Transit Administration.
- Started researching options to feedback on DBE documentation submitted to FTA for review
- Assist Communities United for Lanare and CRLA prepare application for the Caltrans Environmental Justice grant program.
- Prepared Caltrans Environmental Justice grant for Communities United of Lanare and assisted others in preparing their grant applications.
- Reviewed Environmental Justice Plan and Title VI Plans. Plan update with COG staff. [ARNEST]

WE 320 - Technical Assistance to Members

Objective: To provide member governments with specialized technical assistance services. It is intended that the major beneficiaries of this service be the smaller cities with limited technical staff resources.

Accomplishments:

- *Rural Communities Collaborative of Fresno County (RCCFC)*: Served on RCCFC Steering and General Committees. The RCCFC is a volunteer organization geared toward helping rural communities to become self-sufficient through increased social and economic development. The Collaborative acts as a catalyst in identifying available federal, state, and local resources available to serve local community needs and provides access to and dissemination of those resources. Fresno COG staff also continues to participate in I-5 Business Development Committee activities, which focus on identifying economic development opportunities on the west side of Fresno County.
- *I-5 Business Development Corridor*: COG staff continues to participate in this work activity which focuses attention on planning, growth and economic issues facing the communities in western Fresno County.
- Currently assisting rural communities with establishing videoconferencing platforms in order to help cut the cost, time and air quality detriment associated with frequent travel to required meeting.
- COG staff is providing additional support to help fund the project through various competitive as well as available, government formula grants.
- Added additional information to the City of San Joaquin's Regional Directory information as requested. They do not have their own website, and they are required to post AB1x26 documents online. So we agreed to add them to their page on the COG site for as long as they needed them to be there. Conferred with their staff members, saved the files in an appropriate format and downloaded the documents to a new page with a link to their Regional Directory page.
- Began updating information to go on the FCRTA website, replacing out of date schedule guides once published by the Fresno COG.
- Design electronic letterhead for FCRTA, scanned and "cleaned up" FCRTA Logo, and Sent out a press release regarding the FCRTA General Manager's National Award.
[BITNER/VEENENDAAL]

WE 330 – Outside Technical Assistance

Objective: To provide traffic modeling information to outside agencies on a cost reimbursement basis. Also, to provide program support functions for microcomputer applications (accounting, utility billing, etc.) to interested parties on a cost reimbursement basis.

Accomplishments:

- Conducted modeling to support several traffic impact studies for local consultants.
- Arranged setup of GoToMeeting account to allow for agencies to remotely connect to presentations
- Maintained GoToMeeting account to allow for agencies to remotely connect to presentations
- Provided network and hardware maintenance/troubleshooting for remote video conferencing connections with Fresno COG and the Valley RPAs
- Provided on-going coordination of Modesto Convention Centre contract and electronic payment methods with the Planning Center | DC&E and Caltrans for the May 31, 2012 BPI/SVP Joint Convention.
- Facilitated the SJV Valley Blueprint Website day-to-day maintenance move from MCAG to Fresno COG, including software transfer, account details and training
[TERRY/BITNER]

WE 340 – Traffic Demand Management Program

Objective: Transportation Demand Management (TDM) includes a wide variety of transportation control measures having a goal of reducing overall motor vehicle usage. In prior years, the predominate effort of this activity has been promotion of ridesharing. Declining state and federal revenue to support this effort in recent years has resulted in a less ambitious Program beginning in 1996/97. Much of the work accomplished for Transportation Demand Management is discussed in the reporting for WE 212 and WE 215.

Accomplishments:

- Currently there are over 2,114 registered users in the *Carpool/Vanpool Online Matchlist* program at www.Valleyrides.com. This is an increase of 11 users since 3/15/2012. Maintained this current and active database of commuters, referring callers to the online system or inputting information for clients. SM 3/28/2012
- Staff continually works with the Valleyrides.com website developer to update and improve the information available online. Also maintain the Measure C Carpool program through the Valleyrides.com website.
- Worked with other agencies, employers and vanpool agencies to facilitate matches and refer clients. These agencies include: CSU Fresno, South Valley Rideshare, San Joaquin Commute Connection, Fresno Area Express, Tulare Council of Governments, KART, VPSI and Enterprise Rideshare.
- Filled requests for transit referrals and information; park and ride lot information; vanpool subsidies and referrals; carpool incentives; transportation guides; bikeway maps; and additional bikeway information.
- Prepared and maintained program records, invoices, budget and reports

- Met with a company that supplies give away outreach items. Discussed options for purchase with staff.
[MARTINEZ/VEENENDAAL]

WE 350 - Fresno Regional Data Center

Objectives: To perform the duties as an Affiliate State Census Data Center and provide assistance to member agencies and the general public in obtaining, analyzing and utilizing census and other demographic data in support of the area-wide planning process. Also to provide continuing support to the internal data needs for traffic simulation modeling requirements including the updating and development of alternative socio-economic scenarios and providing data support for COG prepared reports and plans.

Accomplishments:

- Reviewed activity-based model data and identified TAZs for further future parcelization.
- Prepared Demographic Data for inclusion in the 2012/13 TDA Apportionment Tables for the February COG TTC/PAC, Board meetings, and to base member agency transportation funding claims and allocations. Updated Fresno County demographic data for One Voice materials.
- Presented final Planning Center forecast study at COG Director's meeting 04-05-12.
- Attended COG Director's meeting 05-03-12 for discussion on valley MPO-DOF-HCD-ARB meeting in Sacramento
- Attended MPO-DOF-HCD-ARB meeting on population projections in Sacramento 05-11-12.
- Presented Planning Center Forecast study at TTC, PAC and COG Board meetings on 04-13-12 and 04-26-12.
- On 2/8/12 attended the Demographic Forecast conference call meeting with Planning Center consultant and other Valley MPO's.
- On 2/15/12 attended the SB 375 Scenario Building Committee meeting to obtain information regarding demographics that might be utilized during SCS, RHNA, and RTP processes.
- Prepared Demographic Data for inclusion in the 2012/13 TDA Apportionment Tables for the February COG TTC/PAC, Board meetings, and to base member agency transportation funding claims and allocations.
- Updated Fresno County demographic data for One Voice materials.
- Met with employees of HUD and the SC2 operation to discuss Housing Market Studies on 3/26/12.
- Attended a presentation by the City of Clovis on their newly updated General Plan on 3/27/12.
- Prepared approach to task for the RHNA to be presented at the next RTP staff meeting.
- Briefed Deputy Director on SB375 and RHNA to prepare her for her role on a panel at the San Joaquin Valley Housing Summit.
- Continued research on RHNA methodologies and allocation plans for FCOG's upcoming RHNA.
- 5/15/12-Participated in the monthly Interagency Consultation Workgroup conference call.
- 5/15/12-Attended an orientation class at Community Access Media Collaborative (CMAC) where we'll be utilizing their production resources to help with FCOG's RTP, SCS, and RHNA public outreach.
- 5/22/12-Attended the San Joaquin Valley Affordable Housing Summit to get more information on how SB 375 and the SCS relate to RHNA and affordable housing.
- 5/23/12-Attended monthly SB 375 Task Force meeting where I was available for questions regarding demographics or RHNA.
[CHUNG/MONGE]

WE 360 – One Voice Advocacy

Objective: “One Voice” unites Fresno County communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to seek federal and state funds and support annually for projects and legislative priorities of regional significance. All projects and legislative priorities chosen shall contribute to an improved quality of life throughout the Fresno County region.

At the Valleywide level, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies have united through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council to build consensus on projects and legislative priorities in order to advocate at the state and federal level through their own lobbying effort, termed “Valley Voice”. This effort takes the Valley MPO's and their respective elected officials to Sacramento and Washington D.C. on an annual basis beginning in 2008. More details are highlighted in WE 820.

The “One Voice” and “Valley Voice” efforts heighten Fresno COG and the Valley's visibility and solidify relationships with both elected and staff representatives in Washington D.C. as well as in Sacramento.

One Voice and Valley Voice Accomplishments:

One Voice Washington D.C.:

- Staff continued working with the hotel for updates to the RSVP listing.
- Continue to compile and reviewing application from the “Call for Draft Regional Priorities.” This included putting together the packets for review/scoring and updated the priorities.
- Drafted priorities for Fresno COG submittal.

- Corresponded with local agencies on questions relating to the call for priorities and constant correspondence with the DC lobbyist in regards to legislation, transportation reauthorization, federal appropriations, and other federal authorization issues.
- Drafted sponsorship letter.
- Updated the Fresno COG website with OV D.C. information
- Communicated with the delegates regarding arrangements and needed information
- Set up meeting and task timelines
- Worked with lobbyist to develop and update the trip meeting agendas
- Communicated with congressional staff to review the One Voice priorities
- Developed all materials for the One Voice Trip Delegates, Congressional members and staff and other agencies we will be meeting with. Printed and organized in binders and folders. Shipped materials to D.C.
- Met with Fresno COG Policy Board Chair to discuss the trip and the OV Priority list
- Met with Priority Leads to discuss their presentations at various scheduled meetings.
- Enlisted sponsorships from consultants
- Trip was held February 25-March 1
- Follow up with congressional members, staff and agencies

One Voice Sacramento:

- Had several discussions with California Consulting regarding the dates and priorities for the 2012 One Voice trip.
- Had a meeting with members of the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee for the 2012 trip to discuss roles and responsibilities, as well as associated costs.
- Trip was held March 21-22
- Follow up with legislative members and staff

[GARZA/VEENENDAAL]

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WE 410 – San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process

Objective: The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process is a multi-year planning effort envisioned to support long range regional planning through comprehensive development of regional consensus. The goal of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process is to develop a preferred future growth vision for the region through the use of scenario planning.

Accomplishments:

During the first five years, Fresno COG worked with the other 7 SJV RPAs to coordinate our county efforts into a Valleywide Vision. We have conducted the community outreach and modeling activities that have allowed us to:

- Solicit input on community values.
- Define a Vision Statement for Fresno County.
- Develop Goals, Objectives and Measurable Outcomes that are consistent with the Values and Vision.
- Developed four “what if” growth scenarios to compare to the status quo.
- Select a “preferred growth concept” to submit to the Valleywide modeling effort.
- Developed four Valleywide scenarios with assistance from all Valley RPAs and UC Davis.
- Made recommendation to SJV Regional Policy Council on a preferred growth scenario.
- Communicated Regional Policy Council’s adoption of the Preferred Blueprint Scenario and Smart Growth Principles
- Hired consulting team to prepare Blueprint Roadmap documents and web based Planner’s Toolkit.
- Continued Valleywide management of SJV Blueprint planning process
- Continued ongoing monthly meetings and conference calls with project managers from all SJV RPAs Continued to sponsor Valleywide Planners Work Group to convene planners from throughout the Valley. Last meeting held on October 26, 2011 with follow up initiated.
- Continued to represent Regional Policy Council on HUD funded Smart Valley Places initiative – monthly meetings.
- Completed consultation selection for the Prop 84 Blueprint Integration project, including coordinating selection committee, staff reporting and consultant contract preparation.
- Began to form the selection committee for the market demand analysis project, which includes contacts from private development as well as public (including the 8 RPSs).
- Coordinated and facilitated Prop 84 Round 2 Grant meeting with all of the 8 RPAs to discuss desired valley-wide strategy for approaching grant process.
- Monitored member cities’ general plan update activities.
- Prepared and distributed the contract for the chosen consultant for the Prop 84 Blueprint Integration project.

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- Organized the selection committee for the market demand analysis project, which includes contacts from private development as well as public (including the 8 RPSs). Provided the three received proposals to the committee for on-going review.
- Continued coordination and facilitation of Prop 84 Round 2 Grant meeting with all of the 8 RPAs to discuss desired valley-wide strategy for approaching grant process. Received approval from the Valley COG Directors to proceed in a joint venture.
- Attended City of Clovis General Plan Update Technical Committee meeting.
- Concluded selection committee activities for the market demand analysis project. Prepared reports and took the committee recommendation to the TTC/PAC in preparation for Fresno COG Policy Board approval of the contract. Prepared draft contract for legal review.
- Met with Local Govt Comm rep's to discuss the fiscal impact analysis tool and possible collaborators and partners to identify/finalize a tool.
- Continued coordination and facilitation of Prop 84 Round 2 Grant meetings with all of the 8 RPAs to discuss desired valley-wide strategy for approaching grant process. Received support from the Region Policy Council and the TTC/PAC to proceed in a joint venture. Prepared a Resolution for the Fresno COG Policy Board to sign in support of the application.
- Continued Toolkit maintenance and enhancement activities with Mintier Harnish, organizing the oversight and feedback processes.
- Attended planners' meeting hosted by City of Clovis. Presented overview of SB375, and answered questions regarding city's general update related to SCS development.
- Continued collaboration with Local Gov't Comm. and City of Fresno rep's to discuss the fiscal impact analysis tool and possible collaborators and partners to identify/finalize a tool.
- Established contact with SACOG regarding the formulation of their RUCS and IMPACS tools for use within the Valley.
- Continued Toolkit maintenance and enhancement activities with Mintier Harnish, organizing the oversight and feedback processes.
- Reviewed the final draft data of the SJV Demographic Projections form the consultant (the Planning Center | DC&E) in preparation for the Higher Density Housing Market Study.
- Had un-official kick-off for the Higher Density Housing Market Study with the consultant (the Concord Group) to coordinate the demographic projection numbers and the Study.
- Attended Clovis General Plan update briefing.
- Incorporated Planning Center demographic forecast into the Model Improvement Project land use scenarios.
- Attended the City of Fresno City Council meeting regarding selection of a preferred scenario for their new general plan.
- Arranged Fiscal Analysis Tool meeting with LGC, City of Fresno, SACOG and Fresno COG to discuss RUCS/IMPACS, and other such efforts to determine best practices for tool production.
- Coordinated and attended conference call to have the Planning Center | DC&E provide the Concord Group with the final Demographic Projection numbers calculated; to begin the background work for the Housing Market Study.
- Coordinated and attended Housing Market Study kick-off meeting with all COG project managers and consultant (the Concord Group).
- Attended informal meeting with CARB rep's to discuss the various Blueprint and Valley-wide projects being managed by Fresno COG, in preparation for SB 375 coordinated activities with CARB.
- Updating future land use forecast for the Model Improvement Project trip-based and activity-based models.
- Made presentation to Kerman City Council: Blueprint and SB 375 implementation.
- Attended RTP and Fiscal Analysis Tool meeting with AECOM to discuss RUCS/IMPACS, and other such efforts to determine best practices for RTP processing and tool production
- Continued meetings with LGC and the City of Fresno regarding Fiscal Analysis Tool needs and production
- Oversaw the efforts of the on-going Housing Market Study (the Concord Group)
- Continued Toolkit maintenance and enhancement activities with Mintier Harnish, organizing the oversight and feedback processes; attended AMEC meetings
- Discussed with City of Fresno regarding the general plan update
- Fine-tuned population and socioeconomic data based on Planning Center demographic forecast in the Model Improvement Project scenarios.
- Presentation to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
[STECK/TERRY]

WE 411 – Farmland Conservation Model Program

Objective: Develop a plan, strategy, and program to conserve prime agricultural lands in the Central Valley. The Program will build upon initial activities to identify farmlands of strategic importance, and to develop a program to protect farmlands that is consistent with long term planning goals that maintain agriculture as a key economic and cultural force in the region. The program is first intended for the benefit of Fresno County and subsequently, the other counties making up the San Joaquin Valley.

Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee members first met in June of 2007. Comprised of key stakeholders in Fresno County, steering committee members include Fresno County, the City of Fresno, the City of Clovis, the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and others. The purpose of the Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee is to oversee the daily activities for implementing the Farmland Conservation Model Program. Also involved in the development of the plan is an advisory board comprised of stakeholders from governmental, the agricultural industry, the environmental and development community, amongst others that are involved in agriculture matters on regular basis that advised the Steering Committee on issues of importance to agriculture in Fresno County.

The deliverables for the Farmland Conservation Model Program include:

- Devise an approach to identifying “strategic” farmland
- Public Input
- Document factors affecting the conversion of farmlands
- Create a toolbox for decision makers to implement farmland conservation in Fresno County
- Provide a series of recommendations based upon the finding of this process
- Prepare a final report.

Accomplishments:

- While the Draft Farmland Conservation Model Program Report for Fresno County was released for public review on January 16, 2009, the public comment period was prolonged indefinitely in order to engage in discussions with stakeholders. Key stakeholders within the agricultural community in Fresno County expressed their dissatisfaction with the recommendations outlined in the draft report. Dr. Manross met with a large number of key agricultural stakeholders, several on more than one occasion. He completed a report summarizing his findings that has been released publicly as well as presented to the Fresno COG Policy Board. A public opinion survey was conducted to gauge support of key points identified in his meetings with key stakeholders and presented to the Fresno COG Policy Board in the Second Quarter.
- No new activity.

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WE 412 – Fresno County Metropolitan Area (FCMA) Multi-Modal Corridor Land Use Integration Partnership Project

Objective: The Fresno County Metropolitan Area Multi-Modal Corridor Land Use Integration Partnership Project will:

- Include the participation of Fresno COG, City of Fresno, Cities of Clovis, Sanger, Kerman and Caltrans.
- Focus on preserving the multi-modal corridor system, given the planned higher intensity development in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area and surrounding communities.
- Focus on corridors along State Routes, 99, 41, 168, and 180, as well as parallel local roads to the State Highways to develop a seamless transportation system around and through the FCMA in Fresno and Madera County.
- Plan for multi-modal corridor system for the FCMA, while taking into account the unique character of State Route 99 as a major interregional, intermodal and goods movement corridor through the San Joaquin Valley.

Accomplishments:

- Completed and released a Request for Proposal
- Received four proposals from consultants in response to the Request for Proposal
- Convened Consultant Selection Committee to review proposals received and selected the best candidate
- Prepared the Consultant Contract and had it reviewed and approved by counsel
- Held kick-off meeting with stakeholders and the Consultant.
- Completed the contract process with the Consultant.
- Provided support to the City of Fresno and the Consultant.
- Researched and processed consultant invoice received for services provided in October 2011.
- Researched questions and provided answers to questions provided by consultant.
- Attended planning meeting with consultant and stakeholders.
- Reviewed work released by consultant.
- Processed documentation pertaining to billing requirements and monitored ongoing activity by the Consultant.

[ARNEST]

WE 413 – Fresno County SB 375 Implementation

Objective: To comply with Senate Bill 375 requirement of reducing greenhouse emission for cars and light trucks through integrated land use and transportation planning. The landmark legislation tries to align land use, transportation, housing and greenhouse gas emission reduction through MPOs' Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process. The 18 MPOs in the State are required to develop a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) in their RTP to demonstrate the region's ability to the greenhouse gas emission targets established by the Air Resources Board (ARB). If SCS fails to meet the targets, then an Alternative Planning Strategy (APS) shall be developed to show the region's strategies to meet the targets. The Statute specified that MPOs can recommend targets for their region for the ARB to consider, and the ARB was required to release the final targets for the MPOs by September 2010.

Accomplishments:

- Continued to participate in the state-wide SB 375 Planning Working Group committee meetings
- Continued to work with the consultant team and the 7 other valley COGs on the Valley Model Improvement Plan
- Continued to work with the rest of the Valley in coordinating SB 375 activities
- Prepared and held SB 375 Task Force meetings
- Coordinated with consultants on developing building prototypes, and development types
- Discussed with consultants on the feasibility of doing parcel level modeling for the target-setting
- Developed a list of potential performance indicators for the target setting process
- Continued coordination with the various Blueprint activities and the RHNA process overlap; including identifying how Prop 84 Round 2 funding can best be used to address SB 375 and SCS development.
- Discussed with consultants regarding performance indicators and other project progress regarding target-setting
- Participated in meeting regarding demographic forecasts prepared by The Planning Center for use by all eight Valley Transportation Planning Agencies in greenhouse gas target setting and SCS, RTP, and RHNA development.
- Met with Coalition for Clean Air regarding performance indicators-
- Met with the Air District regarding SB 375 Target setting
- Met with California Rural Legal Assistance

[CAI/TERRY]

WE 415 - Valley I Places

Objective: This project will develop an I-PLACE3S land use application that represents the current conditions for the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the Central Valley, consisting on the counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated iPlaces activities for the 8 Valley MPOs.
- Coordinated data sharing of parcel based land use data among parties involved in iPlaces and activity-based model developments.
- Attended SB 375 meetings to discuss land use scenarios.
- Continued coordination of consultant activities. Consultant continues refinement of GIS data. Reviewed billings and approved for payment.
- Coordinated data sharing of parcel based land use data among parties involved in iPlaces and activity-based model developments.
- Attended the Ag Tech Cluster and SACOG Model meeting in the City Hall.
- Attended valley-wide IPlaces call [BITNER]

VALLEYWIDE COORDINATED ACTIVITIES

811 San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement

Objective: To develop a San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan, including developing decision- making procedures to prioritize projects, and identify institutional arrangements and funding to implement the Plan.

Accomplishments:

- Continued participation in subregional goods movement task force (central and north valley), rail shippers and other staff coordination of systems performance and studies.
- A summary of the meetings identifying key stakeholder issues was developed by the consultant team.
- Valleywide outreach for the overall planning process has been conducted in numerous forums including a workshop at the SJV RTPA Fall Policy Conference, and status presentations to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

- A comprehensive Task One deliverable entitled Existing Conditions Assessment Technical Memorandum has been completed by the consultant team summarizing the population, demographic, economic and circulation components related to goods movement and its role in the SJV.
 - An industry profile has been completed by the consultant team detailing the tomato industry in the SJV. Additional industry profiles are forthcoming.
 - An online survey has been established by the consultant team to further receive input from private carriers and shippers.
 - The second meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee was held on March 2012 in Kings County.
 - On February 16, 2012 participated in a conference call related to the formation of an agriculture preservation and sustainable growth working group, with implications for our Greenprint program and the Regional Transportation Plan.
 - Reviewed draft materials of the SJV Goods Movement Study, including survey material and industry profiles. Attended conference calls in regards to work program progress and Stakeholder Advisory Committee activities as well as prepared staff reports to detail the process
 - Presented SJV Goods Movement Study update materials to the TTC/PAC and the California Partnership for the SJV.
 - The San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan is in its 10 month (April 2012) and is approximately 40 percent complete. Currently consultants are moving into Phase 2 where consultants work with stakeholders to identify strategies to mitigate the impacts of goods movement.
 - To date, an Economic and Demographic Profile (task one), Importance of Goods Movement in the Valley (task two), Commodity Flow Profile (task four), Commodity Growth Profile (task five), and The Community, Environmental, and Economic Impacts of Freight Movement (task six) segments of the final report have been completed as well as numerous stakeholder engagements.
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- [MSIGALA/THOMPSON/TERRY]

WE 813 - San Joaquin Valley Model Improvements for SB 375

Objective: To develop and manage a short range and long range San Joaquin Valley model improvement plan that will improve each San Joaquin Valley MPO travel model's sensitivity to smart growth strategies in response to the requirements of SB 375.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated Valley Modeling improvements with the valley consultant for the 8 valley MPOs. Land use planning tool, Envision Tomorrow, training session was held at Fresno COG and attended by COG and City of Fresno staff and university academics.
- Attended valley-wide MIP conference call.
- Discussions with MIP consultant on continued development of valley models.
- Attended several valleywide MIP conference calls.
- Worked with MIP consultant regarding future modeling requirements.
- Held conference calls regarding model improvements delivery and completion.
- Attended Cube Land web meeting.
- Reviewing and testing draft MIP model.
- Held meetings with consultants regarding data requirement for Envision Tomorrow—the land use model
- Attended activity based model training 4/10/12
- Testing MIP model under SCS scenarios.

[BITNER]

WE 814 – Prop 84 – Sustainable Communities Grant

Objective: To administer the state funded Proposition 84 Grant aimed at implementing the Blueprint and the Sustainable Communities Strategy called for under SB 375.

Accomplishments:

- Entered into a contract with the Department of Conservation for \$1 million Prop 84 Grant that includes three components:
 - Sustainable Communities Outreach (SJV Level)
 - Blueprint Integration (46 SJV cities under 50,000 population)
 - SJV Greenprint development

- Coordinated with Valley Blueprint Planners to design a meaningful program to integrate the Blueprint Smart Growth Principles into the planning processes of the 46 smaller communities in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Distributed an RFP to hire a consulting team to carry out the scope of work associated with the Blueprint integration task mentioned above.

Greenprint Accomplishments:

- Ongoing development of contract for Greenprint consulting services between the Fresno Council of Governments and the Information Center of the Environment at U.C. Davis.
- Development of Greenprint “Kick-Off” strategy and related materials.
- Greenprint Steering Committee meeting on January 18, 2012. Agenda items included contract update, discussion of Greenprint Phase II objectives and tasks in conjunction with Proposition 84 Round 2 application.
- Presentation on Greenprint to Transportation Technical Committee/Policy Advisory Committee on January 13, 2012. Discussed Greenprint Statement of Intent and Project Tasks and Deliverables.
- Participated in a webinar on “Financing sustainability: Opportunities to Fund Local parks and Open Space.”
- Attended several meetings/conference calls with the California Partnership, the Rural Development Center and their consultants regarding the coordination of Prop 84 BP Integration and Smart Valley Places programing efforts
- Scheduled kick-off meeting for the Fresno COG project team and URS to begin circuit planner activities, including needs assessment and individual COG coordination and introductions
- Began processing of the Prop 84 Round 2 grant application, including coordination efforts, collaboration between stakeholders and obtaining necessary COG Board approvals and support
- Attended several meetings/conference calls with the California Partnership, the Rural Development Center and their consultants regarding the coordination of Prop 84 BP Integration and Smart Valley Places programing efforts
- Continued MPO presentations with URS to officially introduce circuit planner activities at the local level, including needs assessment and individual COG coordination
- Began coordination efforts with the Smart Valley Places project to arrange for a joint convention highlighting integration efforts and activities
- Began oversight and reporting of circuit planner activities throughout the Valley
- Gave a presentation at a Fresno TreeTOPS meeting on March 28 at Fresno City Hall on the Greenprint Planning Program, focusing on regional trails.
- SCS valley-wide outreach plan conference call.
- Continued coordination efforts with the Smart Valley Places project to arrange for a joint convention highlighting integration efforts and activities.
- Continued oversight and reporting of circuit planner activities throughout the Valley.
- Finalized the remaining MPO presentations with URS to officially introduce circuit planner activities at the local level, including needs assessment and individual COG coordination.
- Attended various meetings, including SVP, California Partnership, TTC/PAC and Policy Board to update on the progress of the Circuit Planning project and other Blueprint related activities relevant to the process.
- Began quarterly reports for transmittal to DOC for invoicing and payment of grant activities
- Gave presentation to Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council on Greenprint Planning Program on April 12, 2010.
- Conducted a Greenprint Steering Committee Conference Call on April 18, 2012. Agenda items included updates on the contract between Fresno COG and UC Davis, information on the May 3 Valley COG Executive Directors meeting and the May 31 Smart Valley Places/Blueprint Integration/Greenprint convention, and the survey; a memorandum prepared for the May 3 COG Executive Directors meeting; changes to the Greenprint flyer; and, Steering Committee issues.
- Submitted quarterly reports for transmittal to DOC for invoicing and payment of grant activities
- Attended various meetings, including SVP, California Partnership, TTC/PAC and Policy Board to update on the progress of the Circuit Planning project and other Blueprint related activities relevant to the process
- Continued coordination efforts with the Smart Valley Places project to arrange for a joint convention highlighting integration efforts and activities
- Continued project management for the BPI process with URS (consultant) providing circuit planner activities to the 46 small valley cities (populations under 50,000)
- Modified Fresno COG and Blueprint websites to house information regarding the on-going BPI process; requested links and information on the other Valley COG websites also be consistent and current
- Facilitated Greenprint Steering Committee meeting on 4/30/12. Major item included development of survey, one of the project’s early deliverables
- Presentation to Valley COG Directors on Greenprint project at their 5/3/12 meeting. Particular items discussed included the roll-out strategy, the survey, and the Steering Committee

- Facilitated Greenprint Steering Committee meeting on 5/21/12. Major item again included the development of survey, concluding with consensus on the survey wording and other issues regarding survey distribution, etc.
 - Facilitated conference call among Greenprint panelists at the Smart Valley Places/Blueprint Integration Convention in Modesto on May 31. Topics included subject matter and length of presentations and related issues with the Greenprint breakout session.
- [STECK/CAI/VEENENDAAL/TERRY/THOMPSON]

WE 820 – Valley Coordination Activities

Objective: To promote coordination, cooperation and communication among the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies, including the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), and other federal, state, and local governments, related to various regional planning processes.

Accomplishments:

- Held several conversations with members from the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC), consisting of legislative staff from each of the eight Valley RTPAs to coordinate the calendar for the Valley Voice Sacramento trip for 2012 as well as edits to the recommendations and maps in the Statewide Needs Assessment, and suggested language for the SJV Legislative Platform.
- Worked with CTC staff, members of the VLAC and members of the Central Coast and Northern Counties coalitions to develop a unified position and outreach related to the Statewide Needs Assessment a recommendations. This included discussions about updating the California Consensus of Mobility document that was and would be used for SAFETEA-LU reauthorization.
- Coordinating ongoing communication with California Transportation Commission staff to engage their awareness of Valley priorities.
- Fresno COG, along with staff from the other seven Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans, continue to collaborate on the delivery issues relating to projects funded by Prop. 1B bonds as well as Traffic Congestion Relief Program updates.
- Collaborated with VLAC to develop the 2012 SJV Legislative Platform.
- Design and develop printed and visual aid materials for use during legislative trip to Sacramento and Washington D.C., most recently updated the 2012 Fresno COG Legislative Platform.
- Continue to work with Caltrans and other RPAs on issues related to plans, projects, and other needs associated with SR 99.
- Continue to participate in meetings for the Caltrans SR 99 Business Plan Advisory Committee. The committee includes Caltrans employees and staff from the eight Valley MPO's working together to update the 2005 Caltrans SR 99 Business Plan.
- Develop joint positions and participate in meetings related to High Speed Rail and Intercity Rail.
- Coordinate efforts related to the implementation of a 511 information system in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Continue to coordinate development of a videoconference system to reduce trips and vehicle miles traveled related to valley-wide meetings.
- Continue to investigate alternative methods of coordination of valley-wide activities.
- Continue Coordination of Valleywide efforts related to SJV Regional Blueprint (WE 410)
- Coordination and consultation on efforts to address goods movement plans and projects.
- Participate in regular monthly, quarterly and annual meetings of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley including the Partnership's legislative staffer meeting and the air quality working group to help implement the Partnership's established goals. The Valley COGs were instrumental in combining the two work groups under their purview (Transportation and LUHA) into a combined "Sustainable Communities Work Group". This group is currently engaged in sub regional SJV meetings in an effort to include the privates sector.
- Fresno COG continues to serve as lead agency for Valleywide Blueprint, Greenprint and Prop 84 (Focus Area 2) projects and contracts.
- Fresno COG, along with staff from the other seven Regional Planning Agencies and Caltrans, continue to collaborate on the 99 Business Plan including prioritization of projects to be funded by Prop. 1B bonds savings.
- Participated in Regional Energy Planning efforts in collaboration with the National Association of Regional Councils. The planning effort will engage various public and private stakeholders in analyzing economic development, transportation and investment decisions related to energy.

[SIGALA/STECK/BITNER/GARZA/FAWCETT]

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

WE 910 – COG Administration

Objective: To effectively administer the planning program and fiscal operations of the COG.

Accomplishments:

- Monitored funding levels, expenses and budgets included within the FY 2011-12 Overall Work Program. Supervised planning staff activities and progress on work assignments.
- Coordinated preparation of agendas, related materials and committee schedules.
- Continue to update the Employee Manual to reflect current policies.
- Conducted ongoing management team meetings to coordinate staff assignments and outcomes.
- Conducted staff evaluations as needed. [BOREN/BESHEARS/STECK/BITNER]

WE 911 – Overall Work Program and Budget Development

Objective: To develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget consistent with federal and state funding priorities and local agency needs.

Accomplishments:

- Development of the FY 2011/12 Overall Work Program began in December 2010
- FY 2011/12 Overall Work Program was released for review in February 2011
- Amendment # 3 adopted April 28, 2011
- Amendment # 4 adopted May 26, 2011
- Supplemental document explaining the budget was prepared for the Committees.
- FY 2011/12 Overall Work Program adopted June 30, 2011
- Reviewed materials related to development of Fiscal Year 2012/13 Overall Work Program.
- FY 2012-13 Draft Overall Work Program and Budget was released for review on February 10, 2012. Adoption by Committees is due in May.
- Final document prepared for May meeting cycle and to be submitted to Caltrans.
[BESHEARS/ STECK/BOREN]

WE 912 - Local Transportation Funds Administration

Objective: To administer the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund in accordance with the California Transportation Development Act.

Accomplishments:

- Staff recorded sales tax deposits from the State Board of Equalization and STA allocations from the State Controllers' Office.
- Member Agency 2011/12 Claims were received, processed and approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board on 09/29/11,
- A surplus of \$1,798,622 was identified and approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board for distribution to member agencies during FY 2011/12, that surplus is in process of being allocated to Member Agencies. Changes in state regulations were monitored through the TDA Ad Hoc Committee chaired by the Division of Mass Transportation.
- Allocations for member agencies are in the process of being prepared. Allocations were distributed to member agencies from the LTF totaling \$5,770,864; and from the STA totaling \$506,611
- Changes in state regulations were monitored through the TDA Ad Hoc Committee chaired by the Division of Mass Transportation. [FAWCETT]

WE 920 – Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration

Objective: To provide under contract, administrative and fiscal management services for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

Accomplishments:

- During the First Quarter, Staff processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff continued to respond to Caltrans staff on pending Grant requests.
- During the First Quarter staff began closing out the 2009-10 Fiscal Year books for auditing purposes.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- The General Manager began analysis for the Transit Operators Report and Annual Productivity Evaluation Report. The results were reviewed during the Second Quarter. [JWEBSTER]

WE 930 – Fresno County Transportation Authority Administration

Objective: To provide personnel support services to the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Staff provided payroll and benefit administration for the Fresno County Transportation Authority.
[BESHEARS]

WE 940 - Freeway Service Patrol

Objective: To continue the Freeway Service Patrol, in coordination with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, in an effort to remove minor incidents rapidly, thereby reducing congestion, secondary accidents and vehicle emissions.

Accomplishments:

- Administered the FSP tow contracts. This primarily included reviewing and paying invoices for towing services and radio use, both on a monthly basis, and paying for radio repairs and miscellaneous supplies (i.e. brochures) on an as-needed basis.
- Ongoing coordination and communication with the Freeway Service Patrol Statewide Oversight Committee and with Caltrans Traffic Operations, including annual program benefit/cost evaluations. This included ongoing communication with the consultant retained by Caltrans to conduct the benefit/cost evaluations, and also discussions with Caltrans regarding fiscal year 2011-12 allocation of funding.
- Coordinated with DKS Associates in the compiling and transmitting of information for fiscal years 07-08, 08-09, and 09-10 for the calculation of benefit/cost ratios for the three years.
- Attended annual two-day CALSAFE Conference (FSP and Call Box Programs) on October 17 and 18. Gave a presentation on the evolution of Fresno's FSP program since the program began in 1993.
- On November 7, 2011 reviewed and authorized payment of invoices for radio equipment and monthly communication for the FSP radios.
- On November 8, 2011 coordinated with Caltrans Traffic Operations on the development of the Fund Transfer Agreement for Fresno's FSP Program.
- Reviewed and updated FSP brochures and tags and authorized printer to print new ones.
- Continued review and correspondence with printer regarding proof copy and printing of updated FSP brochure.
- Compiled and submitted information to DKS Associates for them to develop the FSP Annual Report for FY 2010/11. Information included total annual Caltrans contribution, local agency match, and total annual expenses.
- Reviewed and approved final proof copy of updated FSP brochure for printing by Dumont Printing.
- Reviewed and authorized payment of December invoice from towing provider.

[THOMPSON]

WE 950 – Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

Objective: To administer the activities and duties of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Ongoing communication with AVA Service Authority members, particularly regarding eligible expenses for reimbursement and reporting requirements.
- Prepared staff report for presentation to Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board during January cycle of meetings regarding a request by the County of Fresno to fund the acquisition of a third vehicle for use by a Community Service Officer assigned full time to the County AVA program.
- Presented AVA item to Policy Advisory Committee on January 13 regarding Fresno County request to utilize the County's AVA funding to purchase a vehicle for a third Community Service Officer assigned to the County's AVA program. The PAC recommended approval of the request.
- Presented AVA item to Fresno COG Policy Board on February 23, 2012 regarding Fresno County request to utilize the County's AVA funding to purchase a vehicle for a third Community Service Officer assigned to the County's AVA program. The Board approved the request.
- Reviewed Claim Forms and Quarterly Reports of those jurisdictions participating in the AVA Program for the second quarter of the fiscal year (Oct. – Dec.) and authorized payment.
- Compiled information and prepared staff report for May 11, 2012 Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee on AVA second quarter activities [THOMPSON]

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
 SCHEDULE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED & EXPENDED
 4th Quarter - May 2012

	Percent	Budget Authorized	Year to Date Expense	Local Resources	FHWA PL Carry Frwd	FTA MPO 5303 Carry Frwd	FHWA PL Tolldcredit	FTA MPO 5303 Tolldcredit	Prop 84	Cal Blueprint	SPR Partner Planning	FTA 5316 5317	FTA 5307	PPM01 6086(028) 6086(030)	FSP 6086(033) 6086(029)	
2011/12 OWP Allocated Funds:																
110 Regional Streets & Roads	78%	117,810	91,850	0			91,850									
111 Regional Transp. Modeling	52%	515,341	267,753	4,500			263,253									
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	70%	338,389	236,899	0			236,899									
114 IntelligentTransp Systems	31%	74,185	23,195	0			23,195									
115 Reg. Transp. Mitigation Fee	70%	50,000	35,041	35,041												
116 National Park Studies	0%	0	0	0												
117 Golden State Corridor	66%	240,000	157,784	157,784												
120 Public Trans. - Urban	59%	452,161	264,686	41,587				56,715					166,384			
121 JAARC	15%	3,488,759	509,553	9,482				21,112				478,959				
122 New Freedom	2%	764,458	14,890	227				14,435				228				
123 PTIS	0%	0	0	0												
130 Public Trans. - Rural	38%	30,000	11,250	0				11,250								
150 Other Modal Elements	74%	24,775	18,259	18,259												
151 Bicycle & Pedestrian	59%	16,285	9,620	9,620												
152 High Speed Rail Planning	18%	174,890	32,060	32,060												
153 Airport Land Use	94%	20,720	19,539	19,539												
154 SJV Railroad Corridor	100%	30,000	30,000	3,441	26,559											
170 Regional Transp. Plan	48%	265,384	127,205	21,041			125	39,627						66,412		
172 Congestion Managment Plan	57%	13,140	7,513	0			7,513									
180 Air Quality	77%	257,998	199,040	6,883		53,127	139,030									
210 Measure "C"	46%	199,347	91,854	91,854												
211 Measure "C" Oversight Comm.	88%	10,500	9,264	9,264												
212 Measure "C" Car/Van Pool	36%	334,555	121,260	121,260												
213 Measure "C" Highspeed Rail	0%	0	0	0												
214 Measure "C" ADA/Seniors	84%	410,734	344,848	344,848												
215 Measure "C" Farm Van Pool	99%	118,440	116,882	116,882												
220 Transportation Prog. Dev.	84%	289,744	242,879	23,292										219,587		
310 Intergov. Coordination	59%	109,619	64,206	12,192		26,007	26,007									
311 Public Info. and Partic.	49%	118,355	58,161	6,724			51,437									
312 COG View Internet	124%	18,479	22,908	22,908												
313 Environmental Justice	65%	29,582	19,208	1,787		13,790	3,631									
320 Technical Assist. Members	46%	32,356	14,972	14,972												
330 Outside Technical Serv.	39%	25,218	9,776	9,776												
340 Rideshare Program	28%	16,762	4,721	4,721												
350 Regional Data Center	84%	99,223	83,000	1,111		8,576	73,313									
360 One Voice Advocacy	74%	172,757	128,569	128,569												
410 California Blue Print	42%	1,015,175	429,616	57,541						230,168				141,907		
411 Farmland Trust	93%	2,852	2,644	2,644												
412 FCMA Multimodal Corridor	54%	345,000	185,336	37,067												
413 SB 375 Implementation	53%	57,190	30,065	30,065												
415 SJV Iplaces Pilot Program	49%	360,803	177,095	(16,796)			6,387									
811 SJV Valley Goods	40%	635,000	254,024	84,962	12,386		4,969									
813 Strategic Growth Modeling	70%	2,516,604	1,769,093	0			11,894		1,757,199							
814-6 Sustainable Communities	3%	1,029,475	30,839	20,223					10,616							
820 Valley RTPA Coordination	45%	324,833	146,457	125,530	20,927											
910 COFCG Admin.	57%	149,340	85,607	85,607												
911 OWP & Budget	67%	22,402	15,117	15,117												
912 Transportation Funds Adm.	82%	150,000	123,652	123,652												
920 FCRTA Admin.	73%	369,313	269,343	269,343												
930 Trans. Auth. Admin.	90%	2,600	2,351	2,351												
940 Freeway Service Patrol	74%	346,200	255,230	53,279											201,951	
950 Abandon Vehicle Abatement	79%	13,502	10,684	10,684												
Total Allocated Funds	44%	16,200,255	7,175,798	2,170,893	59,872	101,500	939,503	143,139	1,767,815	230,168	487,480	479,187	166,384	427,906	201,951	0