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Policy Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Friday, October 9, 2026
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was held at FCOG Sequoia Conference Room.

Andrew Haussler, City of Clovis
Sean Brewer, City of Coalinga
Ben Gallegos, City of Firebaugh
Michael Reid, City of Fowler
Scott Mozier, City of Fresno
Virginia Penaloza, City of Huron
John Jansons, City of Kerman
Alexander Henderson, City of Kingsburg
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
Nathan Olson, City of Sanger
Elizabeth Cabrera, City of San Joaquin
Braden Duran, Caltrans District 6
Robert Phipps, FCOG

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Chair John Jansons (City of Kerman). With eleven members present, a quorum was established to conduct business.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- **A. Executive Minutes of September 11, 2026 [ACTION]**
- **B. Fiscal Year 2026-27 City of Coalinga Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- **C. Fiscal Year 2026-27 City of Kerman Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- **D. Fiscal Year 2026-27 San Joaquin Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- **E. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Selma Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**

Mr. Gallegos (City of Firebaugh) moved, and Mr. Haussler (City of Clovis) seconded the motion.

All in favor, none opposed.
Absent: Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Selma, County of Fresno
Motion carried.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2027 Active Transportation Program Cycle 8 - Quick-Build Projects and Regional Application Process (Erin Haagenson) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Fresno COG develops regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) guidelines and recommends projects to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). For the 2027 ATP Cycle 8, staff developed a supplemental Quick-Build application and scoring rubric to identify and prioritize eligible Quick-Build projects that provide interim pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements through low-cost, scalable, and expedited project delivery.

Quick-Build projects are interim capital improvements that use durable, low-to-moderate-cost materials and typically remain in place for one to five years. They allow communities to address safety needs quickly, test improvements, and incorporate community feedback before permanent improvements are constructed. Quick-Build Projects must be submitted directly to Fresno COG and are due November 18, 2026 along with the supplemental project applications.

The scoring rubric evaluates projects based on need, safety, community engagement, interagency support, project flexibility, performance metrics, potential for a permanent project, funding and maintenance strategies, and project readiness. The process aligns with statewide ATP requirements while incorporating regional priorities.

In addition, we are seeking representatives for the ATP scoring committee, to be held in January, with the applications distributed by the end of November.

Active Transportation Program (ATP) – Fresno Council of Governments

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

Erin Haagenson (Fresno COG) provided an overview of the Quick-Build application process, project requirements, and regional scoring criteria. She announced that the application deadline was extended to December 11 and requested volunteers or nominations for the regional scoring committee, which is expected to meet in early February.

The item was informational; no action was taken.

B. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Updates (Erin Haagenson) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Caltrans is implementing changes to its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in response to revisions to federal DBE requirements under 49 CFR Part 26. Caltrans has issued Office Bulletins 26-02 and 26-03 outlining changes that affect local agencies administering federally funded transportation projects. Beginning October 1, 2026, local agencies are required to use the new Exhibit 9-L, Bidder's/Proposer's List, for applicable federal-aid contracts advertised on or after that date. Caltrans is also preparing to resume DBE contract goal-setting following completion of the DBE certification reevaluation process and required federal approvals. Caltrans has proposed a new statewide Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) DBE goal of 11.80 percent for Federal Fiscal Years 2027–2028, compared to the previous

statewide goal of 21.35 percent. Contract-level DBE goals remain suspended until the revised DBE Program is approved and authorized for implementation.

Caltrans accepted comments on the proposed goal and methodology between September 16 and September 30 and will conduct DBE goal-setting training on October 20, 2026, to provide local agencies with information regarding the revised requirements, goal-setting methodology, and implementation of the updated DBE Program. FCOG staff encourages member agencies involved in the development, procurement, and administration of federally funded transportation projects to participate in the training and become familiar with the new requirements. FCOG staff will continue to monitor Caltrans and FHWA guidance and provide updates to member agencies as additional information becomes available.

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

Erin Haagenson (Fresno COG) provided an update on Caltrans' proposed 11.8% statewide DBE goal and changes to bidder/proposer list reporting requirements, including detailed subcontractor information. Agencies were encouraged to ensure staff attend training and comply with the new requirements to maintain eligibility for federal funding.

The item was informational; no action was taken.

C. Truck Route Study (Erin Haagenson) [INFORMATION]

Summary: FCOG staff is seeking additional input from member agencies regarding interest in a potential regional approach to truck route planning and implementation in response to AB 98 and SB 415. On September 2, 2026, FCOG circulated a request to the cities and County seeking input on participation in a regional study and model ordinance/framework addressing truck routes, freight-generating facilities, truck parking and staging, and related issues. The City of Fresno has indicated its interest in participating and noted that it previously partnered with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on a truck route study in the AB 617 area. While that effort was completed, no changes were made to the City's truck route maps, and the City plans to evaluate its truck routes and revise its existing ordinance to comply with AB 98 and SB 415 by January 2028. The City also indicated that its experience and lessons learned from the AB 617 effort could be beneficial to a broader regional effort. FCOG is requesting that interested agencies respond by October 30, 2026 to indicate whether they would like to participate, identify any existing or planned truck-route studies or ordinance updates, and identify issues they would like addressed. If sufficient interest exists, FCOG will convene interested jurisdictions to discuss a potential scope of work, roles, funding opportunities, and next steps.

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

Erin Haagenson (Fresno COG) requested direction on developing a regional truck route study and model ordinance to help jurisdictions meet upcoming requirements. Committee members expressed support for regional collaboration, with Kingsburg, Fowler, and other jurisdictions indicating interest in participating. Discussion included truck traffic impacts, road maintenance, signage, truck parking, and coordination with Caltrans and neighboring counties. Fresno COG will begin preparing a request for proposals (RFP).

The item was informational; no action was taken.

D. Central Valley California Transportation Commission (CTC) Meeting (Paul Herman) [INFORMATION]

Summary: The California Transportation Commission (CTC) will hold its October 15–16, 2026 meeting at the Hanford Civic Center, bringing the Commission to the Central Valley for its regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting provides an opportunity for local transportation agencies and stakeholders to engage with CTC Commissioners and staff regarding regional transportation priorities, funding programs, and projects. In conjunction with the CTC meeting, WTS-CenCal will host a California Transportation Commission Reception on October 15, providing an additional opportunity for transportation professionals and local agency representatives to network with CTC Commissioners, Caltrans staff, and other transportation stakeholders. FCOG staff encourages interested member agencies and TTC/PAC members to attend the CTC meeting and/or reception.

WTS-CenCal Presents: California Transportation Commission Reception Tickets, Thursday, October 15 • 5:30 PM – 7 PM | Eventbrite

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

Paul Herman (FCOG) provided information on the upcoming CTC meeting scheduled for October 15–16 at the Hanford Civic Center and encouraged members to participate and engage with commissioners on regional transportation priorities, funding programs, and projects. He also highlighted a WTS reception scheduled for October 15 at 5:30 p.m.

The item was informational; no action was taken.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS - NONE

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - NONE

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. <u>Items from Staff</u>

Paul Herman provided staff updates on Fresno COG's participation in Senior Day at the Big Fresno Fair to promote the Senior Script program, the October 29 Policy Board meeting, Election Day on November 3, and the next PAC meeting scheduled for November 13.

B. <u>Items from Members</u>

Braden Duran (Caltrans District 6) provided updates on highway work zone safety following recent worker fatalities, the designation of Millerton Road in Fresno County as a priority safety corridor, and upcoming grant deadlines for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants and Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 13. Committee members expressed condolences and requested shareable safety campaign materials.

Ben Gallegos (City of Firebaugh) announced his departure as City Manager of Firebaugh, effective October 30, and his transition to Dos Palos. Committee members thanked him for his service.

Alex Henderson (City of Kingsburg) suggested that Fresno COG explore a regional e-bike study and develop a model ordinance addressing e-bike safety, helmet use, sidewalk riding, and public education. Staff expressed interest in supporting local e-bike ordinances and indicated that funding for this effort may be included in the upcoming budget.

Nicole Zieba (City of Reedley) encouraged city managers to review the reported fiscal challenges in Hollister and emphasized the importance of responsible financial management.

John Jansons (City of Kerman) thanked Fresno County for recent road paving improvements near Kerman and acknowledged the county's partnership in maintaining key routes.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Moses Stites (FCTA) reported that FCTA staff and its consultant are preparing an e-bike information presentation covering classifications, speeds, safety concerns, injuries, and fatalities. The presentation is scheduled for the upcoming FCTA meeting, and the information will be shared with member agencies for public education and to support the development of local e-bike ordinances.

Lindsay Chargan, Secretary of the Shaver Lake Recreational Trail Board, provided an overview of the organization's proposed trail network and 50-acre community nature park to address safety, sanitation, and parking challenges associated with increased visitation to Shaver Lake. She discussed plans to develop the project in phases, including a trailhead connecting to the museum at Camp Edison, and the organization's efforts to secure a Proposition 4 state grant of up to $8.5 million for the park. The presenters requested support from Fresno COG member agencies, including letters of support for the grant application, and encouraged attendance at a community outreach event. Members asked questions about property ownership and plans to connect the proposed trails with existing routes.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Herman, Interim Executive Director

Public:
Moses Stites, Lindsay Chargan, Sheila Hakimapour

Staff:
Paul Herman, Erin Haagenson, Mykia Byrd.