

FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM No. 5F

DATE: September 14, 2016

TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: David E. Fey, AICP, LAFCo Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: **Consider Approval:** Authorizing the Executive Officer to serve as Chair the Fresno Council of Governments' Monthly 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable's Meetings

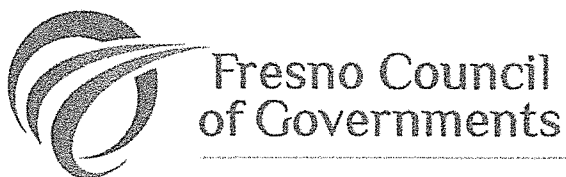
RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Executive Officer to serve as Chair the Fresno Council of Governments' Monthly 2018 Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable's Meetings

BACKGROUND

Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) charts a 25-year course for County-wide and regional transportation projects. The RTP development process includes a "roundtable" committee composed of local agency staff, members of the public, and advocates from housing, environmental, and social justice groups. The RTP Roundtable provide COG staff with a public forum to provide comment and community input into the RTP process.

Mr. Fey served as chair of the last RTP Roundtable and has been requested by COG Executive Director Tony Boren to serve as chair for the upcoming 2018 RTP. Mr. Fey concurs with Mr. Boren's request and seeks the Commission's authorization to serve as chair of the Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable. (See attached letter dated September 2, 2016).

Monthly Roundtable meetings will occur once a month for approximately two hours and are expected to continue until March, 2018. They do not conflict with the Commission's meetings or with Mr. Fey's duties at LAFCO.



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September 2, 2016

Mr. Brian Pacheco
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Re: Consider Permitting Fresno LAFCo Executive Officer to Chair the Fresno Council of Governments' Monthly Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable's Meetings

Chairman Pacheco:

Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) serves as the long-range transportation planning document for the Fresno region. Required to be updated every four years, the last adoption of this plan took place in June of 2014. This document also included the region's first Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which the State of California now requires to be included within an RTP as part of SB375 and AB32 implementation efforts. An SCS is intended to better coordinate transportation and land use planning efforts, in order to improve the overall health of our communities. Such a process requires significant public input, data analysis, and committed public servants. To facilitate this collaborative process, Fresno COG organized an RTP Roundtable – comprised of local agency staff, various advocacy groups, and members of the general public – to provide the public forum needed to ensure community input and communication. Current Fresno LAFCo Executive Director, Mr. David Fey, served as the groups Chair. The Committee met monthly, for approximately two hours per meeting over a two-year period, until the approval process was completed. The overall process was so well conducted and received, that it has been notated in "best practice" documents throughout the state, and beyond. Representatives from governmental and non-governmental agencies alike continue to point to the process as a resounding success of public inclusion.

At this time, Fresno COG has begun the process of enlisting positions for the 2018 RTP Roundtable, with activities slated to begin in the coming months, to accommodate adoption of the next RTP in the summer of 2018. Due to his previous experience, knowledge and high-level of ability to chair such a diverse group, Fresno COG would like to formally request the Fresno LAFCo Board consider permitting Mr. David Fey to serve as the Chair for the 2018 RTP Roundtable process. As before, meetings will be held monthly, and will not conflict with Fresno LAFCo meetings and/or responsibilities.

I appreciate your consideration, and look forward to continually working with your staff. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time, either via phone at (559) 233-4148 Ext. 204, or via email at tboren@fresnocog.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tony Boren", is written over a light-colored background.

Tony Boren
Executive Director

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