

FEBRUARY 6, 2019
FCTA Board Meeting
Consent Calendar
Item II-A
Approval of Minutes
December 12, 2018 Meeting

MIKE LEONARDO
Executive Director

**FRESNO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, December 12, 2018
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Fresno Council of Governments, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201,
Sequoia Conference Room, Fresno, CA 93721

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ernest "Buddy" Mendes, Chairman
Lee Brand, Mayor, City of Fresno
Steve Brandau, Councilmember, City of Fresno
David Cardenas, Mayor, City of Fowler
Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of San Joaquin
Paul Sihota, Rural Public Member-at-Large

Mike Leonardo, Executive Director
Diana Sedigh-Darbandi, Program Manager
Denise DiBenedetto, Contracts Administrator
Mike Rowe, Legal Counsel

Chairman Mendes brought the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Chairman Mendes introduced the new Rural Public Member-at-Large, Paul Sihota. Mr. Sihota has been in the trucking business for over 30 years and is the owner of SmartWay Express. Mr. Sihota also farms almonds and grapes.

Chairman Mendes asked if there were any comments regarding the consent calendar wished to be discussed by the public. There were none.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR A-G

Chairman Mendes called for a motion to approve the consent calendar.

A motion to approve was made by Mayor Lee Brand and this was seconded by Mayor Cardenas.

A voice vote was call with all members in attendance voting aye. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF MEASURE C EXTENSION ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) SUBPROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT (CYCLE VI)

Executive Director Mike Leonardo presented this item to the Board.

Funding for the Cycle VI Projects was approved by the Board at their May 30, 2018 meeting. At their August 8, 2018 meeting, the Board approved agreements for the Cities of Clovis and Kingsburg projects. The City of Fresno project did not have City Council approval at the time of the August meeting so it was not included on that agenda. The Funding Agreement for Fresno project was included on the Consent Calendar at the Board's October 10, 2018 meeting where it was pulled and delayed for consideration by the Board at this December 12, 2018 Meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Brand to approve this item and the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dhaliwal.

A voice vote was called with five members in attendance voting aye and one member voting nay. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MEASURE C EXTENSION ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (EEP) TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) REVIEW REVISED TOD POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Executive Director Mike Leonardo addressed the Board and provided background on the TOD Program.

The Measure C Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program was created to boost transit ridership and encourage transit supportive land development such as mix use and compact development within proximity of transit stops. The TOD Program Policies and Guidelines (Guidelines) were originally developed and approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board and the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board in 2011. The 2011 Guidelines stated, in part, "Beginning with the first funding cycle under existing program guidelines, after the first 5 consecutive years/funding cycles, projects outside of the program application areas that meet the other criteria may apply."

These 2011 Guidelines were updated by the Board at their October 2017 meeting. The primary change in the 2017 update was the expansion of eligibility beyond the City of Fresno after the first five funding cycles of the program. This 2018 update of the Guidelines added requirements for timely use of funds.

A motion was made to approve this item by Mayor Brand and was seconded by Mayor Cardenas.

A voice vote was called with all members in attendance voting aye. Motion carried.

IV. CALTRANS STATUS REPORT

Neil Bretz, Project Program Manager, Caltrans addressed the Board and provided updates on the SR180 corridor. Mr. Bretz stated that with the completion of the Mendota Passing Lanes in September 2018 there is one remaining project; SR180 E Segment 3 near Centerville and Minkler. This project is on track for completion in about one year depending on weather.

Mayor Brand addressed Mr. Bretz about the status of the Litter Abatement Program that Caltrans and FCTA have partnered with. Mr. Leonardo responded to this question. He confirmed the funding and provided the timeline for the program to the board. Mr. Leonardo stated that a request for letters of interest was sent to the agencies and a call for applications will be going out soon. More information will be provided at the February 6, 2019 meeting.

V. PROGRAM PROJECT MANAGER STATUS REPORT

Diana Sedigh-Darbandi, Program Manager addressed the Board and stated that detailed information could be found in the board packets. Ms. Sedigh-Darbandi initiated an update on Veteran's Blvd. Councilmember Brandau invited Scott Mozier, Public Works Director to address the Board and update them on the current status of Veteran's Blvd. Mr. Mozier stated that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) selected four projects from California to receive the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant, but unfortunately Veterans Blvd. was not included in their selection. The City of Fresno has requested a debrief with the USDOT and Simon and Company. The City of Fresno is still looking at other funding opportunities such as the SB1 LPP Competitive Program. Mr. Mozier then updated the status of the High-Speed Rail portion of the project. A long discussion amongst the Board then ensued.

VI. CHANGE ORDERS

None.

VII. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

None.

Chairman Mendes called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Cardenas and this was seconded by Councilmember Brandau.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.

Mike Leonardo
Executive Director