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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 6B

DATE: July 17, 2013

TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

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

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

BACKGROUND:

Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2040 charts a 25-year course to the year 2040. 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.

Prior to starting as the Commission's Executive Officer in May, 2013, Mr. Fey served as chair of a number of committees at the Fresno Council of Government in his capacity as a city planner. Mr. Fey has resigned from all but one committee but wishes to continue serve—with the Commission's permission—as chair of the Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable. COG Deputy Director Barbara Steck has written the Commission requesting that Mr. Fey be allowed to continue as chair of this committee (See attached letter dated June 7, 2013).

DISCUSSION:

The committee roster is composed of representatives of Fresno County and Fresno County cities, the Fresno LAFCO, the Building Industry Association and other builders, the Air District, citizens' groups, and advocates for issues ranging from affordable housing to environmental justice. The committee provides a public forum to assist COG staff to develop the RTP elements and comply with the Sustainable Communities Strategy goal of reducing Greenhouse Gases. The previous EO attended many of these meetings as a member of the committee and Mr. Fey will continue this practice.

Meetings are once a month for approximately two hours and are expected to continue until March, 2014. They do not conflict with the Commission's meetings or with Mr. Fey's duties at LAFCO.

RECOMMENDATION:

Permit the Executive Officer to continue chairing this COG Committee.

June 7, 2013

Chairman Robert Silva and Commissioners
Local Agency Formation Commission
2607 Fresno Street, Suite B
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Chairman Silva and Commissioners:

I'm writing to request that your new Executive Officer, David Fey, be allowed to continue as chair of our Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Roundtable. David has been acting in this capacity since the Roundtable's inception nearly a year ago. As chair, David has conducted meetings with skill and balance, always encouraging dialogue and willing to entertain the tough issues. He has done this as a representative for our member agencies, while ensuring that the COG's interests are maintained. He understands the planning issues as well as the requisites of state and federal laws and regulations that guide the COG's transportation planning functions.

David's continuing in the role of chair of this committee would provide continuity as well as the excellent leadership that he has demonstrated over the past year. I anticipate the Roundtable will continue to meet until the RTP is adopted in March of 2014. We would adjust our schedule so we would not conflict with LAFCo's monthly commission meetings.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at 559-233-4148 x202.

Sincerely,



Barbara J. Steck, AICP
Deputy Director