BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10

In the Matter of:

2014 RTP/SCS Strategy,
2015 FTIP, and

Corresponding Transportation

Conformity Analysis

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2014 RTP/SCS Strategy 2015 FTIP, and Corresponding Transportation Conformity Analysis

RESOLUTION FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 2015 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, THE 2014 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY, AND THE CORRESPONDING CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to prepare and adopt a long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Steinberg, 2008) requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the 2014 RTP that demonstrates how the region will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 375, ARB set the per capita GHG emission reduction targets for the San Joaquin Valley region at 5% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2020 and 10% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the state law requires that the 2014 RTP/SCS land-use development pattern is consistent with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); and

WHEREAS, the 2014 RTP/SCS has been prepared in accordance with state guidelines adopted by the California Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, a 2014 RTP/SCS has been prepared in full compliance with federal guidance; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require that Metropolitan Planning Organizations prepare and adopt a short range Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, projects submitted in the 2015 FTIP must be financially constrained and the financial plan affirms that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 FTIP has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and through a cooperative process between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), principal elected officials of general purpose local governments and their staffs, and public owner operators of mass transportation services acting through the Fresno Council of Governments forum and general public involvement; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 FTIP program listing is consistent with: 1) the 2014 RTP/SCS; 2) the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program; and 3) the Corresponding Conformity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 FTIP contains the MPO's certification of the transportation planning process assuring that all federal requirements have been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 FTIP meets all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, the MPO must demonstrate conformity per 40 CFR Part 93 for the 2014 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP includes a new Conformity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP conforms to the applicable SIPs; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP do not interfere with the timely implementation of the Transportation Control Measures; and

WHEREAS, the documents have been widely circulated and reviewed by the Fresno Council of Governments advisory committees representing the technical and management staffs of the member agencies; representatives of other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Fresno County consistent with the public participation process adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on April 24, 2014 to hear and consider comments on the 2014 RTP/SCS, 2015 FTIP, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis and on May 7, 2014 to hear and consider comments on the 2014 RTP/SCS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno Council of Governments adopts the 2014 RTP/SCS, 2015 FTIP, and Corresponding Conformity Analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fresno Council of Governments finds that the 2014 RTP/SCS and 2015 FTIP are in conformity with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments and applicable State Implementation Plans for air quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno Council of Governments also finds that the 2014 RTP/SCS meets the SB 375 GHG reduction targets of 5% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2020 and 10% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2035.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 26 day of June 2014.

AYES:

Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma and Fresno County

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Firebaugh, San Joaquin

Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chair

Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26 day of June 2014.

Signed:

Ony Boren

Executive Director