



RESOLUTION NO. 2009-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS THROUGH THE COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENT'S 2010 "ONE VOICE" CALL FOR PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, AND THE GENERAL SERVICES DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEES

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments 2010 "One Voice" Call For Projects is accepting project application(s) from eligible local agencies for the purpose of selecting and prioritizing regional transportation and infrastructure project(s) or social/economic initiatives that have regional impact; and

WHEREAS, the applicant's governing body certifies by resolution approval of the application(s) and program participation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno will participate in the "One Voice" delegation to Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified regional project(s) which meet the program requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO HEREBY:

SECTION 1. Approves the application(s) for and acceptance of project funding which may be achieved by congressional earmarks or federal program(s) through the federal budget process and participation therein, consistent with constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution; and

SECTION 2. Certifies, consistent with constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution that the City will work with the Council of Fresno County Governments to operate and maintain project(s); and

Approved _____
Approved 10/1/09
Effective _____

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SECTION 3. Certifies that the City has reviewed, understands and, to the extent consistent with all constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution, agrees to the provisions contained in the application and the "One Voice" Call for Projects Notice documents; and

SECTION 4. Appoints and authorizes the Departments of Transportation, General Services, and Public Works Directors or designee(s) as the agents for the City of Fresno to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s) Selection, subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO)
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 1st day of October, 2009.

AYES: Borgeas, Brand, Dages, Westerlund, Xiong, Sterling
NOES: None
ABSENT: Perea
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Approval: _____ N/A _____, 2009
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____ N/A _____, 2009
Mayor Veto: _____ N/A _____, 2009
Council Override Veto: _____ N/A _____, 2009

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

By: Rebecca Klisch
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JAMES C. SANCHEZ
City Attorney

By: Jose M. Sanchez
Jose M. Sanchez 9/23/09
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Date: 9-23-09



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September 21, 2009

NOTICE
Call for Projects
Council of Fresno County Governments 2010 "One Voice"

Dear Interested Stakeholders,

Over the past several years, the Fresno COG has embarked upon an annual "One Voice" lobbying visit to Washington D.C. The purpose of the trip is to seek federal funding for projects of regional significance within Fresno County. To this end, a contingent of elected officials, public administrators and regional stakeholders from the public and private sectors travel to Washington D.C. for a week long visit. The goal of this "One Voice" delegation is to meet with our congressional and federal departmental representatives and advocate for the projects that have been identified and prioritized through a COG selection process. We also address policy issues and may seek regulatory reform. Ideally, the trip results in the Fresno region garnering federal earmarked funds that it might not receive otherwise. To date, we have been successful in acquiring over \$13 million toward funding the projects that the "One Voice" delegation has promoted.

Our representatives in Washington have welcomed our efforts and have responded positively. We have been encouraged to continue the effort, as our presence helps our representatives to prioritize and shepherd much needed regional projects through the federal budget process. With that encouragement in mind, we are in the midst of launching our 8th annual "One Voice" endeavor. The trip is planned for February 6-11, 2010.

With input from our Washington, D.C. lobbyist, a task force, comprised of participants from earlier "One Voice" trips, has developed project selection criteria. These criteria require that:

- Projects be of regional significance – advancing the goals of the region
- Projects be limited to transportation and infrastructure (*physical infrastructure/capital improvements*) or be social/economic initiatives that have regional impact
- Regional projects be limited in number and in dollar amount requested.
(*Local projects can be submitted separately and will be presented according to a predetermined format*)
- Priority may be given to those projects on the 2009 "One Voice" list that meet the criteria and that have received partial funding. (These projects must be resubmitted by the project proponent.)
- Projects should be shelf ready
- Project proponent(s) must be part of "One Voice" delegation back to Washington D.C.

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County



- Projects should be collaborative in nature (i.e. more than one agency involved)
- Projects should cover a large service area, have potential to have a meaningful impact on the region, have support of decision makers, have quality leadership, fall within the community agenda and meet a "highest and best use" standard

We are now ready to solicit projects for the 2010 trip. This letter is intended to serve as a call for projects. The process entails COG's contacting a large number of public agencies and regional stakeholders, allowing them 3 weeks to determine if they have regionally significant projects they would like to submit, convening the task force to select and prioritize projects and gaining COG Policy Board approval of the priority project list. These efforts will culminate with the "One Voice" trip to Washington D.C in February.

Enclosed is a Project Application form that you will need if you have a project you would like to see considered for the regional priority list. This package is also available on our website at www.fresnocog.org.

The deadline for submittal of project application forms is 5:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 2009.

Forms should be submitted to:

Council of Fresno County Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721
Attention: Barbara Steck

Thanks in advance for your interest in this important process. If you should have any questions regarding "One Voice", please feel free to contact me or Barbara Steck at 559-233-4148.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Boren".

TONY BOREN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

Enclosures: Application
Sample project format
Simon & Company Recommendations
Appropriations Accounts