



October 3, 2017

Tony Boren, Executive Director  
Fresno Council of Governments  
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Dear Tony,

As we have discussed, the State of California has allocated \$70 million to the City of Fresno through its' Transformative Climate Community (TCC) program. The intent of the TCC program is to provide funding to disadvantaged communities to fund neighborhood level projects that provide local economic, environmental and health benefits while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As part of this grant process, the City, with the support of the Central Valley Regional Foundation and other community stakeholders, has engaged in an extensive community outreach effort in which a variety projects will be considered and recommended by a Community Steering Committee.

Of all the projects submitted so far, the most exciting project being considered has been made by Fresno City College (FCC) one of the colleges in the State Center Community College District (SCCCD) who is proposing to construct a new state-of-the-art career technical and academic satellite possibly located near Martin Luther King and Church. The project, once completed, represents an investment of approximately \$100 million. The City is a partner in this project and has committed to funding \$11 million in offsite improvements, as well as contributing \$4.5 million toward the construction of a new neighborhood park.

Once completed, this institution of higher education will provide technical education and training for general automobile and truck maintenance and repair, as well as new advanced technologies including electric, hybrid electric and alternative fuel propulsion systems. In addition to funding the offsite improvements and park, the City will also be providing improved public transportation services to the new campus using the next generation all electric heavy duty transit buses. Given the nature of these vehicles, the City is looking to partner with FCC/SCCCD and the bus manufacturer to provide general maintenance, as well as ongoing product development and technical support for these highly specialized vehicles. The College is also pursuing similar partnerships with their

existing partners including, Fiat, Chrysler and other electric vehicle manufacturers to provide similar training and product support.

With that, and given the catalytic nature that will occur as a result of this investment, the City of Fresno and FCC/SCCCD are formally requesting support for this project through an allocation of \$4.5 million of Measure C New Technology funds, which would be used to help defray the capital costs associated with either the construction of the campus and/or specialized equipment that will be needed to support the advanced curriculum and training. In addition, and given that the training will be available to students living throughout the county, we would also respectfully request that the County of Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board grant the requested funding to FCC/SCCCD, rather than initiate a formal request for projects as was done previously.

Please feel free to contact me at [bruce.rudd@fresno.gov](mailto:bruce.rudd@fresno.gov) if you have any questions or need further information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Rudd".

Bruce Rudd  
Interim Assistant City Manager

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Oliver Baines, Fresno City Councilmember, District 7  
Wilma Quan-Schechter, City Manager  
Carole Goldsmith, President, Fresno City College