



Notice of Availability of Draft PEIR

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Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) for the Draft 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) for the project identified above. Fresno COG is requesting comment regarding the Draft PEIR.

The 2014 RTP/SCS identifies the Fresno region's transportation needs and issues, sets forth an action plan of projects and programs to address the needs consistent with a set of goals and policies, and documents the financial resources to implement the plan. The 2014 RTP/SCS also includes a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) prepared to address requirements set forth in California Senate Bill (SB) 375, which requires that Fresno COG prepare an SCS that provides an integrated land use and transportation plan for meeting greenhouse gas emission reduction targets set forth by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The Draft PEIR and the Draft RTP/SCS are available for review online at the Fresno COG website: <http://www.fresnocog.org/rtp> and are also available at the following locations:

Fresno COG Offices
2035 Tulare Street, Ste. 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Fresno County Main Library
2420 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721

The Program EIR finds that implementation of the 2014 RTP and SCS could result in significant and unavoidable impacts to the following issues areas: Aesthetics; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality; Biotic Resources; Climate Change; Cultural Resources; Energy and Energy Consumption; Geology and Soils; Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Population and Housing; Public Utilities, Other Utilities, and Service Systems; and Transportation/Traffic.

The public review period for this Draft PEIR begins on **March 21, 2014** and ends on **May 15, 2014**. Written comments must be received at Fresno COG by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, May, 15 2014** in order to be addressed as part of the formal EIR review process. The Fresno COG Policy Board will consider certification of the Final PEIR on June 26, 2014.

Please send your response to Barbara Steck, Deputy Director at the Fresno COG address shown above. Please identify the name and phone number of a contact person at your agency.

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