



November 13, 2017

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Re: Your Letter Dated October 31, 2017 regarding RTP Roundtable Preferred Scenario  
Selection for 2018 RTP

Ms. Thompson,

Thank you for your October 31, 2017 comment letter addressing the RTP Roundtable  
preferred scenario selection for the 2018 RTP/SCS.

When designing the October outreach activities, Fresno COG staff clearly indicated to the  
stakeholder groups and the committees that our outreach would go beyond the  
Roundtable and TTC/PAC meeting dates so that the Policy Board, the ultimate decision  
makers, will receive as much input as possible from the public. Our last outreach event was  
on November 8<sup>th</sup> and the Policy Board will be asked to select a preferred scenario on  
November 16<sup>th</sup> based on all the public input received and the recommendations from the  
Roundtable and the TTC/PAC.

By design, the bulk of our SCS Scenario outreach was completed prior to the RTP  
Roundtable's October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and the TTC/PAC's November 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings. The agenda  
of the Roundtable's October 25th meeting noted that all responses received prior to the  
October Roundtable meeting would be tallied and reported for a recommendation of a  
preferred scenario, which was done. Staff believes that the public input results collected  
before these committee meetings were sufficient to provide representative samples of the  
public's scenario preferences. The scenario selection from the Roundtable and the  
TTC/PAC all serve as recommendations to the Policy Board.

As indicated in your letter and shown in our outreach summary report, out of  
approximately 1,300 people Fresno COG reached out to during the Fall SCS Scenario  
Outreach, the majority of them were members of environmental justice communities.  
Their feedback was considered by the Roundtable on October 25<sup>th</sup> and the TTC/PAC on  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Roundtable and the TTC/PAC received a full report on the outreach

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activities and the committee members had meaningful discussion about their preferences. There were several factors that the Committees took into consideration when making the scenario selection. Such factors included feasibility of the scenarios, public input, future greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, etc. At the Roundtable and TTC/PAC meetings there were some members expressing support for the scenario that received the most public support. Although the majority of the Roundtable and TTC/PAC recommend Scenario D, the votes were not unanimous and a breakdown of the votes will be presented to the Policy Board. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, all of the public outreach results tallied through November 8th will be presented to the Policy Board in addition to the Roundtable and TTC/PAC's recommendations. The public input will be one of the factors that the Policy Board takes into consideration when they make a scenario selection decision.

In summary, environmental justice communities have been meaningfully included throughout Fresno COG's 2018 RTP/SCS process. Public input was considered during the Roundtable and TTC/PAC scenario deliberation process and will be considered by the Policy Board in the selection of the 2018 RTP/SCS's preferred scenario.

We thank you for your involvement in the 2018 RTP/SCS development process, and appreciate your efforts to engage the community residents in the process. Please feel free to contact me or my staff Kristine Cai at 559-233-4148 should you have any further questions or comments regarding the 2018 RTP/SCS.

Sincerely,



Tony Boren,

Executive Director