

Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

2:00 PM

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Kristine Cai)

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Terry, Chair at 2:04 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL (Jeaneen Cervantes)

David Merchen, City of Clovis
Dan Zach, City of Fresno
Paul Sereno, City of Huron
John Jansons, City of Kerman
Michael Osborne, City of Mendota
Rob Terry, City of Reedley
David Brletic, City of Sanger
Joey Daggett, City of Selma
Mohammad Khorsand, County of Fresno
Jamaica Gentry, Caltrans
Joe Vargas, Public Transportation Urban
Moses Stites, Fresno County Rural Transit
Tina Sumner, Active Transportation
Eric VonBerg, Broad-Based Business
Mike Prandini, Building Industry Association
Adam Livingston, Environmental
Keith Berthold, Public Health Advocate
Gail Miller, Public at Large
Jim Hunter, Public at Large
Bill Jordan, Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee
Leslie Martinez, Environmental Justice
Napallo Gomez, PG&E
Sargeant Green, Water Agency

II. NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. RTP/SCS Roundtable Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2020 (Jeaneen Cervantes) [APPROVE]

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Sumner (Cycling Club) motioned and Mr. Jordan (League/Women Voters) seconded to approve the minutes with corrections. 16 yes votes, no noes. The motion passed.

B. SCS Strategies (Seth Scott) [APPROVE]

Mr. Scott (FCOG) reported that the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) will include the implementation of land-use and transportation strategies that aim primarily to reduce greenhouse gas emissions due to travel, and secondarily to give rise to co-benefits that advance equity and sustainability throughout the Fresno County region.

COG staff has compiled a list of applicable strategies from multiple sources, including the Fresno Futures workshops hosted by COG in February 2020, the 2050 California Transportation Plan, and the RTP/SCSs from other MPOs throughout the State. Over several meetings, the SCS Subcommittee has refined this list down to the attached document, which represents strategies that are appropriate for the Fresno County region and that can be quantifiably modeled within COG's technical capabilities. The strategies that are chosen will form the basis of how the SCS scenarios will be developed.

After Roundtable discussion there was a motion by Mr. Berghold (Public Health) to include facilitating efficient reliable and sustainable goods movement into the land use strategy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County). A vote was called, 16 yes votes and 3 noes. Motion passed.

An additional motion was made by Mr. Terry (Reedley) and Mr. Jordan (League/Women Voters) seconded to adjust wording to align with the State; expand roadway capacity for safety related and goods movement projects and approve the strategy list for inclusion in the 2022 RTP/SCS. A vote was called, 18 yes votes, no noes. Motion passed.

C. Telecommute Survey (Trai Her-Cole) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG will be conducting a telecommute survey to assess the rate of telecommuting in Fresno County. The results gathered will help provide some basis for the VMT/GHG reduction quantification of the telecommute strategy which will be applied in the RTP/SCS. Increased telecommuting may lead to reduced VMT and GHG emissions, relieve congestion and help the region meet air quality goals.

Fresno COG will release surveys for Employers and Employees throughout Fresno County from November 18th through December 18th. The survey will be advertised through email blasts, newsletters, social media platforms and posted to the Plan Fresno website. Fresno COG is asking the member agencies, the Roundtable and community partners to share the survey with your contacts. Surveys will be provided in several languages as needed.

This item was informational only; no further action was required.

D. Outreach Results Analysis (Seth Scott) [INFORMATION]

Mr. Scott (FCOG) reported that the transportation needs outreach survey garnered over 1,000 project suggestions from the public. In this presentation, staff provided a detailed summary of these suggestions, including breakdowns by mode and jurisdiction, a highlight of popular and most-requested projects, and other useful metrics.

This item was informational only; no further action was required.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Ms. Cai reported that there will be no December meeting.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from staff or members.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

Upcoming meeting dates:

December - No Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Members of the Public:

Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Anthony Molina, Fresno Cycling Club
David Padilla, Caltrans
Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley
Greg Barfield, Fresno Area Express
Mariah Thompson, CRLA
Shelby MacNab, City of Fresno
Bianca Gomez, LCJA

FCOG Staff:

Tony Boren, Kristine Cai, Robert Phipps, Jeaneen Cervantes, Kai Han, Trai Her-Cole, Jennifer Soliz, Braden Duran, Suzanne Martinez, Brenda Veenendaal, Meg Prince, Seth Scott, Peggy Arnest, Santosh Bahattarai, Todd Sobrado