

Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
1:00 PM

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Gail Miller)

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Miller, Vice Chair at 1:02 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL (Jeaneen Cervantes)

David Merchen, City of Clovis
Mike Sanchez, City of Fresno
Paul Sereno, City of Huron
John Jansons, City of Kerman
Cristian Gonzalez, City of Mendota
David Brletic, City of Sanger
Fernando Santillan, City of Selma
Mohammad Khorsand, County of Fresno
Kevin Wing, San Joaquin Valley Air District
George Uc, LAFCo
Carolina Ilic, Public Transportation Urban
Moses Stites, Public Transportation Rural
Tina Sumner, Active Transportation
Eric VonBerg, Broad Based Business
Mike Prandini, Building Industry Association
George Cummings, Education
Adam Livingston, Environmental
Matthew Gillian, Environmental Justice
Sarg Green, Water Agency
Gail Miller, Public at Large
Jim Hunter, Public at Large
Sal Petrucelli, Public at Large

21 members present. Simple majority is 12.

II. NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. RTP/SCS Roundtable Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021 [APPROVE]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Petrucelli (Public-at-Large) motioned, and Ms. Ilic (FAX) seconded to approve the minutes as presented. 13 yes votes, no noes. The motion passed.

B. Discussion of Draft Action Element (Jennifer Soliz/Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Soliz (FCOG) reported that the Action Element is a required component of the RTP that describes the programs and actions necessary to implement the RTP goals and policies. It will consist of short and long-term activities that address regional transportation issues and needs and will address all transportation modes. Fresno COG is the responsible agency for all actions but will collaborate closely with our partner agencies to ensure the actions are implemented.

The Draft Action Element Outline has been developed to support the vision, overarching goals, and supporting policies of the approved draft Policy Element. The Draft Action Element has been consolidated and updated to align with the Policy Element. The Action Element and Policy Element will be combined to provide a more cohesive

document and will also be consistent with the Financial Element to identify investment strategies, alternatives, and project priorities.

The Draft Action Element is out for review and will be presented to the RTP Roundtable for approval in June 2021. Please send comments to Jennifer Soliz at jsoliz@fresnocog.org by June 4, 2021.

This item was information only. No further direction was provided.

C. Environmental Justice Indicator and Low-Income Threshold (Trai Her-Cole) [APPROVE]

Ms. Her-Cole (FCOG) reported that the RTP Environmental Justice (EJ) Analysis is a required component of the RTP. The EJ Analysis measures both the benefits and burdens associated with the transportation investment included in the Regional Transportation Plan and ensures that the environmental justice communities living within Fresno County equitably benefit from the Plan's investments without bearing a disproportionate share of the burdens.

To determine how EJ communities are defined, the EJ Subcommittee was tasked with setting a low-income threshold that is representative of the Fresno County region. Therefore, the EJ subcommittee has recommended establishing the low-income threshold at 150% of the federal poverty level.

In addition, staff presented the results of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Strategies and Indicators public outreach to the EJ Subcommittee. The Subcommittee met and has recommended the "Equitable Housing Mix: Number of housing units by type and density in EJ vs non-EJ areas" as the EJ indicator for the SCS scenario analysis.

The subcommittee recommends the RTP Roundtable approve the Equitable Housing Mix as the EJ indicator for SCS scenario analysis and setting the low-income threshold at 150% of the federal poverty rate as recommended by the EJ Sub-committee.

After discussion from the Roundtable the item was pulled from the agenda to be brought back in June.

D. Sixth Cycle RHNA Plan Update (Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Prince (FCOG) provided a brief update on the status of the Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan development. Updates on the process and documents available for review will be posted to Fresno COG's RHNA web page: <https://www.fresnocog.org/project/fresno-county-regional-housing-needs-allocation-plan/>.

This item was information only. No further direction was provided.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that the June Roundtable meeting will be the last Wednesday of the month, June 30th.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Members of the Public:

Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club

Jill Gormley, City of Fresno

Karla Martinez, Leadership Counsel

Diana Sedigh-Darbandi, FCTA

David Padilla, Caltrans
Mariana Alvarenga, Leadership Counsel
Michael Cordia
Myra Banuelos
Shelby Elia, City of Clovis
Jesus Orozco
Grecia Elenes, Leadership Counsel
Anthony Molina, Fresno Cycling Club
Jennifer Lukemberry, City of Mendota

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Tony Boren
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Braden Duran
Brenda Veenendaal
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Suzanne Martinez
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Todd Sobrado