

Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, July 28, 2021
1:00 PM

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Rob Terry)

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Terry, Chair at 1:02 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL (Jeaneen Cervantes)

Ryan Burnette, City of Clovis
Sean Brewer, City of Coalinga
Paul Sereno, City of Huron
Jesus Orozco, City of Kerman
Rob Terry, City of Reedley
Mohammad Khorsand, County of Fresno
Tina Sumner, Active Transportation
Kevin Wing, San Joaquin Valley Air District
George Uc, LAFCo
David Padilla, Caltrans
Carolina Ilic, Public Transportation Urban
Eric VonBerg, Broad Based Business
George Cummings, Education
Joseph Oldham, New Technology
Keith Berghold, Public Health Advocate
Sarge Green, Water Agency
Kevin Hamilton, Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee
Gail Miller, Public-at-Large
Jim Hunter, Public-at-Large
Sal Petrucelli, Public-at-Large

19 members present. Simple majority is 10.

II. NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. RTP/SCS Roundtable Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2021 [APPROVE]

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) motioned, and Kevin Hamilton (Citizen Oversight Committee) seconded to approve the minutes with the correction. 12 yes votes, no noes. The motion passed.

Members entered: Sophia Pagoulatos, City of Fresno, David Brletic, City of Sanger, Matthew Gillian, Environmental Justice. 22 members present, simple majority is 12.

B. Fall Sustainable Communities Strategy Community Engagement [INFORMATION] (Veenendaal)

Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG staff is planning to release the draft Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) scenario indicator results on August 25, 2021, as part of the fall outreach process. Fresno COG's community engagement will run through September 22 leveraging bilingual, in-person and virtual strategies. Strategies currently being discussed and developed include the following:

- Focus groups to test and refine the workshop and presentation message and materials
- In-person workshops scheduled throughout the county
- Virtual workshops held via Zoom during the day and evening times
- Virtual and in-person presentations to community and service groups, public and private agencies and associations
- Recorded presentation video available online through Fresno COG's YouTube channel, Fresno COG and Plan Fresno websites as well as social media accounts
- Online and printed interactive "surveys" that mirror feedback forms used at in-person workshops and presentation
- Survey and workshop invitations with QR codes to the survey and a link to the video presentation, sent out via hard copy flyer, social media and email

- Hard copy survey questions available following all presentations

Staff is contacting member agencies, community-based organizations, service groups and other associations, requesting time on upcoming agendas to present information about the SCS scenarios. More details regarding this upcoming outreach effort will be presented by staff at the meeting, but all suggestions and partnering opportunities are welcome in order to engage as many of our Fresno County residents as possible.

Upon completion, community input will be relayed to Fresno COG's RTP Roundtable in September, and the TTC, PAC and Policy Board in October. Community input will provide a better understanding of what Fresno County residents believe is important when planning for future growth. This will assist our committees in providing an advisory SCS scenario recommendation to the Fresno COG Policy Board.

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

Members entered: Moses Stites, 23 members present, simple majority is 12.

C. Projection Selection Tool [INFORMATION] (Scott)

Mr. Scott (FCOG) reported that to implement the differences in strategies across the three SCS scenarios, COG staff has developed a tool that combines scenario strategies, project scores, and funding projections to generate unique constrained transportation project lists for each scenario. Staff demonstrated the functionality and preliminary results from this tool.

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

II. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that there will be no August meeting.
- Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) asked members to watch their email for communication to share on the upcoming outreach workshops.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

III. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Members of the Public:

Anthony Molina, Fresno Cycling Club

Jill Gormley, City of Fresno

Karla Martinez, Leadership Counsel

Diana Sedigh-Darbandi, FCTA

Michael Flores

Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club

Myra Banuelos, Commute with Enterprise

Sean Smith, City of Clovis

Shelby Elia, City of Clovis

FCOG Staff:

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