

Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, September 29, 2021
1:00 PM

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Rob Terry)

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Terry, Chair at 1:01 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL (Jeaneen Cervantes)

David Merchen, City of Clovis
Sean Brewer, City of Coalinga
William Washburn, City of Fowler
Sophia Pagoulatos, City of Fresno
Paul Sereno, City of Huron
Jesus Orozco, City of Kerman
Holly Owen, City of Kingsburg
Cristian Gonzalez, City of Mendota
Rob Terry, City of Reedley
David Brletic, City of Sanger
Fernando Santillan, City of Selma
Mohammad Khorsand, County of Fresno
Kevin Wing, San Joaquin Valley Air District
David Padilla, Caltrans
Carolina Ilic, Public Transportation Urban
Moses Stites, Public Transportation Rural
Tina Sumner, Active Transportation
Eric VonBerg, Broad-Based Business
Mike Prandini, Building Development
Adam Livingston, Environmental
Sarge Green, Water Agency
Gail Miller, Public-at-Large
Sal Petrucelli, Public-at-Large

23 members present. Simple majority is 13.

II. NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) motioned, and Mr. Livingston (Environmental) seconded to approve the minutes with the correction. 18 yes votes, no noes. The motion passed.

B. SCS Scenario Presentation (Kristine Cai) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Cai (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG staff has been working on producing the performance indicator results for the three SCS scenarios over the summer. These three scenarios are:

Scenario A: The main goal of this scenario is to address equity and plan for transportation investment that meet the needs of the transit-dependent communities.

Scenario B: The primary purpose of this scenario is to reduce sprawl while supporting higher densities in urban centers to complement high-quality transit investment.

Scenario C: This scenario is focused on conserving important farmland while providing clean air and climate resiliency.

Although every scenario has a difference in its investment priorities, all three scenarios include the 20 SCS strategies approved by the Roundtable and COG standing committees. According to the modeling results, the three scenarios have slightly different impacts in various areas demonstrated by the performance indicators. The draft performance indicator results can be found at: https://planfresno.com/planfresno/uploads/2021/09/SCS-Indicator-Graphs_9-22-21_DRAFT.pdf. All three scenarios are consistent with the local general plans, and will be able to meet the greenhouse gas targets of 13% per capita reduction by 2035, should any of the plans be implemented. COG staff presented the scenario performance.

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

C. Fall RTP/SCS Community Outreach Report (Brenda Veenendaal) [INFORMATION]

Ms. Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that Fresno COG released three SCS scenarios for public review and comment on August 25, 2021. SCS Scenario public outreach ran through September 26th, using a four-pronged public participation approach that included the following strategies:

1. Online, interactive surveys, for scenario review and selection in English and Spanish, easily accessible via smart phone or computer.
 2. Hosted 8 workshops throughout the County of Fresno in the cities of Reedley, Coalinga, Sanger, Clovis, Kerman, Selma, Fresno and Mendota.
 3. Made 5 additional presentations to rural residents and community organizations.
 4. Hosted two virtual workshops in English and Spanish, day and evening.
- Additional outreach included the following:
- Dedicated website developed for access to RTP/SCS information at www.planfresno.com that included an SCS Fall Outreach webpage
 - Social Media Posts on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter. Purchased ads to run on Facebook and Instagram regarding the workshops and online survey.
 - Videos posted to YouTube and linked in the SCS survey explaining the scenarios.
 - RTP/SCS handout developed in English and Spanish that were handed out at each workshop and posted online with detailed indicator definitions, reporting data and other explanations.
 - Constant Contact emails sent to 4,500 email addresses.
 - Staff worked with each host city to invite community members to attend meetings.

SCS scenario indicator data results were depicted in various graphic forms to assist in the review of the Scenario Reporting. Staff provided a summary of the feedback from the public about the three SCS scenarios.

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

D. Preferred SCS Scenario Selection (Kristine Cai) [ACTION]

Ms. Cai (FCOG) opened it up to the Roundtable for further discussion and action after hearing the presentations of the scenario performance and the feedback from the public about the scenarios

After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Khorsand (Fresno County) motioned, and Mr. Petrucelli (Public At-Large) seconded to recommend Scenario B as the preferred SCS scenario for the 2022 RTP/SCS. 20 yes, 1 no (Fowler). The motion passed.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Ms. Cai (FCOG) stated to keep meetings on the calendar as tentative. The next meeting will most likely be in the spring.

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Members of the Public:

Claudia Cazares

Jill Gormley, City of Fresno

Diana Sedigh-Darbandi, FCTA

Jamaica Gentry, Caltrans

Joe Vargas, City of Fresno

John Jansons, City of Kerman

Michael Osborn, City of Mendota

Leslie Martinez, LCJA

Michael Flores

Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club

Nicole Zieba, City of Reedley

Renee Mathis, 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, Peggy Arnest, Santosh Bhattarai, Pankaj Joshi, Shichen Fan, Suzanne Martinez, Jeff Long, Todd Sobrado