

BEFORE THE  
**FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-44**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL OF

Support of California Inland Port  
Project

California Inland Port Grant Application

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WHEREAS, the California Inland Port System is designed as a transformational next-generation logistics-clean energy-economic development project that will directly benefit the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento regions; and

Whereas, when complete, the California Inland Port System of projects will be a model for the nation and will be the most advanced and cleanest logistics and investment corridor in the world; and

WHEREAS, buildout the California Inland Port project has the potential to create 100,000 jobs and leverage \$30 billion in private investment along a 425-mile-long corridor extending through the entire San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento regions; and

Whereas, the California Inland Port project will provide significant improvements to air quality, traffic congestion and motorist safety throughout the San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento, and Los Angeles regions; and

WHEREAS, the California Inland Port project and its utilization of sustainable energy will reduce greenhouse gasses emitted in the San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento and Los Angeles regions and complements the State Route 99 Multimodal Corridor study which is currently underway; and

WHEREAS, the California Inland Port project will create a 425 mile long clean energy infrastructure system throughout the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento regions that will be a catalyst for the transition to a clean fleet of heavy trucks while providing the opportunity to serve as future hydrogen hubs for California's hydrogen highway; and

WHEREAS, the California Inland Port project will significantly contribute to the State of California's social equity objectives which seek to improve incomes and the quality of life in all economically disadvantaged areas of the state including the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento regions; and

WHEREAS, the California Inland Port project provides a platform to address existing and future agricultural export challenges facing growers in the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento regions; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT has become a partner in the California Inland Port project and has designated it of national significance in its importance in addressing the national supply chain crisis and envisions replicating the concept in other areas of the US; and

WHEREAS, the California Inland Port project is supported by a broad range of public entities, including eight counties and councils of governments within the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento regions, three air quality districts-South Coast, San Joaquin and Sacramento and three seaports-Los Angeles, Long Beach and Stockton; and

WHEREAS, the private market has overwhelmingly reacted with enthusiasm for the California Inland Port project, with shippers saying that improvements to supply chain reliability, lower costs, and the introduction of comprehensive logistics/investment hubs all being economically beneficial to their operations; and

WHEREAS, private sector project partners include truck manufacturers, national agricultural and clean energy trade associations, hydrogen producers, and truck fleet operators; and

WHEREAS the business strategy for the project is robust and is an extraordinary example of public and private forces working together, with public investment acting as seed funding and unlocking vast private risk capital; and

WHEREAS the partners involved with leadership from the region's councils of governments and with the Fresno Council of Governments acting as project coordinator in the formative stages, have a deep commitment to carry out with high degree of community engagement; and

WHEREAS, beyond the much-needed benefits to the environment, we believe that the California Inland Port project will be a primary catalyst in attracting significant investment to the San Joaquin Valley and Sacramento regions; this resulting in jobs and tax base from industry that is present in the region and from industry sectors that are not present in the region; and.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for all of these reasons, the Fresno Council of Governments believes that the California Inland Port project will improve public health, create positive economic and social change in our community and we urge in the strongest terms that the State of California approve investment in the project from its Port and Freight Infrastructure Program.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Signed: Michelle Roman, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting dated above.

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Signed: Tony Boren, Executive Director