

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28

IN THE MATTER OF:
2022 RTP/SCS Amendment No. 2

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FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
2022 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AMENDMENT No. 2

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to State and Federal designation; and

WHEREAS, federal planning regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations to prepare and adopt a long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for their region; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 375 (Steinberg, 2008) requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations prepare a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the 2022 RTP that demonstrates how the region will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the applicable greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SB 375, the applicable ARB per capita GHG emission reduction targets for the San Joaquin Valley region are 6% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2020 and 13% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2035; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2022, the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board adopted the 2022 RTP/SCS. The adopted plan was then submitted to CARB for review and approval. CARB provided comments and suggestions after the review, which has prompted revisions and additions to the off-model calculations of GHG reductions from the revised and additional strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Program will be revised in the RTP/SCS. The emissions reduction benefits of public EV charging infrastructure will be revised to be limited to Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) that can access the newly installed EV chargers; and

WHEREAS, a Car Sharing Program will be added to the RTP/SCS. A car sharing program is a membership-based service that provides access to shared vehicles for short-term use. It is an affordable and convenient alternative to owning a car. A car sharing program has the potential to reduce GHG emissions by reducing vehicles ownership rates as households often shed one or all their vehicles by becoming car sharing members, reducing single occupancy vehicles trips, and vehicle miles traveled (VMT), as mode choices shift to biking, walking and transit use due to lower auto ownership rates; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation System Management (TSM) and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Programs will be revised in the RTP/SCS. In CARB's review it was found that the calculation for GHG reduction from TSM/ITS projects used a different version of emission factor than other strategies. Hence,

emission factor from the Emission Factor (EMFAC) 2014v Model is used to determine emission reductions to align with the version used in other strategies for consistency; and

WHEREAS, the Telecommute Program will be revised in the RTP/SCS. The Central California Travel Study (CCTS) has provided more reliable data on population eligible to telecommute, therefore the data from the CCTS were applied in the GHG calculations in place of assumptions of the telecommute-eligible employment sectors; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2023, Fresno Council of Government's Policy Advisory Committee and Transportation Technical Committee held a public, joint meeting to consider the amendment of the adopted RTP/SCS to the Policy Board to approve and adopt the proposed amendment for the 2022 RTP/SCS at the September 28, 2023, Policy Board meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as an operative portion of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno Council of Governments finds that the amended 2022 RTP/SCS are in conformity with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments and applicable State Implementation Plans for air quality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno Council of Governments also finds that the amended 2022 RTP/SCS meets the SB 375 GHG reduction targets of 6% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2020 and 13% below 2005 per capita emissions levels by 2035.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fresno Council of Governments adopts the amendment to the 2022 RTP/SCS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which this Resolution is based are located at Fresno COG, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721. The Custodian of Record is Tony Boren, Executive Director.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 28th day of September, 2023.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Alma Beltran
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 thereof held on the 28th day of September, 2023.

Signed: _____

Tony Boren
Executive Director