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**Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable
 Communities Strategy Roundtable**

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Fresno COG Via Zoom

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[RTP/SCS Roundtable Meeting Agenda and Annotated Agenda in PDF](#)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Rob Terry)

A. **ROLL CALL (Jeaneen Cervantes)**II. **NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**A. **RTP/SCS Roundtable Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021 [APPROVE]****Exhibits:** Meeting SummaryB. **Discussion of Draft Action Element (Jennifer Soliz/Meg Prince) [INFORMATION]****Exhibits:** Draft Action Element 2022 RTP

Summary: 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.

Action: Information only. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Roundtable.

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

Summary: 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.

Action: 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.

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

SUMMARY: Staff will provide 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/>.

Meg Prince can be contacted for questions or more information at mprince@fresnocog.org.

ACTION: Information only.

III. **OTHER ITEMS**

A. **Items from Staff**

B. **Items from Members**

IV. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Roundtable on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

Note: Prior to action by the Roundtable on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.

Upcoming meeting dates:

June 23, 2021 from 1-3 p.m.

July 28, 2021 from 1-3 p.m.

August 25, 2001 from 1-3 p.m.