

Fresno Council of Governments
FY 2024-25
Overall Work Program (July 2024 – June 2025)
Progress Report for First Quarter (July - September 2024)

WE 111 - Regional Transportation Modeling

Budget \$638,641. Expenses were \$155,430 for the quarter. 24% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

The Activity Based Model (ABM) base year update was recalibrated in July, to address the transit module's validation. Telecommuting or work from home module was also calibrated and validated. The sensitivity tests were rerun in August and September to account for the changes made to the model. Some new sensitivity test scenarios like telecommuting, and new land use were also done. The traffic impact and VMT analysis for the local development was continued for the month of July and August. Valley COGs modelers meeting in August to discuss Auto Operating Cost (AOC) update.

WE 112 – Regional Traffic Monitoring

Budget \$318,373. Expenses were \$128 for the quarter. Less than 1% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Staff explored AirSage "Pedestrian Activity Density" product for its use cases that can be relevant to Fresno area.

WE 114 Intelligent Transportation Systems

Budget \$7,069. There were no expenses this quarter.

WE 120 Public Transportation - Urban

Budget \$318,266. Expenses were \$58,434 for the quarter. 18% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

A letter regarding the apportionment split was prepared and sent to the FTA to allocate the 2024 apportionments for FTA Sections 5307 and 5339 between Fresno Area Express (FAX) and Clovis Transit. This division was based on data from the FTA apportionment tables, the Census Bureau, and the 2023 Productivity Analysis.

WE 122 Regional Mobility Hub

Budget \$859,440. Expenses were \$20,456 for the quarter. 2% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Staff has held bi-weekly coordination meetings on the Fresno County Mobility Hub Feasibility Study with transit agency partners and other key stakeholders. Stakeholder steering committee meetings to discuss potential locations for mobility hubs. Staff participated in county-wide site visits to help shape future planning work in determining feasible site locations for planned mobility hubs.

WE 141 Pavement Management System

Budget \$1,213,122. Expenses were \$1,946 for the quarter. Less than 1% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Fresno COG staff completed contract to bring onboard NCE consultant to develop a county-wide pavement management system update. Kick-off meeting occurred as well as follow-up meetings to coordinate data collection requests.

WE 145 Fresno County Climate Resiliency Plan

Budget \$500,000. Expenses were \$39,918 for the quarter. 8% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Fresno COG staff, working with the consultant, developed the Public Engagement Plan. Staff worked with consultant on review of existing plans, guidelines and policies related to climate change. The consultant team updated the extreme weather and climate projects for Fresno County. COG Staff and the consultant conducted the first Stakeholder Working Group, giving an overview of the plan and gathering input from the stakeholders.

WE 149 SB743 Impact Update

Budget \$100,000. There were no expenses for the quarter.

WE 152 High Speed Rail Planning

Budget \$15,681. Expenses were \$665 for the quarter. 4% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year. Fresno COG staff attended California High-Speed Rail Authority Monthly Board Meetings, as well as the Fresno Station Area Planning Meetings with CHSRA staff, City of Fresno Staff, and transit agencies in the development of the Fresno HSR Station Design.

WE 163 Freight Movement/Planning

Budget \$11,484. Expenses were \$1,169 for the quarter. 10% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Coordinated with San Joaquin Valley MPOs on freight planning efforts related to TCAG's V-TRANSFRM study.

WE 166 Onboard Transit Survey

Budget \$246,883. Expenses were \$14,172 for the quarter. 6% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

The survey data was cleaned and weighted in July. The final weighted survey result was delivered to the COG by the consultants. The draft regional transit on-board survey report was delivered by RSG at the end of August. The report was reviewed, and the comments were sent back. RSG addressed those comments and will deliver the final report by the end of September. RSG also worked on individual transit agency on-board survey report in September.

WE 170 Regional Transportation Plan

Budget \$1,315,108. Expenses were \$221,236 for the quarter. 17% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

The RTP Roundtable met monthly throughout the quarter and reviewed and approved several key items including the Environmental Justice Area and the Project Scoring Criteria. Staff convened several meetings of the Project Scoring Criteria Technical Working Group which reviewed, provided input, and approved the 2026 RTP/SCS Project Scoring Criteria. The 2026 RTP/SCS Technical Memorandum began development in the quarter in preparation for submittal to the California Air Resources Board. The Fresno COG Policy Board approved an agenda item on the Project Scoring Criteria and opening the 2026 RTP Call for Projects which will start on October 1st. Staff held bi-weekly RTP/SCS coordination meetings to advance key tasks for the RTP/SCS.

WE 171 Transportation Performance Mgmt.

Budget \$29,470. Expenses were \$5,153 for the quarter. 17% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Fresno COG represented the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Steering Committee meeting in July, August, and September. Staff also participated in the September SHSP Executive Leadership (EL) meeting. Staffs coordinated with Caltrans on PM3 mid-year targets reporting and provided the CMAQ project status for GHG emission reduction in Fresno County. Staff also attended the Caltrans workshop on 2025 PM1/HSIP annual targets setting process.

WE 172 Congestion Management Plan

Budget \$27,683. Expenses were \$5,653 for the quarter. 20% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Fresno COG staff researched various count technologies regarding vehicle classification. Staff continuously coordinated traffic count program among local agencies. In addition, during the STBG scoring process, staff examined various CMP network update options, including using big data sources like Replica data.

WE 173 Regional VMT Mitigation Program Implementation Plan

Budget \$367,357. Expenses were \$1,292 for the quarter. Less than 1% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Staff developed initial draft scope of work for Regional VMT Mitigation Program Implementation Plan.

WE 178 Managed Lane Study

Budget \$214,476. Expenses were \$450 for the quarter. Less than 1% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Staff developed initial draft scope of work for Managed Lane Study.

WE 179 Complete Streets Planning

Budget \$49,226. Expenses were \$10,075 for the quarter. 20% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

The Fresno COG Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Subcommittee met during the quarter to discuss the future direction of the SRTS program for the agency. Staff developed a Safe Streets for All grant application for future planning and implementation funding.

WE 180 Air Quality/Transportation Plan

Budget \$176,938. Expenses were \$3,837 for the quarter. 2% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Fresno COG on behalf of the City of Selma, provided a Draft PM2.5 and PM10 Hot-spot Conformity Assessment for interagency consultation. The project is McCall & Dinuba Traffic Signal and is located in the City of Selma, Fresno County. On August 28, 2024, Caltrans and EPA have concurred that this project is not a "Project of Air Quality Concern" (POAQC) and will not result in new violations of Federal PM2.5 and PM10 air quality standards. Final documentation including the updated hot-spot checklist, slides presented, and the interagency conference call meeting minutes, were posted on the Fresno COG website for review.

WE 220 Transportation Program Development

Budget \$356,212. Expenses were \$69,933 for the quarter. 20% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Fresno COG obtained approval from the policy board for the Final draft 2025 FTIP. The 2023 FTIP was revised in administrative amendments 23-24 and formally amended in amendment 25, currently pending state and federal approval. FCOG served as Chair for the SJV Programmers Swap Meet group and provided updates during SJV Directors meetings. Several EPSP letters and PPA letters were submitted to Caltrans Local assistance per member agency requests to meet Obligation Authority targets. Staff coordinated meetings with the programming subcommittee to address potential revisions to the STBG, CMAQ, and ATP guidelines. The 2027 FTIP timeline was drafted and revised to include specific dates.

WE 311 Public Information

Budget \$333,860. Expenses were \$90,731 for the quarter. 27% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

During the quarter Fresno COG maintained six existing websites and launched our new agenda builder site. We updated our agreement with PublicInput.com and created a Regional Transportation Plan survey and coordinated outreach strategies using the online software. Fresno COG also updated our Fresnocog.org accessibility software moving from Monsido to Audio Eye, and we renewed our website and social media documentation software account through Archive Social. Fresno COG renewed our subscription to Constant Contact through which we create and send emails to our database within the system and create and send social media posts directly to two accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Lastly, Fresno COG updated their logo, signage, business card, name badges, stationery, and staff IDs.

WE 313 Environmental Justice

Budget \$39,882. Expenses were \$9,463 for the quarter. 24% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Staff monitored and documented EJ and Title VI programs, including developing revisions to the Title VI program. The Environmental Justice Subcommittee met twice in the quarter to develop the Environmental Justice Area and Criteria definition for the 2026 RTP/SCS.

WE 350 Fresno Regional Data Center

Budget \$80,744. Expenses were \$16,387 for the quarter. 20% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

In the past quarter, Fresno COG staff effectively managed data requests regarding demographics, land use, and travel from both internal and public. Staff analyzed the latest American Community Survey (ACS) data to support the criteria development for the newly proposed Environmental Justice (EJ) community, creating related open-access digital maps for broader public use. Additionally, staff provided critical feedback on the Fresno County level population projection draft (Baseline 2023) developed by the State Department of Finance and collaborated with each jurisdiction to update our subregional demographic forecasts. Staff's participation in the Census Bureau data release webinars and the Southern California Annual Demographic Workshop enabled us to stay informed on the latest data and research. Overall, these efforts have strengthened the agency's data-driven approach to regional planning and public engagement.

WE 820 Valley RPTA Coordination

Budget \$265,495. Expenses were \$18,664 for the quarter. 7% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

Staff attended monthly SJV Policy Council Executive Directors Committee meeting, as well as the SJV Policy Council Rail/Transit/TOD Working Group meetings. Coordinated with other Valley MPOs in response to State agency processes, including Air Quality Conformity, SCS approval, SCS guidelines updates, and the GHG target setting process.

WE 911 OWP & Budget

Budget \$70,003. Expenses were \$13,951 for the quarter. 20% of the budget has been spent this fiscal year.

During the quarter, staff set-up FY 2024/25 budget spreadsheets; prepared and submitted FY 2024/25 OWPA #1; provided requested information to the auditors, Price Paige & Company, as they conducted their on-site financial audit of FY 2023/24; and monitored fiscal resources.