



**Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
2:00 PM**

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Michelle Roman)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roman at 2:04 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL (Denise Flores)

Ryan Burnett, City of Clovis
Soo Ho Park, City of Fowler
Jill Gormley, City of Fresno
David Peters, City of Kingsburg
Marilu Morales, City of Reedley
Stan Bulla, City of San Joaquin
Kamara Biawogi, City of Selma
Jeffrey Martin, County of Fresno
Eric McLaughlin, SJV Air Pollution District
Brian Spaunhurst, Fresno LAFCo
Christopher Xiong, Caltrans
Greg Barfield, City of Fresno FAX
Amy Hance, City of Clovis Transit
Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA
Babeeta Nagra, PG & E
Steve Haze, Tranquility Resource Conservation District
Laura Gromis, US Green Building Council
Matthew Gillian, Inspiration Transportation
Tina Sumner, Fresno Cycling Club
Anthony Molina, Public Health Advocate
Jose Gutierrez, Westlands Water District
Darren Cousineau, State Center Community College District
Terri Figgs, League of Women Voters of Fresno
Michelle Roman, Public-at-Large
Paul Marquez, Public-at-Large
Michelle Lopez, Public-at-Large

26 members were present. Simple majority is 14.

II. NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approve Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2024 [ACTION]

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Morales (Reedley) motioned, and Mr. Burnett (Clovis) seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: All in Favor, no opposed. The motion passed.

B. Equity Priority Communities and Disadvantaged Communities Definition Approval (Shichen Fan) [ACTION]

Summary: On September 18th, staff presented the proposed definition and criteria for defining environmental justice communities to the Environmental Justice Subcommittee, which will be utilized in the Environmental Justice Analysis of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Staff proposed two definitions: Equity Priority Communities and Disadvantaged Communities (SB 535). Equity Priority Communities proposes utilizing the metrics: percent of non-white and/or Hispanic resident population, percent of households with income <200% Federal Poverty Level, percent of Limited English-speaking households, and percent of households paying more than 30% of their income towards housing costs. The Disadvantaged Communities proposes utilizing the SB 535 Disadvantaged communities map, which includes environmental, health, pollution, and socioeconomic indicators. Both definitions will be defined as Environmental Justice Communities. Following the review period by the EJ Subcommittee between July and August, staff recommends approval for the definitions.

Action: Staff and the Environmental Justice Subcommittee recommends the Regional Transportation Plan Roundtable approve the Equity Priority Communities and Disadvantaged Communities definition for the 2026 RTP/SCS.

- Jennifer Rodriguez and Shichen Fan (FCOG) gave a PowerPoint presentation.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Haze (TRCD) motioned, and Mr. Burnett (Clovis) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed. The motion passed.

C. Activity-Based Model (ABM) Introduction and Overview (Santosh Bhattarai) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Fresno COG relies on various models to perform analysis in the RTP/SCS, most notably the Fresno Activity-Based Model (ABM). Staff felt a primer on the concepts, functionality, and scope of the Fresno ABM would be helpful to aid the Roundtable in understanding the technical work related to the development of the 2026 RTP/SCS.

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

- Santosh Bhattarai (FCOG) gave an overview of the ABM.
- Ms. Roman, Chair, called for questions.

This item is informational only, no action is needed.

D. RTP Transportation Project Suggestions Survey (Brenda Thomas) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Staff will give a brief presentation on the status of the RTP Transportation Project Suggestions Survey, which was released on September 16, 2024, and will be available through October 31, 2024.

To submit transportation project suggestions and weigh in on key issues our region is facing like providing more transportation options and continuing to provide transportation access during difficult natural disasters such as wildfire, flooding, and landslides **take the survey one of the following ways:**

Online: English | Spanish (Hmong and Punjabi translations are in process and will be added any minute)

Text (no cost to you):

- English – Text the word Needs to 73224
- Spanish – Envíe por SMS la palabra RTP al 73224
- (Hmong and Punjabi translations are in process and will be added any minute)

Voicemail: Call 855-925-2801, enter code 10291 when prompted, then leave your comments

Email: 2026rtp@publicinput.com

Print copies of the survey or request copies from Fresno COG by emailing info@fresnocog.org: English | Spanish
(Hmong and Punjabi translations are in process and will be added any minute)

Submit completed hard copy surveys to Fresno COG by scanning & emailing them to info@fresnocog.org, or deliver or mail them to 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721

English/Spanish flyer – View, download and share

Talk to staff at upcoming events: A list of events will be available at this link.

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

- Brenda Thomas (FCOG) gave an update.
- Ms. Roman, Chair, called for questions.

This item is informational only, no action is needed.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Michelle Roman (Chair) noted the upcoming Meeting Dates:
 - September 25, 2024
 - October 23, 2024
 - November 20, 2024

B. Items from Members

There were no items from members.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Proxys and Members of the Public:

Ashley Atkinson, City of Fresno

Matt Crow, SJV Air Pollution District

Edgar Hernandez, Caltrans

Joe Vargas, City of Fresno FAX

Bethany Berube, Clovis Transit

Nick Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Kristine Cai, LSA
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Kacey Auston-Tibbetts, Public-at-large
Tatiana P, City of Clovis
Terry Ogle, FCTA

FCOG Staff:

Paul Herman, Robert Phipps, Denise Flores, Brenda Thomas, Simran Jhutti, Shichen Fan, Jennifer Rodriguez, Santosh Bhattarai, Kai Han.