



**Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Roundtable
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
2:00 PM**

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Michelle Roman)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kacey Auston-Tibbetts at 2:01 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL (Denise Flores)

Soo Ho Park, City of Fowler
Jill Gormley, City of Fresno
Virginia Penaloza, City of Huron
David Peters, City of Kingsburg
Michael Osborn, Provost & Pritchard rep. City of Mendota
Javier Andrade, A&M Consulting Engineers rep. City of Parlier
Jerome Keene, City of Selma
Kamara Biawogi, City of Selma
Jeffrey Martin, County of Fresno
Eric McLaughlin, SJVAPCD
Matt Crow, SJVAPCD
Brian Spaunhurst, Fresno LAFCo
Christopher Xiong, Caltrans District 6
Edgar Hernandez, Caltrans
Greg Barfield, City of Fresno, Fresno Area Express
Amy Hance, RTP Roundtable Co-chair City of Clovis Transit - Urban Transit
Bethany Berube, City of Clovis Transit - Urban Transit
Janelle Del Campo, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Babeeta Nagra, Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Steve Haze, Tranquility Resource Conservation District/CA Assoc. of RCDs - SJV Area 9
Laura Gromis, US Green Building Council Central California
Adam Livingston, Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Matthew Gillian, Inspiration Transportation
Tina Sumner, Fresno Cycling Club
Dr. Anthony Molina, Public Health Advocate
Will Oliver, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation
Scott Miller, Fresno Chamber of Commerce
Jose Gutierrez, Westlands Water District
Christine Miktarian, State Center Community College District
Samuel Molina, Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee
Kacey Auston-Tibbetts, Public at Large
Paul Marquez, Public at Large
Michelle Lopez, BARK (Bambi's Army Rescue of K9's) and NOAH, Public at Large

33 members were present. Simple majority is 17.5.

II. NEW INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approve Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2024 [ACTION]

- Greg Barfield stated that the attendance list needed to be corrected to show Joe Vargas in attendance and to remove Mr. Barfield from the attendance list.

After an opportunity for public comment, Ms. Hance (Clovis Transit) motioned, and Mr. Haze (Tranquility Resource Conservation District) seconded to approve the minutes with the correction to the attendance.

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

B. Demographic Forecast Update [ACTION] (Shichen Fan)

Summary: Fresno COG has updated its demographic forecasts which includes detailed jurisdiction-level forecasts for residential and employment growth and is a critical element of scenario development for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

In preparation for the 2026 RTP/SCS, and in response to significant changes in the field of demographics and economy (e.g. the COVID-19 pandemic and the CA Department of Finance's downward adjustment of their population projections), staff has developed a draft update to the demographic forecast that incorporates new observed data, projections from various sources, and permit information from local agencies.

The updated report is included for review.

Action: Staff recommends approval of the revised demographic forecast report for use in Fresno COG's modeling and planning efforts, most notably the 2026 RTP/SCS.

- Shichen Fan (FCOG) gave a PowerPoint presentation.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mr. Barfield (Fresno FAX) motioned, and Mr. Gillian (Inspiration Transportation) seconded to approve the motion.

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

C. Fresno County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) [INFORMATION] (Will Oliver)

Summary: Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the County of Fresno have partnered with TIP Strategies, a leading economic development consulting firm, to prepare a countywide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for 2025-2030. This strategy will serve as a blueprint to guide our region toward long-term economic vitality, resilience, and growth. Any organization planning to apply for funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) must demonstrate alignment with your region's CEDS.

As part of this vital planning process, we are seeking input from key stakeholders—individuals and organizations that play pivotal roles in shaping the economic health of Fresno County. Your voice is essential in identifying solutions to our region's challenges and developing strategies to attract new businesses, retain talent, grow our workforce, and expand existing industries.

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

- Will Oliver gave introduced consultants; Jeff Marcell and Vitoria Wilson who gave a presentation.
- Ms. Auston-Tibbetts, Chair, called for questions.

This item is informational only, no action is needed.

III. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

- Paul Herman (FCOG) reminder of the upcoming Meeting:
 - November 20, 2024

B. Items from Members

Laura Gromis (US Green Building Council, CA) – announced that she toured the FCRTA maintenance facility and wanted to take the opportunity to make everyone aware of the project.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Members of the Public:

Kristine Cai, LSA
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Terry Ogle, FCTA

FCOG Staff:

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