



2024-25 Fresno COG One Voice Advocacy Trip

Regional Priorities Submittal Form

Submittal Deadline: Jan. 6, 2025

Keep your regional priority content to less than three pages long. Do not change the font (*Arial*). Contact Brenda Thomas at bthomas@fresnocog with questions.

One Voice Proposed Priority title:

Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) Runway Reconstruction Project

Sponsoring agency/business:

City of Fresno Airports

1. Request summary – provide specific priority “ask(s)”:

City of Fresno - Airports requests assistance with funding this critical project. It is anticipated that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will provide priority funding for most of the \$100M cost, however, an estimated \$10M in matching funds is needed.

2. About the Priority: (Provide specific information about your proposed priority. Include information you want included in the trip materials.)

The runways at FAT provide critical access to the region and support the movement of people and goods throughout Fresno County and the Central Valley Region. Whether for business or leisure, FAT is the airport of choice within 2-3 hours. This project will reconstruct this aging and deteriorating runway and ensure the airport continues to meet its obligations to the region and maintains a safe airport. Providing access to the region by air is essential for attracting new business and growth of the economy.

3. **Priority background** – (Include the priority issues, history and an explanation of the regional significance if not provided in question 1)

Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) is a regional asset providing for the economic development and growth of the central valley region by providing for the commercial air service, air cargo movements, and corporate aircraft movements for the community. In addition, the airport is a joint civil/military airport with a critical mission protecting the western United States. The airport also supports the states wildfire effort with based firefighting aircraft capable of responding at a moment's notice and air units for public safety operations in Fresno. Key to supporting these operations is the airports primary runway 11L/29R which has seen a significant increase in activity related to growth and an increase in the size and number of aircraft utilizing the airport's runways. This increased activity, over time has resulted in increased wear and tear of the pavement surface which drives the need for replacement to support safe access to the valley by air.

The age of this critical runway and its current condition will require a complete reconstruction at an estimated cost of \$100M and will be completed in phases over two years or less.

The critical nature of this project and the safety implications make it a high priority for federal funding support. However, the high cost places a strain on available Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding for the region and will require strong support.

4. **If your priority is not transportation related, are there any transportation policy connections?**

This is a critical Transportation Infrastructure Project.

5. **Provide high-resolution photos, graphics or other explanatory attachments for the One Voice trip materials. Do not copy and paste them here, attach them as separate electronic files. Then, describe the attachments and include them with your submittal.**

Attached is an aerial photo of Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) Runways. Runway 11L/29R is the primary and longest runway capable of supporting the requirements of commercial airlines, air cargo operators, firefighting aircraft. Runway 11L/29R is specially equipped to support the 24/7 alert mission for the 144 Fighter Wing in providing for the national security defense for the Western United States.

6. **Contact** – Include the contact information for the priority submittal **and** the contact information of the person that will be attending the One Voice trip to speak on behalf of the priority:

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