



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) Air Traffic Control Tower Replacement Project

Sponsoring agency/business:

City of Fresno Airports

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

The City of Fresno seeks \$10M to support the construction of a replacement Air Traffic Control Tower and Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility at Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT).

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

City of Fresno - Airports requests assistance with funding this critical project. It is anticipated that the cost of a new 150-foot facility is estimated at \$100M. The city anticipates competing for federal grant funds that will only provide for an estimated \$10M leaving a shortfall in construction costs. This ask is for an additional \$10M matching dollars to further reduce the shortfall. The remaining funds will be pursued through other grant programs and financing.

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 supporting the economic development and growth of the central valley region by providing for the commercial air

service, air cargo and corporate needs of the community. In addition, the airport is a joint civil/military 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. The Air Traffic Control Tower Facility at Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) has operated since it was constructed in 1962 and has reached the end of its useful life; is increasingly difficult to maintain; does not meet current business codes; does not meet current air traffic control tower standards; and does not meet ADA requirements. In addition, to providing air traffic control services for aircraft at FAT and the surrounding airspace, the facility also provides radar control of aircraft throughout the region in its Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) role within this facility. The facility is owned and maintained by the City of Fresno - Airports and operated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project will construct a new air traffic control tower facility that meets current FAA standards and improves air safety over the region.

Air traffic control services are essential to a safe and efficient operation of the airport and the surrounding regional airspace. This facility operates 24/7 ensuring access to the region, including connecting to international routes and providing for the readiness of national defense resources.

Because of stringent requirements for this critical facility, current standards cannot be met with a renovation or upgrades. Replacement is necessary and becoming increasingly important to avoid a catastrophic failure in which the facility is not able to function.

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 a photo of Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT) Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT)/Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) Facility constructed in 1962.

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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